

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Second annual *Battle of the Books* competition March 7 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., TCOE Doe Avenue Complex, Elderwood Room**

*Visalia* – Twenty-one Tulare and Kings county school teams are scheduled to compete in the annual *Battle of the Books* event March 7. Students, grades 6-8, prepare for the competition months ahead by reading from the same core list of book titles. The book title list was made available last fall. Once at the event, participants compete in teams of six, testing their knowledge of the books in several game show-style events, including Friendly Family Feud, Whiz Kids and Super Challenge. The final event, the Grand Battle Relay, brings all teams together.

Participating schools include: La Joya Middle School (Visalia), Pixley Middle School, Wilson Middle School (Exeter), Waukena Joint Union School (Tulare), Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center (Visalia), George McCann School (Visalia), Earlimart Middle School, Reagan Elementary School (Lindsay), Lakeside Elementary (Hanford), and Linwood Elementary School (Visalia)

“*Battle of the Books* is designed to reinforce literacy and the joy of reading,” says Beth Olszewsky, Educational Resources Services’ Library Media Supervisor. “We are excited to offer this program to

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middle school students with the hope that it will help them sustain the love of reading through their high school years and into adulthood.” *Battle of the Books* is held in schools and counties throughout the nation.

For more information on *Battle of the Books*, please call Beth Olshewsky at (559) 651-3031.

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