

11th ANNUAL PRAIRIE READERS COMPETITION

IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER

1. Date: Tuesday, March 18th , 2014 at the Armour School
2. **An approximate number of students coming from your school by grade level by February 24th so we can plan snack and the set up of the rooms according to size of each grade level. Also the number of teams in each class (you can have more than one team). Call Jen at 724-2995 or email at mjfuoss@unitelsd.com. **THANK YOU!!****
3. If you go to your original letter you will see which books we do not need questions for. The other books we ask that these questions be placed on an index card with questions & answer on the same side. We would like these questions sent to us before **MARCH 1st** so that they can be sorted and checked for duplication by the 18th.
4. **In the 2th grade there are books with 2 authors – if it comes to a steal we will accept Capeci or Speirs for the written author’s name. Series books such as Magic Treehouse or The Hardy Boys the main title is used. Stating that it is a (for example) Magic Treehouse is unnecessary.**
5. Please review the format of the competition with your teachers and students so they understand especially if this is their first year. We will be following the same schedule as last year.

6. Schools are being assigned grades that they need to provide scorekeepers/timers for.

This list will rotate each year.

2nd grade – Volunteer -1 & Scotland - 1

3rd grade – Corsica – 1 & Platte/Geddes -1

4th grade – Scotland – 1 & Armour -1

5th grade – Tripp/Delmont– 1 & Wagner - 1

6th grade – Dakota Christian – 1 & Armour - 1

7th grade – Wagner – 1 & Platte/Geddes - 1

8th grade – Corsica- 1 & Dakota Christian– 1

High School – Stickney – 1 & Tripp/Delmont-1

We are a person short this year so if you have someone extra coming please let us know. We appreciate the help we receive from the schools. We run short of people because of a reader in each room and the runners/tabulators. Thank you for all the help.

7. Speakers, Timers, Scorer's meeting will be held prior to competition in the music room. This meeting will be at 12:10 on the 18th.

8. Parents are encouraged to attend and observe. If young children accompany them, they should keep in mind that their children will need to sit quietly during the contest sessions.

9. Bring a list of book recommendations on March 18th. During the summer a committee will once again be reading and reviewing books for next year's competition.

10. On the 18th the **students need to report to the school gym** and the Scorer/Timers should report to the music room for instructions. This is during our lunch time so if they can enter through the south doors would be great.

11. Please remind your students during break time to be quiet. Our other classes are still in session. Thank you.

12. Schools attending this year: Armour, Corsica, Dakota Christian, Platte/Geddes, Scotland, Stickney, Tripp/Delmont, Wagner.

PRAIRIE READERS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00	Arrive at Armour Gym
12:10	Speakers and scorers meeting in band room. Welcome and instruction in gym for participants.
12:30-1:45	Competition (Substitutions every 15 minutes for teams)
1:45-2:15	Break (juice & cookies). At this time results will be tabulated.
2:15-2:30	Tiebreakers if needed
2:30-3:15	Awards

Note if all goes well and there are no tiebreakers we will be finishing early. Sometimes however the best-laid plans don't always go like clockwork. We WILL try to stay on schedule.

ARMOUR TEACHERS

It is that time of the year again for our Prairie Readers competition. Thank you for helping with the students getting them prepared for this competition. The date of the contest is Tuesday, March 18th. We will once again be needing to use different rooms in the school. Last year we used the gym, stage, band room, study hall & After school in high school, and a few of the classrooms. When we have the numbers in we can better plan what rooms we need. We just wanted to give a heads up to everybody. Thank you!

Prairie Readers Committee