Dear Battle 2.0 Parent/Guardian:

This year the Battle of Books has been changed to **Battle 2.0**. Students will still read books from a carefully selected list, however, the process and options to demonstrate student reading has been expanded to include many new options. Also, students who read a minimum of 12 out of 18 books can participate in a Lincoln School battle, but there is no longer a district competition.

To be part of Battle 2.0, students:

- Must be in 4th or 5th grade
- Must complete and return the attached sign-up sheet to Ms. Burke or Mr. Hoynes
- Will select and read any of the 18 books from our Battle 2.0 list
- Will choose a way to demonstrate that they have completed reading a book by using one of the project options
- Will receive their own “passport book” to have stamped when acknowledging a book and project completion
- Can attend (optional) Wednesday monthly meetings during lunch/recess time
- Can attend (optional) all Battle 2.0 meetings (no matter how many books have been read)
- Can participate (optional) in any mini-battles hosted at the Evanston Public Library
- Can participate (optional) in a Lincoln School Battle of the Books competition (with a minimum of 12 books read and projects completed, one week before the final breakfast)

The Battle 2.0 book list, along with project ideas and expectations, are listed on the other side of this page. Please know that the titles are available for checkout at the Lincoln Library, and the Evanston Public Library. A link to Battle 2.0 information can be found on the Lincoln Library website at district65.net/lincoln, with more information.

Battle 2.0 is an activity that challenges children in all areas of literacy. Children will need support and encouragement from their families to ensure success. We are looking forward to this fun and challenging reading activity.

Please keep this page, and return the attached sign-up page to Ms. Burke, or Mr. Hoynes.

Thank you,

Jill Burke (burkej@district65.net)  
Harry Hoynes (hoynesh@district65.net)
Battle 2.0 Sign Up

**Book Title List for Battle 2.0** (Formerly known as Battle of the Books)

1. *A Blind Guide to Stinkville* by Beth Vrabel
2. *Diamond Willow* by Helen Frost
3. *El Deafo* by CeCe Bell
4. *Ghetto Cowboy* by G. Neri
5. *Hana’s Suitcase* by Karen Levine
6. *Harvesting Hope: Cesar Chavez* by Karen Krull
7. *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers
8. *How Tia Lola Came to Visit/Stay* by Julia Alvarez
9. *Inside Out & Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
10. *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher* by Dana Levy
12. *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff
13. *Shooting Kabul* by N.H. Senzai
15. *Soar* by Joan Bauer
16. *Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage
17. *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer Holm
18. *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

**Battle 2.0 Timeline**

(Wednesday Work Days are optional)

- Week of November 26, 2018 – Battle Kick-Off
- December 3, 2018 – The Battle begins
- December 12, 2018 – Wednesday Work Day
- January 9, 2019 – Wednesday Work Day
- January 17, 2019 – Wednesday Work Day
- February 2, 2019 – First Battle Breakfast
- February 13, 2019 – Wednesday Work Day
- February 27, 2019 – Wednesday Work Day
- March 13, 2019 – Wednesday Work Day
- April 3, 2019 – Wednesday Work Day
- April 12, 2019 – Second Battle Breakfast
- April 17, 2019 – Wednesday Work Day
- April 29, 2019 – Monday After School Battle Team Meeting (library)
- TBD – Lincoln Student Battle

**Battle 2.0 Project Options**

- Traditional Journals (Fiction, Nonfiction)
- 90 second summary (Video Voice Over)
- Article
- Slide Show
- Brochure
- Board Game
- Kahoot Game
- Scratch Game
- Graphic Novel
- Play
- Poem
- Rap
- Poster
- Fundraising Campaign
- Letter Writing Campaign

Before starting a project, students need to fill out a **Battle 2.0 Project Plan form**. It’s quick and easy, but will ensure you work is appropriate and supported.

All forms will be available on the Battle 2.0 webpage, Ms. Burke’s room, or in the library.
Battle 2.0 Sign Up

Battle 2.0 (Battle of the Books) Permission Form

I would like to participate in Battle 2.0 (Battle of the Books). I have read the invitation letter and understand the requirements for this activity.

Student Name (please print)_____________________________________________
Grade____________  Homeroom Teacher__________________________________
Student Signature_____________________________________________________
Parent Signature______________________________________________________

Please return this form before Friday, December 14, 2018. Once this is returned, students will be able to begin submitting journal forms or projects (after project approval).

We will need parent volunteers to help coordinate the food for the Battle Breakfasts. If you are willing to help out, please complete the information below.

Parent Name: ____________________  Student Name: _______________________
Parent Email: __________________________________________________________