

## **Press Release**

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### **South Asheboro Middle School Wins District Battle of the Books Competition**

ASHEBORO – Asheboro City Schools hosted the annual Battle of the Books competition on Monday, February 26 at South Asheboro Middle School. North and South Asheboro Middle Schools went to head-to-head in one of the most exciting academic competitions of the year. In the end it was South Asheboro Middle School who came out on top with a score of 111 to North Asheboro Middle School's score of 86.

Individual team members from the South Asheboro Middle School team included: Mel Adames; Olga Dumeh; Evie Surratt; Tess Moody; Thalya Letterlough; Addison Trogdon; Fiona Wolfe-Roberts; Piper Westhoff; Max Raya Przybylowski; Patrick Piansay; Lily Charlesworth; and Brandon Flores Perez. The team alternates were: Gabby Santos; Sara Cornelison; Karis Rowland; Emma Dobbins; and Carson Fields. The team was led by Ms. Julia Dawson, Ms. Kim Hoffman, and Ms. Heather Norris.

Battle of the Books teams are formed early in the school year in order to begin preparing the Battle of the Books competition. Middle school students and their coaches receive a listing of books in which they could potentially be tested during competitions.

This year, the North Carolina School Library Media Association list of books consisted of: Home of the Brave, by Katherine Applegate; The Girl Who Drank the Moon, by Kelly Barnhill; The Iron Trial, by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare; Tangerine by Edward Bloor; Book Scavenger, by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman; The Roar, by Emma Clayton; Airman, by Eoin Colfer; The Maze Runner, by James Dashner; Mockingbird, by Kathryn Erskine; Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25, by Richard Paul Evans; The House of Scorpion, by Nancy Farmer; 90 Miles to Havana, by Enrique Flores Galbis; The Other Half of My Heart, by Sundee Tucker Frazier; Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz; Fatal Fever, by Gail Jarrow; Good Night, Mr. Tom, by Michelle Magorian; A Shingle Shard, by Linda Sue Park; Beneath My Mother's Feet, by Amjed Qamar; The Hired Girl, by Laura Amy Schlitz; Bluefish, by Pat Schmatz; The Alchemyst, by Michael Scott; Salt to Sea, by Ruta Sepetys; Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town, by Warren St. John; Chasing Lincoln's Killer, by James L. Swanson; One Crazy Summer, by Rita Williams-Garcia; The Watch That Ends the Night, by Allan Wolf; and Wolf Hollow, by Lauren Wolk.

**About Asheboro City Schools**

Asheboro City Schools is a medium-sized school district in North Carolina, serving approximately 5,000 students at eight schools and one five-star Early Childhood Development Center. The district's mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice. For more information, visit the district's website at <http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/>.

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