

West TV PTC Monthly Newsletter

November 2017



Greetings

This month, we focus our newsletter on two wonderful programs that encourage our WTV students to read. Vacation time and winter weather are the perfect combination for cozying up with a few good books – indulge in a book escape!

“Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home.”
Anna Quindlan

Spotlight: All Star Reading Club

Coordinator, Holli Shenfield

My name is Holli Shenfield and I’m the coordinator for the ASRC this year. I have a 1st and 3rd grader at West TV. I’ve always loved reading as a child and now as an adult. I’m part of a book club myself and I like reading books I would never pick on my own. That is what I like about the ASRC, every month is a different genre so children will try all types of books and hopefully discover new genres and books they would not have otherwise chosen.

The All Star Reading Club started in 2008 and encourages students from all grades to read a book from a different genre each month. Students then complete a brief summary from the book they've read.

Students who read books from five different genres will be invited to a Spring Party and will be able to choose a free book. Students who read a book from all eight genres will receive a special prize at the Spring Party, in addition to a free book.

Forms are due at the end of each month, make ups are allowed until the end of the following month. Each report turned in during the assigned month will receive a Golden Buck. High quality reports will receive an extra Golden Buck. At the end of the year Golden Bucks will be redeemed for books or special prizes.

Here are the genres for each month:

October	Mystery & Horror	February	Biography
November	Historical Fiction	March	Fantasy & Science Fiction
December	Non-Fiction	April	Poetry
January	Action & Adventure	May	Folklore
Any Month - Bonus Genre - Classics			

Forms are available in the library and online at <http://wtvptc.org/all-star-reading-club/>. This program is supported by the West TV Library, volunteers and the West TV Parent Teachers Club.

Spotlight: OBOB – Oregon Battle of the Books

Coordinator, Shelli Kime

Oregon Battle of the Books, or OBOB for short, will be swinging into high gear shortly after the New Year and if your child is interested in participating, it's time to get things moving. For some of you this is all new, and I've had parents asking me "about all this OBOB stuff" so I'd like to give you some details to get you up to speed.

Who: Any child in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade at WTV. Teams can be made at grade specific levels or a mix of all grades and genders.

Why: It's a great program for kids who love to read and are looking to improve their reading and comprehension skills. (This program is awesome for comprehension!)

What: Oregon Battle of the Books is a statewide event sponsored by the Oregon Association of Libraries for any student in grades 3-12. Each year, volunteers from the association dedicate time choosing age appropriate literature they believe will expand young readers' skills and knowledge. The material from 16 books chosen by the State Association of Libraries will make up the competition.

Participation in the event is free and completely voluntary. An important note to understand; The school does not provide classroom time or instruction for this event. The battles are held in the school library, typically over lunchtime, and are run by Mrs. Van Kleek and parent volunteers. But, study time, team organization, and battle preparation is placed on the teams themselves. OBOB is not part of Mrs. Van Kleek's job with WTV but, as it has been a long-standing tradition at our school, she volunteers extra time to help facilitate this event. A big thanks to her for helping making this all possible!

The competition is comprised of a series of "battles" between bracketed teams. Questions are supplied to the schools in sealed envelopes from the OBOB state committee and each set is opened just prior to the upcoming battle. Teams will be asked a variety of questions ranging in difficulty from all 16 books at random and points are awarded for correct answers. The team with the highest score upon completion of each battle will be awarded the win and move on through the double elimination bracket.

When: WTV battles will be held beginning in January and continue through February. The first place team from each school will move on to the district competition in March and the winner of that event will travel to Salem to the state competition in April.

How: This is often where parents need to step in.

1. Help your child form a team. Have them ask classmates and friends if they want to participate. Check with Mrs. Van Kleek as she also has a list of interested students. Teams consist of 4-5 children. Four children are allowed to participate in any given battle and can battle with fewer but not more. Many teams opt to carry a 5th player to ensure they will always have a full team.
2. Help the team figure out how to split up the books so all 16 are covered. There are no rules about how many books each child reads. Many teams will split the book up evenly between the kids by drawing out of a hat but you can do whatever feels best for your team.
3. Help them with a team name.
4. Make sure the kids have access to the books. All these books are available at the public library and West TV library. Powell's also has an "OBOB" section if you prefer to purchase the books. A list of this year's books along with a ton of details and rules can be found on the [OBOB web page](#).

5. Make sure Mrs. Van Kleek has your team down for competition. All teams will need to be turned in to her for scheduling by winter break.

Hopefully that will get you all started! If you feel like you still want a more in-depth conversation about OBOB and how it works, or how you or your child can be involved, please feel free to email me at: shelli.kime@gmail.com. You can also find excellent resources at the Cedar Mill library. They are actually hosting practice battles for new 3rd and 4th graders so it's definitely worth checking into!

Good luck to all of our readers!

FUNDRAISER ALERT – AUCTION TICKETS AND INFORMATION NOW ONLINE!

Tickets are on sale now for our annual auction on March 3, 2018!!!

Where: The World Forestry Center
Time: 5:30 – 10:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$80 per person through January 31; \$85 per person on and after February 1
\$160 for couples
By popular request, you can also purchase tables of 10!!

How to purchase: Through our auction website at the following link <http://tiny.cc/WTV2018>

Our goal this year is to sell 200 tickets! The cost of the tickets will cover the facility rental fee and food at the event.

Our Annual Auction is the largest fundraiser for our school to support the goal of the West TV PTC in enhancing the educational experience of West TV students. Volunteers are busy working on art projects and classroom baskets, while our auction committee has already procured many donations from local business and families. We look forward to an amazing event!!!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at westtvauction@gmail.com.

Keep in Touch

We want you to feel welcome and informed about all WTV activities, so please follow our news on our **website** www.wtvptc.org and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wtv.ptc/>, get a quick reminder of upcoming events every Monday in your email inbox from our **Monday Minute**, attend our monthly **PTC meeting** (every 3rd Wednesday evening,) and get to know our organization more in-depth in this monthly **newsletter** sent via email. Cheers!

If you have any content suggestions for upcoming newsletters, please contact Jami Keene, PTC Secretary, at jamikeene@hotmail.com.