

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, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students.

- 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 the student and parent/guardian must sign the form.
- The teams will read the 16 books from the 2022-23 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 have 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.

Team Building for Battle of the Books

Students interested in participating in Battle of the Books (OBOB) will need to form teams. As always at Stephenson, they are expected to be safe, responsible, and respectful as they go about this. Team building is an opportunity for students to build positive social skills, and a little coaching can go a long way. **Parents/Guardians: please take the time to review the procedures and expectations below with your child. By signing the OBOB registration form, both student and parent/guardian are pledging to follow these team-building guidelines.**

How do I get on a team? You find other Stephenson students in 3rd-5th grade that are interested in participating and sign up as a team.

- If you want to participate but aren't sure who you can be on a team with, tell your parents or our librarian, and they will help you.
- Teams will start registering during Library time during the month of November. If you decide you want to participate after that, you still can! Just ask your parents or Mr. Rocha if you need help finding a team.
- Sign up in the library.

How many members should our team have? At least 4 and no more than 5

- If your team is full and a classmate asks to join, you need to tell them no. Be respectful by explaining that your team is full and helping them find a team. That can be as simple as reminding them that they can ask for help.
- If your team has less than 4 members, you can ask your parents or Mr. Rocha for help finding more team members.
- If someone asks to join your team and you aren't sure if your team is full, be responsible by finding out and getting back to them.

If I was on a team last year, but want to be on a different team this year, can I change?

Yes, many students change teams from one year to the next.

- If you decide to change, your teammates from last year might ask if you are coming back. Be respectful by saying no and explaining that you want the experience of working with a new group. You can let them know that a lot of kids change teams, and they should easily be able to find a new teammate. You can remind them that if they have a hard time finding someone, they can ask a parent or Mr. Rocha to help.
- Being respectful means staying focused on the positive reasons you are changing teams. It's not respectful to say unkind things about others as you change teams or as you talk with your friends about forming teams.

Please remember OBOB is designed to be fun and encourage a love for reading! Working together we can make it a positive and rewarding experience for all students.

2022-23 OBOD Book Title List 3rd to 5th Grade Division

The Best of Iggy by Annie Barrows

The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart by Stephanie Burgis

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

Kinda Like Brothers by Coe Booth

Letters from Cuba by Ruth Behar

Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring by

Angela Cervantes

Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu

Rescue on the Oregon Trail by Kate Messner

Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer by Gillian Goerz

Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret

Snapdragon by Kat Leyh

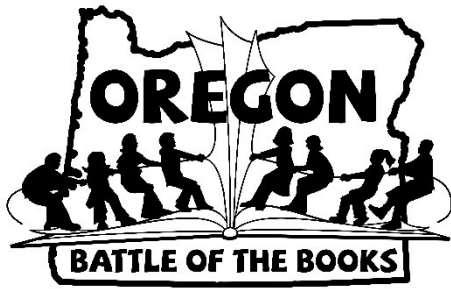
Spark by Sarah Beth Durst

Ten by Shamini Flint

The Trouble with Weasels by Rob Harrell

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat

<https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/2022-2023-obob-partial-title-list/>



OBOB 2022-2023 Author Pronunciation Guide

Division 3-5

Title	Author	Name Pronunciation
<i>The Best of Iggy</i>	Annie Barrows	AN-nee BAYR-rows
<i>The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart</i>	Stephanie Burgis	STEFF-en-ee BURR-jiss
<i>From the Desk of Zoe Washington</i>	Janae Marks	jen-NAY Marks
<i>Harbor Me</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	JAK-lin WOOD-son
<i>Kinda Like Brothers</i>	Coe Booth	Co Booth
<i>Letters from Cuba</i>	Ruth Behar	Rooth bay-HAR
<i>Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring</i>	Angela Cervantes	AN-gel-ah Sear-VAHN-tays
<i>Measuring Up</i>	Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu	LILL-Lee LAH-mott and An Zoo
<i>Rescue on the Oregon Trail</i>	Kate Messner	Kayt MESS-ner
<i>Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer</i>	Gillian Goerz	JILL-ian Gertz
<i>Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio</i>	Peg Kehret	Peg KAYR-it
<i>Snapdragon</i>	Kat Leyh	Kat Lay
<i>Spark</i>	Sarah Beth Durst	SAYR-ah beth Derst
<i>Ten</i>	Shamini Flint	SHAH-min-ee Flint
<i>The Trouble with Weasels</i>	Rob Harrell	Rob HAYR-ril
<i>A Wish in the Dark</i>	Christina Soontornvat	Kris-TEEN-ah SUNE-torn-vaht

**Stephenson Elementary School
Battle of the Books Registration Form
2022-2023**

Student and parent signatures are required below. A parent/guardian email address and contact information are required in order to participate.

STUDENT NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____ GRADE: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS (teams may have 4 or 5 members in total):

PARENT TEAM COACH: _____

DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN BATTLE OF THE BOOKS LAST YEAR? YES NO

*****Please return ASAP so the team and battle schedules can be created. A completed form from each team member must be returned to the library or the OBOB drawer in the office no later than December 16th.*****

Please Remember: This program is designed to encourage kids to read and discuss books with their peers. By signing below you are committing to be a member of a team, read the books, and participate in your team's battles to the best of your ability. By signing below, both student and parent/guardian are stating that they have read the OBOB rules and team building guidelines and are committed to participating in this program with good sportsmanship and integrity.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A PARENT VOLUNTEER? YES NO

(We use parent volunteers as battle moderators and score/time keepers (during lunch recess). I will email you with more information when the battles begin. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Michael Rocha at mrocha@pps.net. Thank you in advance for your help!)