

October 2017

## Battle of the Books Information Letter

South Milwaukee Middle School is starting a Battle of the Books club that will meet after school on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:00pm in the MS Library. Battle of the Books is a statewide program designed to promote a love of reading among our students. It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. In spring, student teams compete (battle) in a friendly trivia contest focused on questions from each book. It is a fun, academic-based competition that has been very successful in school districts throughout the state in encouraging students to read.

The SMMS club will meet from the end of October 2017 through the end of March 2018. Students will form teams and will choose about 4 books to read and be responsible for creating questions for the battle. During meetings, students will have the opportunity to read, discuss, and write battle questions. The advisors for this club are Ms. Diane Konjura, our Elementary/Middle School Library Media Specialist, and Linda Wawrzyniak, 6th Grade Language Arts teacher. Our meeting times will be from 3:15-4:00 pm on the following dates:

October 24, October 31

November 14, November 18

December 5, December 12, December 19

January 9, January 16, January 23, January 30

February 6, February 13, February 27

March 6, March 13, March 27 (Battle of Books competition date)

If you are interested in participating in the 2017-18 SMMS Battle of the Books club, please read, sign, and return the attached permission slip. A parent or guardian's signature is also needed. If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs. Wawrzyniak at 766-5880, email at [lwawrzyniak@sdsms.k12.wi.us](mailto:lwawrzyniak@sdsms.k12.wi.us), or stop in Room 4902 after school.

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### Battle of the Books Permission Slip

I am interested in participating in the 2017-18 SMMS Battle of the Books club. I will try to attend most of the scheduled meetings or contact one of the advisors if I am unable to attend. I realize that I am expected to follow school rules and behavior expectations during our club meetings and activities.

I understand that I am responsible for leaving the building promptly at 4:00pm. My parents or guardians will plan to pick me up promptly or to make arrangements to walk/ride home myself.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_