



# IBOB Newsletter

It's like sports but with books!

## Summer/Early Fall 2022

Idaho Battle of the Books has grown by leaps and bounds. Thank you to all the schools who participated in the 2021-2022 year. It was so exciting to see students and coaches and their passion for reading.

### NEWSFLASH:

The high school division has officially started for the 2022-2023 season. There are 8 books that will be read, for anyone in grades 9-12. Coaches can decide if your 9th grade teams (if in a junior high) will compete in middle school/junior high OR the high school division.

Check the Idaho Battle of the Books website for the book titles!

### Purchasing School Practice Sets of Questions

Volunteers are currently working on writing 80 questions for each title in each division. It takes from May to September to get all 40 titles written, reviewed, edited and prepped. In November three volunteers start putting together the school practice sets and that takes 1-2 months.

If your school or public library would like to purchase a school practice set:

- Go to the [Idaho Battle of the Books website](http://idahobattleofthebooks.org/about/ibob-website/) and click on the "Register" tab.
- Click on the 2022-2023 link and fill out the invoice with ALL of your school information.
- Send the check and completed invoice to the PO address listed on the invoice.
- The treasurer will check the PO box at the post office a few times a month and will process the check/invoice form.
- You will receive an electronic invoice that shows you paid for the school practice set.
- In mid-January, the school practice sets will be sent to the email address provided on the invoice mailed to the IBOB PO box.

The **deadline for payment (\$25) is December 15th**. If the payment comes after December 15th, a \$10 late fee will be added. School practice sets cannot be purchased past February 3rd, 2023.

### IBOB Calendar

Summer: Take a break! Read some books

August/September: Schools can pay for question sets. The form is on the website. Please fill it out and send it to the PO address. December 15th due date.

September: Start advertising for IBOB in your schools with posters, announcements, and information on your school website.

Start purchasing books for IBOB. Depending on number of participants, anywhere from 2-4 copies of each title should be enough.

More at:

<http://idahobattleofthebooks.org/about/ibob-calendar/>

Please see pages 2-3 for tournament results. If you had a tournament and would like to spotlight the winners, please email:

[idahobattleofthebooks@gmail.com](mailto:idahobattleofthebooks@gmail.com)  
with the information to include in the next newsletter.

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## **Tournaments: Region 3 Elementary**

### **Region 3 Boise School District Tournament**

The competition was held at Shadow Hills Elementary in Boise on Thursday, March 31st, 2022. Participating schools included Collister, Longfellow, Monroe, Mountain View, and Shadow Hills. Fifteen teams battled for the title in a single-elimination tournament held at Shadow Hills. The championship battle was held between team W.A.R.P. (Wonderful, Amazing, Reading Partners) and Wicked Mix with team WARP coming out on top. In fact, WARP never missed a single question in any battle last night (including all chances to steal points).

The winning team was: W.A.R.P. (Wonderful, Amazing, Reading Partners)

### **Region 3 West Ada School District Tournament**

The competition was held at Siena Elementary on April 1st. Participating schools included Christine Donnell school of the Arts, Eagle School of the Arts, Hillside, Mary McPherson, Pepper Ridge, Ponderosa, Siena and Silver Sage. There were 16 teams battling it out. The first place team was Undecided from Silver Sage Elementary and the school with the most points overall was Silver Sage.

## **Region 1: Middle/Junior High**

The competition was held at Lakeland Middle School in Rathdrum on Saturday, March 19th, 2022. Participating schools included Lakeland, Sandpoint, and Wallace.

The winning team: "The Team That Must Not Be Named" - left to right: Amanda Miller, Hannah Ricks, Bria Rocke, Scarlett Straub and Dakota Ferguson

## **Tournaments: Region 3 and 4 Middle School/Junior High**

### **Region 3/4 Regional Tournament**

The competition was held at Victory Middle School in Meridian on Saturday, April 9th. Participating schools included Burley Junior High, Collister Elementary (6th grade), Eagle Middle, East Junior High, Heritage Middle,, Hillside Junior High, Lake Hazel Middle, Les Bois Junior High, Lone Star Middle, Lowell Scott Middle, Meridian Middle, North Junior High, Riverglen Junior High, Sawtooth Middle, South Junior High, Star Middle, Victory Middle, West Junior High, and Wood River Middle. e

It was a tough competition! The final battle was between the Meridian Middle team (Fiction Addiction) and a Wood River Middle team (Page Turning Potatoes). The Page Turning Potatoes won. Congratulations! Page Turning Potatoes: Reagan Flannigan, Catherine Herrerra, Aoife O'Reilly, Charlotte Brickley, Hayden Barbre, and coach Sara.

**Idaho Battle of the Books**, or IBOB, is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program open to all Idaho students in grades 4-9, regardless of ability. IBOB is meant to expose students to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. The mission of the program is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, share the love of reading with students who have not yet discovered that for themselves, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students.

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