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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Results from 2nd annual Battle of the Books

Held Wednesday, March 7, 2012 • Tulare County Office of Education Doe Ave. Complex

In the **second annual Battle of the Books** competition, held Wednesday, March 7, the “Chips ‘n Salsa” team from George McCann School in Visalia beat the “Intimidators” team from returning champion Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center by a narrow margin of two points.

Twenty-two Tulare and Kings county school teams competed in the annual *Battle of the Books* event. Students, grades 6-8, prepared for the competition months ahead by reading from the same core list of book titles. The book title list was made available last fall. At the event, participants competed 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.

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Overall:

1st Place- Team: Chips ‘n’ Salsa, from George McCann School (Visalia)

2nd Place- Team: The Intimidators, from Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center (Visalia)

3rd Place- Team: Alpha Readers*, from Linwood Elementary (Visalia) and Jim Maples Academy (Porterville)

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Individual Competitions:

Winner of Family Feud: Chips 'n Salsa, from George McCann School (Visalia)

Winner of Super Challenge: Chips 'n Salsa, from George McCann School, (Visalia)

Winner of Whiz Kid: Chips 'n Salsa, from George McCann School (Visalia)

Winner of Grand Relay: The Intimidators, from Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center (Visalia)

*The third place overall team was comprised of students from both Linwood Elementary (Visalia) and Jim Maples Academy (Porterville).

For photographs from the event, or for further information, contact Robert Herman, public information officer at (559) 733-6606.