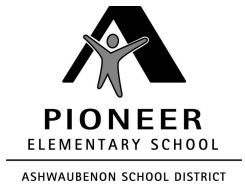


Pioneer Battle of the Books 2024-2025



Sign-up will be open September 11th-25th
(Google form will only be open during these dates)

Dear Fourth or Fifth-Grade Student(s) and Parent(s),

All fourth and fifth-grade students in the district are eligible to participate in a program called “Battle of the Books.” BOB, as it is sometimes referred to, is a program where teams of students read pre-selected titles and then answer competition questions based on those books. The back of this letter contains the official list of titles for 2024-25. The program may sound familiar as Parkview Middle School has been participating in it since 1984 and we have participated in it since 2009 at Pioneer School.

Between September 11th-25th, students can sign-up for the program by filling out this [Google form](#). Teams will consist of three or four students and be formed at the first BOB meeting during lunch recess on Thursday, October 10th. We are requiring teammates to be from the same grade because all meetings/battles will take place during lunch recess, and 4th and 5th graders do not have the same schedule. Students that sign-up need to be responsible for attending meetings as it puts a strain on the team if they don’t show up or drop out once the program begins.

Meeting schedule: (Thursdays) October 10, 17, & 31, November 14, December 5 & 19, and January 9.

Students will have until January to read the pre-selected books and take notes about them. Multiple copies of the books will be available for checkout as part of the Pioneer School library collection, but students can also get copies from any other sources. Teams will have the opportunity to meet with me approximately once a week after lunch to go over reading and note-taking strategies, run through sample questions, and ask any other questions their team may have as they are reading. The three actual book "battles" (team quizzes) will happen the weeks of January 13, 20, and 27, during lunch recess. After these battles are over we will crown a school team “champion” and they will go on to compete in the state-wide online competition which takes place during a selected lunch recess during the week of February 24-28, 2025.

Battle of the Books is a great way to challenge all levels of readers in a format that is both fun and easy. I hope that you will encourage your students to consider taking part in Pioneer’s “Battle of the Books” program this year.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the program. I can be reached at 492-2925, ext. 6135. You may also email me at daustin@ashwaubenonk12.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dawn Austin
Pioneer Media Specialist



Statewide Battle of the Books 2024-2025 Reading List

(alphabetical by title)

Absolutely Nat by Maria Scrivan

The Big Cheese by Jory John

Big Tree by Brian Selznick

The Challenger Disaster: Tragedy in the Skies by Pranas T. Naujokaitis

City Spies by James Ponti

Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series by Traci Sorell

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider by Jessica Lanan

Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year by Andrea Beaty

The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

Midnight at the Barclay Hotel by Fleur Bradley

The One and Only Ruby by Katherine Applegate

Ostriches Eat Sausage: An Alphabet Book by Robin R. Kelley

Red, White and Whole by Rajani LaRocca

Roll With It by Jamie Sumner

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

A Very Cranky Book by Angela DiTerlizzi

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown