



Charlemagne 2017-2018 Oregon Battle of the Books Information Form and Permission Slip

Welcome to OBOB for the 2017-2018 school year! We are excited to get the ball rolling and OBOB off to a great start. Please read and review all information here with your child and return the signed permission slip by November 15.

What is OBOB? OBOB is a voluntary statewide program for reading motivation and comprehension sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. The goals are to encourage reading for enjoyment, broaden reading interests, increase reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote cooperative learning.

Each year the governing body for OBOB selects 16 books for grades 3-5. The students answer questions about these books to earn points in their battles. There are team battles at the school, regional and state level. More information can be found at <http://oregonbattleofthebooks.org>

When is OBOB? Charlemagne will have informational meetings and mock battles in the gym during lunch throughout the school year. Signs will be posted in the hallway and reminders announced at lunch for those who want to participate. Our official school competition is February 20-23, 2018. The winner at the end of that week advances to the regional competition—date to be determined.

Who may participate? Any student in grades 3-5 may participate. It is a voluntary activity. Before teams are formed, students must have a signed permission slip (enclosed).

What makes a team? OBOB teams consist of members who share the responsibility of reading all 16 books listed in this brochure. OBOB teams are made of 4 or 5 students. No more than 4 students may battle at a time for any team. If a team has 5 members, one member must sit out of each battle and not participate. We will form teams in late November/early December.

How does my student join OBOB? Students just come to the lunchtime meetings at school! After reading this brochure with your student, please sign and return the permission slip by November 15 if they would like to be on a team and participate in the school battles.

Who can I contact for questions/more information? Natalie Reeves, Melissa Gomsrud, and Julie Kim can be reached at charlemagneobob@gmail.com

Where can I get the books? Attached is a spreadsheet with availability of books, audiobook CDs, e-books, and e-audiobooks at the school library and Eugene Public Library.

What are the books for this year?

Blast-Off! by Nate Ball

The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity by Mac Barnett

Dash by Kirby Larson

The Door by the Staircase by Katherine Marsh

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

EllRay Jakes the Recess King! by Sally Warner

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980 by Lauren Tarshis

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen

Mystery on a Museum Mile by Marcia Wells

Poppy by Avi

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney

We the Children by Andrew Clements

Wild Life by Cynthia DeFelice

Wild Wings by Gill Lewis

BATTLE PROCEDURES

Player and Team Guidelines

TEAMS:

- All participating students must be in grades 3-5 for the current school year.
- Teams are usually made up of four members. No more than four members may participate in any given battle.
- Teams should prepare for battles by reading the books, practicing, and answering questions.

BATTLES:

- Two teams will compete during each battle, which consists of 8 questions for each team (16 questions total).
- Each team will have a spokesperson
- A coin toss will be held before the start of each battle. The winning team decides where they want to sit.
- The team that sits on the left will be given first chance at the odd numbered questions, and the team on the right will have first chance on the even numbered questions. The “odd” team will go first with the reading of question #1.

BATTLE QUESTIONS:

- Two types of questions are asked in every battle. “In which book...” and content questions.
- When a question is asked, the team will have 15 seconds to discuss and answer the question. The “In which book” questions must have the full title of the book and the full author’s name **exactly as listed above in the book list** (not necessarily what is written on the actual book cover). We will cover this in our meetings.
- The spokesperson’s first answer will be the only answer accepted.
- No other person may assist in answering any question directed to a team. The Moderator will disqualify a team determined to be receiving outside help.
- In the event of a situation that is not specifically addressed in the OBOB rules (found on the official OBOB website), the decision of the Moderator is final.
- The OBOB coordinators have the authority to refuse to allow a team to participate in the event of unsportsmanlike behavior or other extenuating circumstances.

OBOB Permission Slip
Please return by November 15

OBOB teams consist of four members who share the responsibility of reading all 16 books listed in this packet. The more books read by all team members, the more successful teams will be in competition.

STUDENT:

I have read this packet and I understand that participating in Charlemagne's OBOB takes a high level of commitment to my team and to my school.

I will be responsible for attending meetings and battles.

Good sportsmanship is expected at all times.

I commit to reading 4 or more OBOB books.

I agree to this commitment:

Student Name and Grade (please print)

Student Signature

PARENT:

As a parent, I have read this packet and I understand the commitment my child is making to be a responsible OBOB participant. I understand that Charlemagne's OBOB is a parent volunteer run program.

Parent Signature

Email: _____

Phone: _____