

# HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 5th and 6th graders:

Your child is invited to participate in this year's 5-6 Battle of the Books competition. Participants form teams of 3-5 students that will share the responsibility of reading 15 books from a selected list. Teams then compete in a trivia contest against other schools in Hunterdon County. Each team will compete in three rounds of questions based on the books they have read. The date of the competition is still to be determined, but will most likely happen sometime in April at Holland Township School. This is an afterschool event and students will need to arrange their own transportation.

Most of the preparation required for this event will consist of independent reading of books from the approved list. The books can be obtained through the school and public libraries. We will try to hold brief meetings during the school day to keep tabs on team progress completing the list and to prepare for the competition. **It is vital that your child understands the commitment they are making when they sign up for Battle of the Books.** Their team is depending on them to read and attend meetings to insure success at the competition.

I'm so excited to share this experience that encourages independent reading and library use with our students. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email at [cdetr@hollandschool.org](mailto:cdetr@hollandschool.org). Verify your permission for your child to participate in this program by signing and returning the bottom portion of this page.

Sincerely,  
Christine Detrick  
School Librarian

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**5-6 Battle of the Books**  
PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN ASAP

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 5-6 Battle of the Books program. We have discussed the level of commitment required to be a part of this activity and are excited to take on the challenge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address (to communicate meeting dates, times, updates, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homeroom

## Booklist for 2024 5th/6th Battle of the Books\*

- ***Who was Leonardo daVinci?*** Roberta Edwards
- ***One and Only Ivan*** Katherine Applegate
- ***New Kid (GN)*** Jerry Craft
- ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*** Roald Dahl
- ***It Ain't So Awful Falafel*** Firoozeh Dumas
- ***The Breadwinner*** Deborah Ellis
- ***Everything on a Waffle*** Polly Horvath
- ***Roller Girl (GN)*** Victoria Jamieson
- ***The Parker Inheritance*** Varian Johnson
- ***Escaping the Giant Wave*** Peg Kehret
- ***Hello Universe*** Erin Entrada Kelly
- ***Elvis and the Underdogs*** Jenny Lee
- ***Seventh Grade vs. the Galaxy*** Joshua Levy
- ***Eleven Birthdays*** Wendy Mass
- ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin*** Liesl Shurtliff

\*This list is provided by the New Jersey Association of School Librarians.