Dear Parent/Guardian: August 2017

Your child has the opportunity to participate in the **LWSD Middle Schools' Battle of the Books.** Battle of the Books is a cooperative effort between Inglewood, Rose Hill, Kirkland, Finn Hill, Evergreen, Redmond, International Community and Kamiakin Middle Schools. This program allows 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in each school to work together as a team and challenge other schools to correctly answer questions about the selected books. The goal is to encourage students at all reading levels to engage in teamwork while reading some of the best in children's literature. Challenge questions are based on specific and factual information within the books.

Initially, a challenge is held at the individual school level. This challenge will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. The top team from each middle school will proceed on to the Lake Washington School District challenge on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at Rose Hill Middle School.

Teams consist of 4-6 members and will be formed by the students. Students are responsible for being part of their team, and should commit themselves to participating throughout the process. Student responsibilities include choosing a team captain, choosing a team name, and designing a strategy for how their team will be responsible for reading the books. There are 12 books, with multiple copies of each book available at each middle school. Because of the high demand for these books, you may also want to seek out copies at your local KCLS branch or bookstore. Strategies range from everyone reading all 12 books to each team member being responsible for a specific title or two. All teams will meet with their school's librarian for monthly practice sessions and to answer any questions or concerns. In addition to the monthly meeting, teams are encouraged to meet outside of school as often as they find necessary to practice and quiz each other. In the interest of fairness, all Battle questions will be the same for each school that participates.

If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the information requested on the back of this letter and return it no later than Thursday, October 26, 2017. Thank you in advance for your support, encouragement, and enthusiasm!

Best regards,

Bethany Steirer	Gretchen Oates	Peter Strong	Elizabeth Metcalf
Rose Hill MS	Kamiakin MS	Finn Hill MS	Redmond MS
Elizabeth Haggerty	Grant Greenman	Kevin Olson	Cindy Simon
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Battle Books Titles:

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney
The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Scar Island by Dan Gemeinhart
I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest
Mary Poppins by P. L. Travers
Some Kind of Happiness by Claire Legrand
The Best Man by Richard Peck
H2O by Virginia Bergin
Hidden Figures (Young Reader's Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly
Nimona by Noelle Stevenson
The Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

Please return the following to your school librarian* before October 26, 2017.

I give my permission for the following student to participate in the LWSD Middle Schools' Battle of the Books:

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Student name School

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Phone #

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Parent/Guardian email

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Parent/Guardian signature Date

***EAS students should bring this form to the EAS office**