



# OREGON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS FOR 2020

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide, voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program supported and organized by Sabin parent volunteers and the school library staff. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence and encourage cooperative learning and teamwork among students. There is no cost for students to participate.

Students form teams of five players with students from their own grade. Among them, they will read 16 assigned books. In quiz show-style battles, teams go head-to-head answering trivia questions about the books. Battles will be held at Sabin until only one 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade team remains. That team will represent Sabin at a regional competition against other schools in March. In 2019, nearly 100 Sabin students participated in 18 teams!

## Details:

- Either students form their own team or OBOB organizers/teachers place students together looking for a team. Any team with less than five students may get additional team members assigned to them. This ensures every student who wants to participate will have an opportunity.
- **The first battles will occur on Saturday, January 25, 2020 – a Saturday.** All OBOB participants should plan to attend these battles. More information to come. Subsequent battles will take place during the school day through February and into early March.
- All teams will battle at least twice at Sabin. A battle generally lasts about 15- 20 minutes.
- The team is responsible for knowing details about all 16 books. OBOB recommends that each team member read/listen to at least 8 books, but how the books are divided up is up to the team. Team members are encouraged to read as many books as possible. It's helpful if at least two team members are assigned to every book.
- Encourage your child and their team to start meeting and reading the books right away! The Sabin library and the public library have multiple copies of each book to check out. Practice questions and mock battles will be available later.

**To sign up** -- Fill out the student permission slip and the team registration form and give to student's teacher, staff in the library or in the office. If your student does not have a team, turn in just the individual permission slip and organizers will be in touch with team info. **Students must register by Friday, November 15, 2019.**

**Questions about OBOB at Sabin?** Contact Lili Boicourt at [liligordon@yahoo.com/503-989-9090](mailto:liligordon@yahoo.com/503-989-9090)

**General questions about OBOB?** Visit [www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org](http://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org)

# Official 2020 OBOB Book List

- **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

# OBOB STUDENT PERMISSION SLIP (Sabin; 2020)

My child has chosen to participate in OBOB at Sabin School.

**Please return to the library or the Sabin office by Friday, November 15:**

- 1. this permission slip for your child**
- 2. the team registration form**

*If your child does not yet have a team, just turn in this permission slip and check the third option below. If your child has a partial team, fill out the team registration form with the known participants, and we'll work to find others to reach five team members total.*

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has permission to participate in OBOB at Sabin School and at any regional/state competitions if their team continues. We understand that the first battles will be Saturday, January 25, with subsequent battles during the school day in February and early March.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has formed a team of two, three, four or five with other students from their grade and they are listed on the team registration form. We understand that if the team has less than five students, additional students may be assigned to the team.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please match my child with a team of others from their grade.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teammates (if known)** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (this will be the primary form of communication)**

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OBOB at Sabin is entirely volunteer run. Can you help out? Please give your email if you can help! \_\_\_\_\_

(over for team registration form)

# OBOB TEAM REGISTRATION FORM (Sabin; 2020)

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Fill this out if the team has two to five team members. Any team with less than five team members may get additional students assigned to it. Organizers will work with teachers to find additional teammates).

First Name	Last Name	Teacher	Email
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

**Note:** Each team will consist of five students. Only four students battle at a time. Team members will decide collectively how players will be rotated into battles fairly and come up with a schedule to make that happen.

## Parent Volunteers Appreciated!

Yes, I would love to help with this program, please contact me

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_