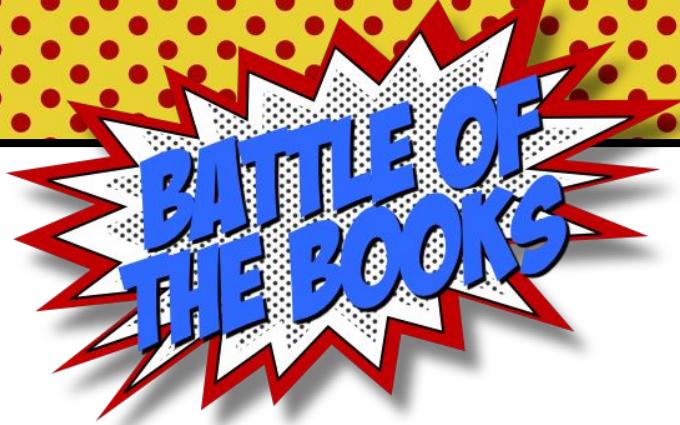




**BATTLE OF
THE BOOKS**



Dear parents, guardians, and families of our Grade 6/7 students,

We are excited to be releasing this year's list for our Battle of the Books competition! Our novel selections this year include a variety of topics, several different genres, and diverse representation. We hope this event will continue to help to encourage a love of reading, as well as cultivate collaboration, communication, and confidence!

WHAT IS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

Battle of the Books is a reading program and team-based event that encourages both a high quality and a large quantity of reading. The titles on the book list have been chosen to get students to think deeply about different places, time periods, and perspectives. We hope students will be able to find books that are "windows" into the experiences of others and "mirrors" that reflect aspects of their own lives! In a few short weeks, students will demonstrate their knowledge of the books in a "tournament" which is a collaborative and competitive game-show style event.

HOW DOES MY CHILD PARTICIPATE?

Students read as many titles as possible from the book list provided over the course of the next several weeks. As students are reading, they take initiative by writing notes and creating trivia/comprehension questions about the book they are reading. Later on, teams will be challenged to answer as many questions correctly as possible.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

In order to be successful, student should read often! They will be given some time in class to read independently and make notes, but we encourage you to support their reading at home as well. Please help support your child in staying organized and keeping track of their novel and notes! If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Thanks for your support!

Battle Booklist:

Our novels for this year are:

- The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- A Boy Named Queen* by Sarah Cassidy
- Swim Team* by Johnnie Christmas
- The Unwanteds (Book #1)* by Lisa McMann
- I Am a Taxi* by Deborah Ellis
- Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
- A Stranger at Home* by Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
- Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- Schooled* by Gordon Korman

Please note: these books belong to both Lochdale school and are borrowed from other libraries. Please ensure these books are kept in a safe place and are not lost, damaged, or misplaced.