

September 1, 2011

Dear Battle of the Books Coordinator,

It's that time of year again! Are your students reading? Our 2011-12 Battle of the Books will be here before we know it and we need to get ready. Please review the list of important points below and if you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. **Some things have changed.**

1. This year's event is sponsored by Kern Reading Association and Kern County Superintendent of Schools. Generous donations from Paramount Citrus and Grimmway Farms have made it possible for Kern BOB to expand to two days, **March 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Northern Region and March 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Southern Region.** We are so thankful to have such wonderful sponsors associated with this event!
2. It is mandatory for all school site advisors to send an email contact address to [battleofthebooksnorth@gmail.com](mailto:battleofthebooksnorth@gmail.com) stating your interest in participating in Kern County Battle of the Books. This contact address will be used for all BOB communication and to send the list of teams for participating students at your school.
3. **Students must read 20 of the 30 books to participate.** Not reading the minimum number of books creates a disadvantage for other students in the competition. Please make sure that your students have put the time and effort into reading the required number of books in order to make it a fair and fun competition for all students.
4. Please note that the Battle of the Books website has changed a bit. Be sure that your students are reading the **long list of books**, not the short list. The website address is [battleofthebooks.org](http://battleofthebooks.org).
5. Each school may only bring **30** team members.
6. Please register your school for the Kern County Battle of the Books by sending \$40 to the address below with the form on the second page. *This money will be spent on questions, certificates, medals, print cartridges, the facility, custodial costs and administrative fees.* **We must receive the check by Friday, October 28, 2011 for your students to be placed on teams.** Please make the check payable to Kern Reading Association and send it to:

Kern Reading Association  
P.O. Box 10837  
Bakersfield, CA 93389-10837

Sincerely,

Katie Feldstein  
2010-2011 Kern County Battle of the Books North Coordinator

**P.S. Another email will be sent out in January with more details.**

Kern Battle of the Books Registration Form  
2011 – 2012

School Name - \_\_\_\_\_

District Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator Email - \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your \$40 registration fee to –

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We'll see you in March!