

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

May 5, 2014

Media Advisory

Contact: Robert Herman
Public Information Officer
(559) 733-6606 – office
(559) 303-8568 – cell

Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Fourth annual *Battle of the Books* competition May 7 & 14

8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., TCOE Doe Avenue Complex, Elderwood Room

Middle School: Wednesday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Elementary: Wednesday, May 14, 8:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Visalia – Tulare County middle and elementary school teams are scheduled to compete in the annual *Battle of the Books* event May 7 and 14. The **middle school competition** (open to students in grades 6-8) is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 7** and has a total of 16 teams participating. The **upper elementary school competition** (open to students in grades 4-6) is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 14** and has a total of 34 teams participating.

Students in each competition category prepare months ahead by reading from the same core list of 30 book titles. The book title list was made available to students last summer. 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.

“*Battle of the Books* is designed to reinforce literacy,” says Shelley Chappell, Educational Resource Services’ Library Media Supervisor. “Our goal is to foster a love of reading that sustains through

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

students' 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 Shelley Chappell at (559) 651-3031.

TCOE