

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Wed. November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Gym 3:05-3:45

First time and returning participants  
Introduce Battle of the Books program  
This year's books  
Identify/assign teams

### Wed. December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Gym 3:05-3:45

Teams share progress, practice for battles  
Author/Title pronunciation

### Wed. January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Gym 3:05-3:45

Author/Title pronunciation  
Other resources

### Wed. January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, Gym 3:05-3:45

Flex date in case of inclement weather

### Wed. February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Gym 3:05-3:45

Last prep meeting before battles

### Sat. February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Alameda

#### **First Round Battles**

Battles run throughout the day, 8:30-3:00ish

### Wed. February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Library

#### **Second Round Battles**

Battles start after school concluding 5:30ish

### Fri. February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Library

#### **Final Battle and Party**

Final battle starts after school  
All BOB participants invited to attend

## HOW IT WORKS

**Create a team:** Teams consist of 4 members and possibly one alternate. Ideally, teams would be created before the first meeting.

**Choose a spokesperson:** This is the only person that may answer questions during the battles.

**Read, read, read:** Each team must read all 16 books. **Tip!** We recommend each team member read at least four different titles of the 16.

**Practice:** Make up questions, have team members quiz you. **Tip!** The more books read by all team members, the more competitive a team can be.

**Battle:** First round battles are about accumulating points. The top sixteen teams, based on points earned in first round battles, continue on to single-elimination second round battles.

#### A NOTE FROM YOUR COORDINATOR

Welcome students and parents! We're so excited to watch Alameda's book lovers compete in this year's Battle of the Books. We've got a great selection of enthralling reads to look forward to.

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**ATTENTION**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

**ALAMEDA STUDENTS**

**Its Battle of the Books!**

## **Mandatory Kickoff Meeting**

**November 6, 2019**

**Alameda Gym**

**3:05 – 3:45**

**Parents, family and friends are always  
welcome to attend competitions.**

## 2019-2020 Book List

*\* denotes first book of a series*

- **The Ark Plan\***  
by Laura Martin
- **Aru Shah and the End of Time\***  
by Roshani Chokshi
- **Clayton Byrd Goes Underground**  
by Rita Williams-Garcia
- **Fablehaven\***  
by Brandon Mull
- **Fish in a Tree**  
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- **Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key**  
by Jack Gantos
- **Just Dance**  
by Patricia MacLachlan
- **Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights**  
by Malala Yousafzai
- **Number the Stars**  
by Lois Lowry
- **Out of Left Field**  
by Ellen Klages
- **Paper Wishes**  
by Lois Sepahban
- **Ramona the Pest**  
by Beverly Cleary
- **Riding Freedom**  
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- **Stef Soto, Taco Queen**  
by Jennifer Torres
- **Wishtree**  
by Katherine Applegate
- **The Wizards of Once\***  
by Cressida Cowell

## ABOUT OBOB

Oregon Battle of the Books, OBOB, is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL) and the Oregon Library Association (OLA), in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant through the Oregon State Library.

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.

## PROCEDURES

### Teams

- Teams are usually composed of four members with one optional alternate.
- Two teams will compete during a single battle.
- The spokesperson on each team is the only person that may answer questions during the battles.
- Teams will have 15 seconds to collaborate on answers to questions.

### Battles

- A coin toss will be held before the start of each battle.
- The winner of the coin toss decides where their team wants to sit.

- The team that sits on the left will always be given first chance at the odd-numbered questions; the team on the right will always be given the first chance at the even-numbered questions.
- The “odd” team will go first and be read question number one.
- When a question is asked, the team will have 15 seconds in which to discuss and answer the question.
- The spokesperson’s first answer will be the only acceptable one.

### Questions

- Two Types!
  - “In which book...” questions
  - “Content” questions
- 16 questions in each battle, not necessarily one from each book

*For specific information on rules and competition procedures, please refer to the OBOB web site:*

<http://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org>

*For Alameda information, team registration, and links to additional resources, go to:*

<https://www.pps.net/Page/9729>