

Press Release

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Balfour Bulldogs Wins District Elementary Battle of the Books Competition

ASHEBORO – Asheboro City Schools hosted the annual elementary Battle of the Books competition on Thursday, March 30 at Guy B. Teachey Elementary School. All five ACS elementary schools competed in one of the most anticipated academic competitions of the year. In the end, the Balfour Bulldogs from Balfour Elementary School were named this year's Battle of the Books champions!

Individual team members from the Balfour Elementary team included: Jean Brou; Bridgett Diaz Lopez; Daniel Escutia; Stephanie Eusebio; Brittany Garcia Soto; Amare Godwin; Shary Gonzalez; Joseylyn Gonzalez Juarez; Azuri Greene Thompson; Nour Hassan; Yasmine Lopez; Isaias Martinez; Carlos Plascencia; and Israel Valencia. The team was led by coaches Emily Cappello, Rebekah Hanson, and Emily Ramon.

Battle of the Books teams are formed early in the school year in order to begin preparing the Battle of the Books competition. Elementary 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 for elementary students consisted of: *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park; *A Nest for Celeste* by Henry Cole; *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate; *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt; *Greetings from Nowhere* by Barbara O'Connor; *Jake* by Audrey Couloubmis; *Love, Ruby Lavender* by Deborah Wiles; *Savvy* by Ingrid Law; *Smells Like Dog* by Suzanne Selfors; *The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman; *The Key to Extraordinary* by Natalie Lloyd; *The League of Seven* by Alan Gratz; *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick; *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo; *The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin; *Tuesdays at the Castle* by Jessica Day George; *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman; and *Wood Runner* by Gary Paulsen.

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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