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February 4, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of this year's Battle of the Books team members:

This year marks the second annual RVS Battle of the Books tournament. Middle school students and their coaches from eleven schools across the Division will compete for the Battle of the Books championship banner. Manachaban Middle is proud to announce that we will have two teams of students representing our grade 6, 7, & 8 readers. The tournament will be held at the **RVS Education Centre** from **8:30am – 2:30pm** with the official event starting at 9:00 am on **Thursday, February 28, 2019**.

Much like a sports competition, the Battle of the Books tournament has teams of no more than six face off against each other in tournament style rounds to determine which team knows the most about the 16 preselected titles. In preparation for this culminating event, our students have spent countless hours not only reading and rereading the texts, but also discussing and developing deep understandings of what they have read. This year's collection of texts spanned an array of reading levels, including award winning Canadian authors, and ranged in genres from audiobooks, picture books, graphic novels to fiction and non-fiction texts. This wide variety in text selection has provided all students the opportunity to get involved in their school team, share their joy of reading with like-minded peers and build upon a culture of rich literature and authentic literacy conversations in our schools. The texts for the 2018-19 competition include:

- *The Fabulous Friend Machine* by Nick Bland
- *Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova
- *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt
- *Macbeth* (Graphic Novel version)
- *Finding Gobi* by Dion Leonard
- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- *Chester & Gus* by Cammie McGovern
- *Wings of Fire #1* by Tsui Sutherland
- *Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
- *The Tomorrow Code* by Brian Falkner
- *The Doll Bones* by Holly Black
- *Criminal Destiny Masterminds #2* by Gordon Korman
- *OCDaniel* by Wesley King
- *I survived Mount St-Helen* by Lauren Tarshis
- *And Then the Sky Exploded* by David A. Poulsen

Participating **students will be required to arrange their own transportation to and from the Rocky View Schools Education Center in Airdrie**. And, while I do not require any additional help with supervision, I would like to invite you to come and be a part of the excitement. Please be aware, though, that **there will be a limited number of audience seats available at the venue and they will be made available on a 'first come, first stay' basis**.

A lunch space will be provided, but **students are expected to bring their own lunch and snacks**.

Please **complete the field trip consent application on the back of this sheet and return it to the school as soon as possible**. I will need to know which team members will be able to attend this event so that I can adjust the teams accordingly if a member is not able to fulfill his/her commitment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school.

Thank you,

Ms. T. Paterson
Manachaban's Battle of the Books Team Leader



Teacher Leader Section

Your son/daughter will be involved in an off-campus activity. The particulars of the field trip are:	
School: Manachaban Middle School	Purpose: Battle of the Books
Destination: Rocky View Schools Education Center, 2651 Chinook Winds Drive SW, Airdrie, AB	
Arranged Supervision: 12:1	
Transportation Plans: Students are to arrange their own transportation with their parents	Date: Thurs., February 28 th , 2019
Risks and Dangers: Those associated with thinking too hard and trying to buzz in to answer questions faster than rival teams!	
Costs (if any): None	

* If a Service Provider Agreement exists, use the risk and dangers outlined in Agreement
<https://rockyview.ab.ca/ecresources/service-providers>

For additional information, please phone the school at (403) 932-2215.

If you permit your son/daughter to participate in this activity, please sign and tear-off the portion below and return it to the school.

Parent/Guardian Section

Please note that your child will NOT be allowed to participate in this field trip unless this form is signed and returned to the school prior to the field trip taking place.

FIELD TRIP CONSENT APPLICATION

Having understood and signed the Annual Field Trip Authorization form AF260-A, I consent to and give permission for my child to participate.

Child's Name:	Grade:
Destination: RVS Education Center, Airdrie, AB	Date of Field Trip: Thurs., Feb. 28 th , 2019
Method of Payment (if applicable): N/A	
If payment online, confirmation number is: N/A	Does your child have an identified medical condition on file? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

Volunteer Section

*All volunteers in Rocky View Schools are required to complete a criminal records/vulnerable sector check. Please ask your principal for further information.

Would you like to volunteer for this field trip? Yes No

Name:	Home Phone #:	Cell #:
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Reference: AP260 Educational Excursions