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SUFFOLK SCHOOLS PLACE IN SOUTHSIDE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS FINAL COMPETITION

SUFFOLK, VA (March 26, 2019) Fifth grade students from Creekside Elementary School and Hillpoint Elementary School competed against Chesapeake and Portsmouth schools at the final competition for this year's Southside Battle of the Books which took place on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at the Children's Museum of Virginia in Portsmouth. Creekside Elementary School placed third and Hillpoint Elementary School placed fifth out of six schools.

"This year's competition was extremely competitive within Suffolk, and against Chesapeake and Portsmouth," says Jennifer Brown, Youth and Family Services Manager at Suffolk Public Library. "All students who competed, who took the time to study, practice, read, and re-read all ten books should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished this year."

Molly Landon, fifth grade teacher at Creekside Elementary School, along with parent volunteer, Heather Cameron, led the team for Creekside Elementary School and cheered them on as students battled it out at the final competition.

"The students were committed to working hard and doing their best from October through March," says Molly Landon. "It was a joy watching them earn a first place finish

at the semi-final round and becoming the first Creekside team to advance to the Regional level. I would like to thank the students for allowing me to be a part of their success, and also thank my parent volunteer, Heather Cameron, for all her hard work with the students as well.”

“Battle of the Books was a great experience for our students,” says Jocelyn McCloud, Library Media Specialist at Hillpoint Elementary School. “The Hillpoint BoB members worked over countless lunches and recesses. They were kind and cooperative supporters of our team. I cannot imagine working with a better group or co-coach like Mrs. Scheer. I also want to give a big shout-out to all the other schools for being formidable competitors. Thank you for the awesome ladies at Suffolk Public Library for supporting and encouraging this venture.”

Battle of the Books promotes reading and introduces new literature to fifth grade students and competitions take place each February followed by a final competition. Teams are encouraged to read and answer questions based upon selected titles. Winning teams from each preliminary event advance to the finale and have a chance to win prizes, including bragging rights and a trophy for their school.

To learn more about Battle of the Books and the list of books selected for 2019, visit southsidebob.com.

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