

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #250 (2008-2009)

March 23, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF STATE AND LOCAL BATTLE OF THE  
BOOKS FIRST PLACE WINNERS

ASD Goal: *Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by honoring and recognizing exceptional students and staff.*

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Battle of the Books is a statewide Alaskan reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Alaska Association of School Librarians. The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote academic excellence.

This year, **Goldenview Middle School** won the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade level state competition. The team participants were: Lyndyn Hurley, Everett Oakley, Lindsay Von Tish, Ilana Zyatitsky, as well as their coach and librarian, Nicole Roohi.

Several other ASD schools received 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the citywide level. They are:

**3rd & 4th grade Southwest - Girdwood Elementary**

Team Girdwood: Coach Carole Schimscheimer, and students Reiker Durtschi, Carolyne VanDenHoogen, Ely Cerutti and Sarah Wallace

**3rd & 4th grade Northeast - Tie - Chester Valley & Rogers Park**

Chester Valley: Coach Elizabeth Rawlins, and students Gaten Davis, Acil Chapple and John Thompson

Rogers Park: Coach Karen Grey-Levine, and students Grace Day, Kammin Easley, Quinlan Fitzpatrick and Vaughn Gingerich

### **5th & 6th grade Southwest - Tie - Trailside & Turnagain**

Trailside: Coach DeAnne Rand, and students Karina Zyatitsky, Madeleine Boutet and River Nygard

Turnagain: Coach Laura Eastham, and students Tara DeGeorge, Ina Claire Flood and Jessica Jacobs

### **5th & 6th grade Northeast - Polaris**

Team Polaris: Coaches Dawn Cowley and Laura Jones, and students Ryan Terry, Connor Moma and Nico Delvalle

### **High School - Chugiak**

Team Chugiak: Coach Sally Jo Cook, and students Sarah King, Jessica Wilder, Shealyn Golden and Nicole Warner

To win their respective competitions, the students had to read a chosen group of books, discuss them, quiz each other on the contents, and then compete to correctly answer questions based on the books in a "quiz show" format.

This is a request to officially recognize and honor these students and their coaches for their outstanding performances during this year's competition.

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