

Wilson Elementary Reading Olympics

"The Journey of a Lifetime Begins with the Turning of a Page" - Rachel Anders

Our journey continues! The Wilson School District will host its third annual Reading Olympics event! Last year was a huge success as we read over 1,455 books preparing for the event. The excitement, enthusiasm, teamwork, and preparation led us on many journeys beneath the covers of our books.

We look forward to continuing the Reading Olympics as an exciting opportunity for your 4th or 5th grade student to grow their love for books. This event encourages children to read, explore a greater variety of books, and to engage in exciting conversations about books. The team format encourages students to share the challenge of reading the selection of books with their friends.

The goal of the Reading Olympics is to increase the quality and quantity of books students read for enjoyment. Teams of students collaborate to read thirty to forty five books that have been selected by a committee of librarians, reading specialists, and classroom teachers. These professionals read the books and write questions, which the teams answer during the competition. The Olympics are primarily a celebration of reading rather than a contest. All participants are awarded ribbons. Since the teams generate much excitement about this reading event, the experience is rewarding for everyone involved.

Attached you will find the book list for this school year. All of our school libraries and our local community libraries will have these books for your students readily accessible. And to help us prepare to get our teams up and running, please return the sign-up form to school by September 23, 2016.

After receiving the forms, olympians will be assigned a team and a team leader that will guide the team during meetings a few times a month. Leading up to the competition evening, olympians will read books, collaborate with their team, and prepare by increasing their awareness and knowledge of the content of the books on the list.

We are very excited to host this event again in our district and look forward to working with your students! Please contact us for more information or with questions.

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Save the date! The competition will be held **Wednesday, May 17, 2017** at Wilson Southern Middle School.

I am committed to being part of a Reading Olympics team!

Student name: _____

Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent(s) name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Return forms to: CT - Mrs. Steffy GV & WH - Mrs. Reppert SH - Mrs. Barnett SR - Ms. Young

Please return the bottom of this form by September 23, 2016

2016-2017 Elementary Reading Olympics Book List

****Many books are available on tape or accommodations can be made to have books read to students as needed. We want all students to be able to participate in this reading experience.****