

Call it Courage

Harbor Secondary Book Bowl 2010

What is the Book Bowl?

The Book Bowl is an exciting reading competition designed to encourage the love of reading and to promote literacy in KAUST Secondary School students. The program exposes young people to different genres of young adult literature, which they may not read on their own. The friendly team competition involves reading, writing, and the arts. This year, the Book Bowl will be held in November and culminate before the December winter break. The program will include all students in grades 6 - 12 and it will take place during Advisory times.

Theme

This year the theme is *"Call it Courage."* We want to encourage students to find out about different types of courage through the eyes of young adults living in different areas of the world. All the books that have been chosen this year relate to the idea that we all have courage inside of us, whether to stand up for what is right, to learn and change, or to get through a difficult time. Each novel also relates to one of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Teacher's Role

In early October, teachers select one of the Book Bowl Books to read. After reading the book, they write 10 comprehension questions about the book for use in the final competition. In the Book Bowl opening assembly, teachers present a book talk, or short video to help create student interest in their book.

Teams

Students will be divided into multi-age groups of approximately 12 students, with two teacher facilitators on each team. Teams meet two days a week during the Advisory Period. Students should read a minimum of two books each, in the 7-week time period, but the more books they read, the better for their team.

How the competition works

Students read the books so they will be able to answer comprehension questions about them in the final competition. Teams can also gain points in several different creative ways. Individual team members can do any or all of the projects listed below. Only one submission for each project is allowed per student. Entries will be judged in each category for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Each winning project will give that student's team 5 points. Criteria for each project will be clearly outlined in each project's directions.

Projects

Students can do a variety of projects to gain points for their team, including: Writing a poem, creating a bookmark, writing a letter to a character in one of the books, or creating a book jacket for one of the books.

Symbols of courage and strength from many different cultures are pictured.

