

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child is invited to participate in this year's Battle of the Books competition. Participants form teams of 3-5 students that will share the responsibility of reading 15 books from a selected list. Teams then compete in a trivia contest against other schools in Hunterdon County. Each team will compete in three rounds of questions based on the books they have read. The competition will take place on Thursday, April 10th at Readington Middle School from 4:30-7:45 pm. Students will need to arrange their own transportation for this afterschool event.

Most of the preparation required for this event will consist of independent reading of books from the approved list. The books can be obtained through the school and public libraries. We will try to hold brief meetings during the school day to keep tabs on team progress completing the list and to prepare for the competition. **It is vital that your child understands the commitment they are making when they sign up for Battle of the Books.** Their team is depending on them to read and attend meetings to insure success at the competition.

I'm so excited to share this experience that encourages independent reading and library use with our students. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email at cdetr@hollandschool.org. Verify your permission for your child to participate in this program by signing and returning the bottom portion of this page.

Sincerely,
Christine Detrick
School Librarian

Battle of the Books: 7-8
PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN ASAP

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the 7-8 Battle of the Books program. We have discussed the level of commitment required to be a part of this activity and are excited to take on the challenge.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Email address (to communicate meeting dates, times, updates, etc.)

Grade

Homeroom

Booklist for 2025 7th-8th Grade Battle of the Books*

- **Hoops** Walter Dean Myers
- **Brown Girl Dreaming** Jacqueline Woodson
- **Redwall** Brian Jacques
- **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie** Jordan Sonnenblick
- **Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** Scott Adams
- **Long Walk to Water** Linda Sue Park
- **Things Not Seen** Andrew Clements
- **Holes** Louis Sachar
- **The Westing Game** Ellen Raskin
- **Devil's Arithmetic** Jane Yolen
- **I Am Princess X** Cherie Priest
- **Airman** Eoin Colfer
- **Witness** Karen Hesse
- **First Time for Everything** Dan Santat
- **Counting by Sevens** Holly Goldberg Sloan