

PACE Correspondence September 2017 Newsletter



Dates to Remember

Sept 1st All Learning Centers Closed for District Inservice

Sept 4th All Learning Centers Closed for Holiday

Sept 22nd to Oct 1st MAPs & DIBELS Testing

Sept 29th Monthly Reports Due

Teacher Tip by Jen Whicker, Ketchikan teacher

My teacher tip is encouraging your child(ren) to read some awesome books and perhaps join a Battle of the Books team! What is the Battle of the Books? It is a statewide Alaskan reading motivational and comprehension program sponsored by the Alaska Association of School Librarians (AkASL). The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension and promote academic excellence.

Who can participate? Any student in PACE! Students in grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12 read specific titles and answer questions about the books. "Battles" are held at the school, district, and state levels. Please let Jen Whicker (jwhicker@craigschools.com or 907-225-3274) know asap if your child is interested in participating. Although, these books are awesome choices whether or not your child wants to "battle" on a team.

Students who do compete can read (or be read to) and discuss the books, quiz each other on the contents, and then compete in teams of not more than four (but minimum of 2) students to correctly answer questions based on the books. Questions always begin with the words "in which book..." and the answer is a title/author from the reading list. Teams should be in the same geographic area in order to be physically together when they compete. It's not necessary but logistics would be difficult for practice and "battling". Again, let Jen know if your child is interested and I will help coordinate with potential other students in your area.

The Alaska Association of School Librarians has posted a TENTATIVE list for 2017-2018. Although this list is tentative, the top 12 titles typically remain the choices for the year. Please check the website often for the final choices.

** [AkASL's TENTATIVE 17-18 Battle of the Books Lists](#)

AkASL has some 3-4 and 5-6 book summaries you may find helpful.

[3-4 Tentative BOB Summaries](#)

[5-6 BOB TENTATIVE Summaries 17-18](#)

7-8 BOB Summaries 17-18 TBD

2016-2017 - *Find Summaries, Book Trailers, Author Interviews & More*

[3rd-4th Smore](#)

[5th - 6th Smore](#)

7th - 8th Smore



Happy Birthday to all of our September Kids

Landon

Rah'Miya

Patrick

James

Quinton

Atlin

Macklen

Cooper

Katie

Ella



A Note about Craig City School Board Meetings

Interested in viewing the Agendas or Board Packets for the Craig City School District Board Meetings? Use the following link to view these items: [CCSD Board Meetings](#). You will soon be able to access this link on our website.

We can also send you a Blue Jeans Video invite if you would like to attend any school board meeting. All you have to do is send us an email requesting an invite for any upcoming meeting and we will send you a link to the meeting.

