

September

Dear 8th grade parents,

I am happy to inform you that your son/daughter is considering participating in our "Battle of the Books," a fun, academic-based competition that has been very successful in school district's throughout the state in encouraging students to read. Traditionally 8th graders have considered Battle of the Books for younger kids because the Middle level list contains many youthful selections. Therefore for the first time ever, we are going to offer the 8th graders the ability to compete using the Senior list created by the WEMTA committee comprised of media specialists throughout the state. Yes, the Senior list is meant for high schoolers so I strongly encourage you to become familiar with the list on the reverse side of this letter before signing your permission. I did include the ages the book is geared towards based on a quick search, but I disclaim any liability based on mature content as these selections are not my own. Once I get ample commitment from students, I will proceed with purchasing books to support this 8th Grade BOB competition.

Participating students will:

1. Independently form teams of up to four students in their grade level. Each team will determine how to best share the responsibility of reading this year's list of books.

2. Read, read, read.

Participants are encouraged to read a variety of books from the Senior list and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. Every question asked in a battle is answered by the **title**, followed by the **author** of the book. For example: Name the book in which a horse and a boy are stranded on an island.

3. Communicate to Mrs. Wieczorek and visit <http://www.merton.k12.wi.us/faculty/WieczorekS/bob.cfm>.

Thanks for your interest. I appreciate your support and look forward to a great year. Please email or call me at school if you have any questions or concerns. Attached is a permission slip for both you and your child to sign and return to me by Sept. 30th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wieczorek,

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8th Grade LA teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 'Battle of the Books' program at Merton Intermediate.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that once teams are formed and registered with Mrs. W, there will be no changes.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My Team will be called (be creative): \_\_\_\_\_

List the other members of the team: (Staple the permission slips from your team together to turn in.)

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WEMTA Battle of the Books  
Senior Division  
2012-2013

*Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys \*\* [age 12+]  
*Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition* by Karen Blumenthal [age 12+]  
*Cinder* by Marissa Meyer [age 12+]  
*Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare [grade 9+]  
*Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor [Young Adult]  
*Divergent* by Veronica Roth [age 14 +]  
*The Fault in our Stars* by John Green [age 14 +]  
*House Rules: A Novel* by Jodi Picoult [Adult]  
*I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore [grades 7+]  
*Legend* by Marie Lu [age 12 +]  
*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs [age 13+]  
*A Monster Calls: A Novel* by Patrick Ness [age 12+]  
*Over Sea, Under Stone* by Susan Cooper [grades 5-7]  
*Paper Covers Rock* by Jenny Hubbard [age 14+]  
*Pink* by Lili Wilkinson [age 13+]  
*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline [Adult]  
*The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen [grade 7+]  
*The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater [age 14+]  
*The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel in Pictures* by Caroline Preston [Adult]  
*Things a Brother Knows* by Dana Reinhardt [grade 8+]

\*\* Don't confuse this book with a similar title