

October 2, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Timber Ridge Middle School is pleased to announce our annual ***Battle of the Books*** competition. This program is intended to promote reading in our school and reward our middle school readers. Teams are forming and your student has expressed an interest in participating in the annual competition.

Participation involves commitment and we want to make sure that both parents and students are aware of the requirements for becoming a team member. Once students agree to become a team member, it is important that he/she take their commitment seriously. The district and school have invested time, money and resources toward sponsoring the competition and full participation from all team members will ensure that this competition will be as successful as the previous ones.

The B.O.B. competition is scheduled to take place in January 2018, during the school day, so there are no after-school, evening or weekend commitments. However, students are required to read their chosen books, which may include time outside of school, and to meet regularly with their team members and teacher coach to prepare for the competition.

Each student on a team reads two or more books selected from a list of ten titles and becomes the “expert” for their chosen books. (The books have been chosen by the District 202 middle school Media Specialists from the list of twenty 2018 Rebecca Caudill Award Nominee books. They are listed on the back of this letter.) There will be several rounds of competition and teams will be set up in brackets and participate in “play offs,” playing down until we get an overall school winner. The winning team from Timber Ridge will compete against all the other middle school champions within the district in February 2018 during the school day.

Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to participate in this exciting school event! **The signed section below must be returned to the Timber Ridge LRC by Friday, October 13, 2017. All team forms should be turned in together as a team or by the team captain.**

We are looking forward to an exciting BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

Thank you,

Mrs. Erin Menconi
Media Specialist

Mrs. Angela Townsend
Media Clerk



Battle of the Books

I give my child, _____, permission to participate in the Battle of the Books.
(Please print first and last name)

I understand the commitment necessary to participate in the Battle of the Books competition. If I do NOT participate, I will pay for the cost of my “expert books.”

PARENT/GUARDIAN *Signature*

STUDENT *Signature*

TEAM NAME (All agree!): _____

B.O.B. Coach: _____ GRADE: _____

- List Team Members: 1. _____ (B.O.B. Captain)
2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____

The 2017-2018 BOB Books

The Book Scavenger by Jennifer Bertman

I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda

House Arrest by K.A. Holt

Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall

I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

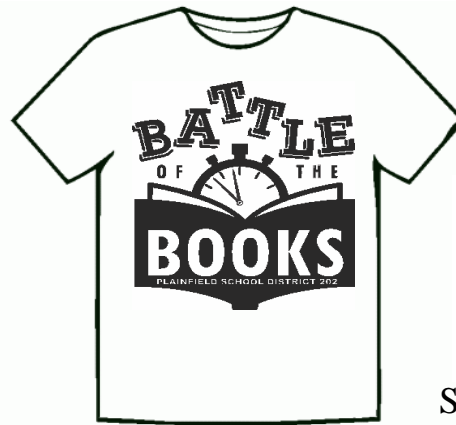
Beneath by Roland Smith

Last in a Long Line of Rebels by Lisa
Lewis Tyre

BOB T-Shirts

- T-shirts cost \$6.50 each (plus tax).
- Go to the link below, **choose the correct middle school** and place your order online.
- Be sure to order by October 20th!
- Paid orders will be delivered to Timber Ridge (early November).
- This link is available on the Timber Ridge website and in the TR News emails!

<https://battleofthebooks.itemorder.com/sale>



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