

# Elementary Battle of the Books

## Open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Dear Parents,

The purpose of the Elementary Battle of the Books (E-BOB) program is to encourage students to read. This is accomplished through exposure to quality literature by prominent authors representing a variety of literary styles. The E-BOB program was designed and is overseen by the North Carolina School Library Media Association; visit their website at [www.ncslma.org](http://www.ncslma.org) for more information. The game-style competition format creates excitement and interest in reading, improving students' reading skills and exposing them to literature that they might not choose on their own.

**Weekly meetings will begin Tuesday, November 7, 2017 and will be held every Tuesday from 2:00-3:00pm.** During the meetings we will discuss the books and practice answering trivia questions about them. Students will need to be available for these meetings each week and should be picked up at 3:00. The book list for the E-BOB program contains 15 books; team members are asked to read all of the books on the list in order to prepare for the competitions. This will require lots of extracurricular reading by your child to be successful in this program. There is a Battle of the Books display in the media center where the books are available for checkout.

The district competition will be held March 19, 2017 at the Union County Agricultural Center, and the entire team must be present. All students who wish to participate and who maintain acceptable behavior standards can attend the weekly meetings and prepare for competitions. According to the rules of the E-BOB handbook, only 12 students can participate in the district-level competition.

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I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the Elementary Battle of the Books program at Rocky River. I understand what is required of him/her to be a part of this team.

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number(s)\_\_\_\_\_

If, after reading about the requirements of the program and discussing this with your child, you would like your child to participate, please sign on the front page and send the bottom portion of this letter back to Mrs. Grimaud or Mrs. O'Neill by **Thursday, November 2, 2017**.

Please feel free to email me at [Natalie.Grimaud@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Natalie.Grimaud@ucps.k12.nc.us) or our co-coach at [Kristin.O'neill@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Kristin.O'neill@ucps.k12.nc.us) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Kristin O'Neill  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

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