

# Blair Elementary

## Battle of the Books (BOB) Team 2025-2026

Dear Families,

I am excited to announce that Blair will be participating in Battle of the Books again this school year. Your child has shown interest in participating! He/she has received a list during our interest session of the 16 titles for this year. Your child can access these books through Sora, the NC Kids Digital Library, the public library, and/or our school library.

### What is Battle of the Books (BOB)?

Battle of the Books is a reading program that encourages high quality and high quantity reading. The titles on the book list have been intentionally chosen because of their thought-provoking nature. They are intended to get our students thinking about new places, time periods, and points of view.

### How does my student participate?

4th and 5th grade students read as many titles as possible from the book list from September to February. We will meet as small groups and as a whole team throughout the year to discuss the books and work on practice questions. Competition will either be in March or early April this year, but the date has not been confirmed yet. We will compete against other NHC Elementary schools and put our knowledge of the books to the test. A maximum of 12 students will be able to participate on competition day. We will run a series of practices throughout the year that will help determine who attends competition. If a student has not been keeping up with reading the books, he or she may not be able to attend the competition.

### Rules & Regulations

The most important rule is that students should read and read often! They may read the books on the list both at school and at home. The books are intentionally challenging, so we encourage students to read with an older family member, but they may read on their own or even listen to an audio version of the books. All of the titles are on the NC Kids Digital Library as either an audiobook or ebook. Visit [nckids.overdrive.com](http://nckids.overdrive.com) - Sign-In with New Hanover County Public Library & your child's Student ID number (Lunch card #)! We have almost all of the titles in our library, with the remainder coming soon.

### Timeline

**At least 6 books must be read and a book summary completed for each book by 12/18.** This must be accomplished before Christmas break in order to be considered eligible to compete on the Blair BOB team for 2025/2026.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me,  
Beth Gabriel, AIG Specialist, [elizabeth.gabriel@nhcs.net](mailto:elizabeth.gabriel@nhcs.net)

BOB Acknowledgement Form 25/26  
Please Sign & Return to Mrs. Gabriel

My child and I have discussed the Battle of the Books (BOB) competition. We understand that reading and/or listening to as many books as possible during and after school hours is something we are committed to and will put forward our very best effort!

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Parent Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number in case of an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_