

Oregon Battle of the Books

3rd, 4th and 5th Graders

Oregon Battle of the Books, OBOB, is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries. Students in 3rd-12th grade, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. The mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students. This is Stephenson's 10th year participating in the 3rd - 5th grade division of OBOB.

- All 3rd-5th grade students who want to participate need to form a team of 4-5 players and a team coach (a parent or guardian). (see attached team building guidelines and pledge).
- Complete the attached Registration Form. Both student and parent/guardian must sign the form.
- The teams will read the 16 books from the 2021-22 OBOB list. The students participating are encouraged to read at least 8 of the 16 books or 4 books each. Titles and author names as stated on this list should be memorized.
- Each team needs to choose a team name and designate a "Spokesperson". The Spokesperson's job is to provide the team's answers during the battles, speak for the team if any questions arise and verify the scores at the end of each battle. Teams can alternate spokespersons for different battles.
- Teams will be matched against each other and answer specific questions about the books. **The tournament will begin in mid-January**, with battles being held daily during lunch recess. Prior to this, we will hold optional practice battles (also during lunch recess).
- The team that wins the Stephenson competition will move on to compete against other schools in our region. The location of the OBOB Gr 3-5 Region 4 NorthWest competition is to be determined.
- For further information, check out the Stephenson OBOB website at <https://www.pps.net/Page/9470> and the state OBOB website at <https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/>. You will find the schedule, links to book lists, mock battle videos, bookmarks and OBOB history info.
- This program is designed to encourage kids to read and discuss books with their friends and classmates. **All teams will demonstrate character and good sportsmanship. Those players or teams who do not uphold these ideals will be disqualified from the tournament.**
- For more information, please contact Library Teacher/Media Specialist, Michael Rocha at mrocha@pps.net.