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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 Thursday, March 2 at North Asheboro Middle School in collaboration with Read Across America Day. 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 124 to North Asheboro Middle School's score of 88.

Individual team members from the South Asheboro Middle School team included: Michelle Aquirre; Sarah Barber; Sara Cornelison; Sara Figueroa; Emma Hinesley; Amber Hunter; Rachel Lemous; Jordan B. Riggins; Evie Surratt; Addison Trogdon; Piper Westhoff; Fiona Wolfe-Roberts; with alternates Olga Dumeh and Laura Staples. The team was led by Ms. Julia Dawson and Ms. Kim Hoffman.

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: Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez; The Underneath by Kathi Appelt; Iron Thunder by Avi; Serafina and the Black Cloack by Robert Beatty; The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley; Gym Candy by Carl Deuker; Forged by Fire by Sharon M. Draper; The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan; The Brooklyn Nine by Alan Gratz; The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose; Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Lang; Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata; Schooled by Gordon Korman; To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee; Legend by Marie Lu; Greenglass House by Kate Milford; A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness; A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Neilsen; Wonder by R.J. Palacio; Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling; Bomb by Steve Sheinkin; The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens; The Land by Mildred D. Taylor; Three Times Luck by Sheila Turnage; The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen; Crow by Barbara Wright; I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai (the Young Reader's edition with Patricia McCormick).

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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