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ECSD (FLA) Battle of the Books Winners' List

Escambia County School District (ECSD) hosted a virtual Battle of the Books competition this past Saturday, May 1st, for 22 schools (19 elementary and 3 middle). A total of 55 teams made of 256 students competed against each other to see who had the most knowledge of this year's Battle of the Books titles.

Participating students read up to 15 titles from the competition year's Sunshine State Young Readers book lists. There is a list for grades 3-5 and another list for grades 6-8. Teams met before, after, and during school with their coaches to discuss the books' themes, characters, settings, and main events. Questions can be about a specific detail from a specific book or they might ask students to make connections between multiple books.

Finally, on this past Saturday, they all went to school so they could compete online. They worked as teams to put all of that knowledge to the test. Each team was allowed up to five students from the same grade level (middle school teams could be a mix) against teams from the same grade level from other ECSD schools. The competition included 4 rounds of 10 questions each and then a final Lightning round to break ties as needed for first, second or third place.

This year's ECSD Battle of the Books was completely virtual. The Media Services department collaborated with Gary James, an ECSD Technology Specialist, to create ECSD's very own Battle of the Books digital platform called BookBattle.

"Students met at their schools with their coaches, sat with their teams and logged into the system on Saturday. They were presented with 4 rounds of questions, bonus questions, and tie breaking lightning rounds. Gary worked diligently to create an interactive platform that allowed students to show their knowledge. All participants were extremely pleased with the virtual program and we plan to continue to use it even when we have a traditional in-person competition next year," explained Michelle White, ECSD's Coordinator of Media Services.

[ECSD BOB 2020-2021 - By the Numbers](#)

[1 Locally created competition platform, "BookBattle"](#)

22 ECSD schools participated (19 elementary and 3 middle)
30 Sunshine State Reader Books (15 elementary level and 15 middle school)
40 Questions created for each grade level (plus speed round and tie-breakers)
55 Teams spent months getting ready
256 Students (Collectively, they read between 2,560 and 3,840 books to prepare)
12 Teams Earned Awards
Equaled = 1 Amazing day of competition for everyone!

The 2020-2021 Battle of the Books (BOB) winners for ECSD were:

Third Grade

1st Place: Beulah Elementary School's "The 5 Booketeers"

Coaches: Brooke Ferrara, Denise Williamson and Sara Smith

Students: Mason Gibson, Kyleigh Dunning, Lucas Duarte, Devyn McCarron, and Forrest Hoxworth

2nd Place: Bratt Elementary School's "Third Grade Team"

Coaches: Shonna Gilmore and Sherri Carter

Students: Riverly Heathcock, Ella Grace Diller, Zoe Jantz, Rylan Johnson, and Jonah Carter

3rd Place: Pleasant Grove Elementary School's "Titans of Text"

Coaches: Kristi Suarez, Kaylin Roy, and Cheyanne Forbes

Students: Raeylin Richardson, Sullivan Bell, Dylan Roy and Lailah Harris

Fourth Grade

1st Place: Blue Angels Elementary School's "The Book Crew"

Coach: Angela Kriner

Students: Olivia Wood, Derek Chen, Destiny Donaldson, Layla Emory, and Mackenzie Kanzelmar

2nd Place: A.K. Suter Elementary School's "Suter 1"

Coach: Paula Stillman

Students: Violet Barnett, Theo Perry, Maida Wells, Jonah Alonzo, and Lucas Ramos

3rd Place: Cordova Park Elementary School's "Cordova Colts 4"

Coach: Lori Hahn

Students: Piper Johnson, Olivia King, Lyra Kuykindall, Haven Parker, and Abigail Peterson

Fifth Grade

1st Place: Cordova Park Elementary School's "Cordova Colts 5"

Coach: Lori Hahn

Students: Piper Johnson, Olivia King, Lyra Kuykindall, Haven Parker, and Abigail Peterson

2nd Place: McArthur Elementary School's "Books for Life"

Coach: Jennifer Beal

Students: Addisyn Butler, Hadley Krantz, Chloe Murray, Adyson Payton, and Scottie Pennewell

3rd Place: Ferry Pass Elementary School's "Beauty and the Books"

Coaches: Heather Horn, Madelyn Cognevich, and Jenna Gunter

Students: Jenna Khalaf, Alexia Granados, Claire Maddox

Middle School – 6-8th Grades

1st Place: Bellview Middle School's "Team B"

Coach: Michelle Lingo

Students: Landon Beard, Ricky McGregor and Heather Wells

2nd Place: Bellview Middle School's "Team A"

Coach: Michelle Lingo

Students: Gaven Carter, Andy Pham, and Cara Schmitt

3rd Place: Jim Bailey Middle School's "Bulldogs Rock"

Coach: Roberta Wetzel

Students: Kaylin Honeycuttt, Lin Xi Niedbala, Alexis Speegle and Cody Thompson

A video presentation announcing the winners can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/IFbMt08NjEI>

Congratulations to all of this year's participants! A special **Thank You** goes to Gary James from every BOB team member and coach! Now, it is time to start reading for next year's competition.

The lists of the Sunshine Books titles for 2021-2022, including a Junior (K-2) list, grades 3-5 list, grades 6-8 list, and FTR list for grades 9-12, have also been released and can be found by visiting the Florida Association in Media Education website at <https://www.floridamediaed.org/>

For more information about Escambia County School District, visit ECSD's web page at <http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/>, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ecsdfl. To read about recent ECSD news and events, or to explore ECSD photo albums and videos, go to Escambia Schools Public Relations' at www.facebook.com/ecsd.public.

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Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video Escambia County School District 2020-2021 Battle of the Books Winners](#)

