Dear 4th & 5th Grade Families,

Each year, students in elementary schools from across Chester County compete in a quiz-style event known as The Chester County Reading Olympics. Teams of students from each school share the responsibility of reading 44 books from the attached list. On the night of the event (held in March or April) students answer trivia questions about the books they have read.

Although two different teams will take turns answering questions about the books they’ve read, the two teams are not in direct competition. Teams are awarded a ribbon at the event’s closing ceremony based on how many questions they were able to answer correctly, not whether they were able to “beat” the other team in the room.

The students who have participated in previous years have enjoyed exploring new genres, being introduced to books they might not have otherwise read, and sharing their reading experiences with friends. Families are encouraged to attend the event in the spring. Reading Olympics is for anyone who loves books. Students can read the books independently, with family members, or follow along with an audiobook version. The Chester County Reading Olympics is truly a celebration of reading!

The following are requirements for representing Charlestown in this year’s Reading Olympics:

- Must be in 4th or 5th grade
- **Must pay the $40 activity fee by November 13th.**
- **Must read at least 3 books from the attached list by the November meeting**
  - Many of the books can be checked out from the Charlestown library.
  - If the books are on your child’s reading level, it may count as their Independent Reading Book for their classrooms. *check with your teacher.
- **Must complete a book form for each book you read.** * copies available in library
- Must attend the team meetings
  - One team meeting will be held in November and December.
  - Two team meeting will be held the remaining months.
  - Meetings are held from 8:00 AM to 8:40 AM in the library
  - **The first 2 team meeting dates are Nov 13th and December 13th.**
- Must consistently demonstrate appropriate behavior at school and at team meetings
- Must be available to attend the 2020 Chester County Reading Olympics in March or April
  - Exact date has not been determined yet

If you are interested in participating in Reading Olympics, please complete the attached permission form and return it to Mrs. Hoyt in the library by November 13th. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thanks,

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