



# Cedar Mill PTC 2023-24 OBOB Kickoff Parent Informational Session December 13, 2023

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# THE BATTLE IS ON!



## OREGON

### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS | 2023-2024

READ THE BOOKS... FORM A TEAM... BATTLE FOR YOUR SCHOOL!



- Titles for 3-5 Division:**
- Allergic* — Megan Wagner Lloyd
  - Flor and Miranda Steal the Show* — Jennifer Torres
  - From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* — E. L. Konigsburg
  - The Jumbies* — Tracey Baptiste
  - The List of Things that Will Not Change* — Rebecca Stead
  - The Lion of Mars* — Jennifer L. Holm
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  - Molly and the Twin Towers: A 9/11 Survival Story* — Jessica Fleck
  - New From Here* — Kelly Yang
  - Rez Dogs* — Joseph Bruchac
  - Swim Team* — Johnnie Christmas
  - The Trouble with Chickens* — Doreen Cronin
  - A True Home* — Kalle George
  - Ways to Make Sunshine* — Renée Watson
  - When You Trap a Tiger* — Tae Keller
  - Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom* — Joan Holub & Suzanne Williams\*
- \*NOT the graphic novel version



[OREGONBATTLEOFTHEBOOKS.ORG](http://OREGONBATTLEOFTHEBOOKS.ORG)

# Welcome!

- An introductory session to OBOD including
  - Overview of the program
  - Coaching expectations & goals
  - Team formation & registration
  - Schedule
  - CMES Tournament Format
  - Resources
  - Q&A

# Introduction

- Cedar Mill PTC OBOB Coordinators:
  - Kristi Nelson
  - Sandy Lewis
  - Yulia Voevodina
- If you have any questions about OBOB, please send an email
  - [OBOB@cedarmillptc.org](mailto:OBOB@cedarmillptc.org)

# Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

- Statewide reading competition for 3rd – 5th grades
- Teams of 4 students read the OBOB books and then compete against other teams by answering trivia questions during our school's OBOB tournament
  - Held in early February after school
  - Winner from Cedar Mill advances to Regional Tournament

# Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

- OBOB teams are typically coached by one of the parents of the team members
  - OBOB is not sponsored by teachers or staff at CMES
  - OBOB team practices are not held during class instructional time
  - Since all preparation is done outside of school, it's very important that each team has a parent coach who is willing to coordinate team practices

# Coaching Expectations & Goals

- **Keep kids having fun!** OBOB is meant to be a fun way to combine reading and team competition; the number one goal is to make it an enjoyable experience for children
- **Keep kids on track with their reading.** Many teams divvy up the reading so that each member reads 4-6 books. Some kids though find it a fun challenge to read them all
- **Plan team meetings and practices.** Schedule and oversee meetings
- **Help team members get to know each other.** Build relationships and foster camaraderie

# Coaching Expectations & Goals (cont.)

- **Model and teach proper etiquette and sportsmanship** skills for competition
- **Help teams prepare for battles** by giving them practice trivia questions. The Cedar Mill Library publishes practice questions <https://library.cedarmill.org/kids/obob/>
- Create team T-shirts. (Optional but fun)
- Attend your team's battles when possible or volunteer as a moderator
  - Volunteers are not able to moderate for their child's team

# Team Formation

- Teams are typically formed by the parents with input from the students (e.g. friends expressing interest in forming a team together)
- If your student is having difficulty finding a team:
  - Encourage them to ask their teacher if they know someone looking for a team
  - Volunteer to be the team coach and ask your student if any of their friends are not already on a team
- Your student may also submit a permission slip without a team and we will attempt to help them find a team
  - No guarantee that students will be placed on a team



# Registration

- Every student must submit a permission slip to participate in OBOB
- Include team information if already part of a team
- Students should return permission slips to Mrs Adams in the school library
- Team Coaches will **submit a single registration for their team online** and provide contact information via the online form (**[Link Here](#)**)
- If other parents/guardians want to be on the email distribution list, please send an email to **[OBOB@cedarmillptc.org](mailto:OBOB@cedarmillptc.org)**

# Schedule

- **January 5, 2024:** Registration forms due
- **December 19/20/21:** OBOB Trivia Sessions hosted by Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries
- **Week of February 5:** CMES Pool Play Round
- **Week of February 12:** CMES Bracket Round
- **March 2-30:** Regional Competition (TBD on a Saturday)
- **April 13:** State Competition

# Cedar Mill ES OBOB Tournament

- **Week of February 5 CMES Pool Play Round**
  - Teams divided into pool groups of 4
  - Those teams battle each other within their pool group (3 battles)
  - Scores from all three pool play battles are added together
  - Teams with the most points move onto the tournament
  - No stealing will be allowed during pool play battles

# Cedar Mill ES OBOB Tournament

- **Week of February 12: CMES Bracket Round**
  - Teams with the highest scores compete in a single elimination tournament
  - Teams are seeded in a bracket based on their total score
  - Number of teams in the tournament TBD, depends on total number of teams registered
  - May require tie breaker battles if any teams are tied
  - Stealing will be allowed during the bracket round

# 2022-23 OBOB Book List

- *Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter
- *Flor and Miranda Steal the Show* by Jennifer Torres
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# Resources

- [Coaches GuideBook](#)
- [Example of a Live Battle](#)
- [Cedar Mill Community Library](#)
- [Author Pronunciation](#)
- [Crossword Generator](#)

# Resources

Example of list to organize kids' reading commitments to the team

OBUE Coach

① ✓ = I want to refer

|   | Anabella | Elise | Katy | Olivia |
|---|----------|-------|------|--------|
| The Ark Plan<br>by Laura Martin   | ✓        |       | ✓    | ✓      |
| Are Shab and the End of Time<br>by Rochani Chokshi                          |          |       | ✓    | ✓      |
| Clayton Eyed Gans Underground<br>by Sara Williams-Garcia                    | ✓        | ✓     | ✓    |        |
| Fabchaton<br>by Brandon Mull  | ✓        |       | ✓    | ✓      |
| Fish in a Tree<br>by Lynda Mullaly Hunt                                     |          | ✓     | ✓    | ✓      |
| Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key<br>by Jack Gantos                              | ✓        | ✓     | ✓    | ✓      |
| Just Dance<br>by Patricia MacLachlan  | ✓        | ✓     | ✓    | ✓      |
| Malala. My Story of Standing<br>Up for Girls' Rights<br>by Malala Yousafzai | ✓        |       | ✓    | ✓      |
| Number the Stars<br>by Lois Lowry   | ✓        | ✓     | ✓    | ✓      |
| Out of Left Field<br>by Ellen Klages  |          |       | ✓    | ✓      |
| Paper Wishes<br>by Lois Sepahban  | ✓        |       | ✓    | ✓      |
| Ramona the Pest<br>by Beverly Cleary  | ✓        | ✓     | ✓    |        |
| Riding Freedom<br>by Pam Muñoz Ryan   | ✓        |       | ✓    | ✓      |
| Stef Soto, Taco Queen<br>by Jennifer Torres                                 | ✓        | ✓     | ✓    | ✓      |
| Wishtree<br>by Katherine Applegate  | ✓        | ✓     | ✓    | ✓      |
| The Wizards of Once<br>by Cressida Cowell                                   | ✓        |       | ✓    | ✓      |

# Questions



# THANK YOU!!!

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If you would like to get involved in the PTC, please send an email to  
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