

Coaches, Staff and Principals,

The district competition for Battle of the Books was held on Feb 8th 2019. Over 300 students participated slope wide in this valuable reading program. Time spent reading is the number one research proven activity that improves student's ability to read and their reading scores. These students with the support of their coaches spent many hours reading, or in the early grades having the books read to them.



It is a monumental effort. They must read ten books between September and February, keeping track of the characters, events and settings of the books. These students show fortitude as learners and determination to prepare for the contest. It is with great pleasure and admiration that I present the winners of the District Battle of the books.

Kindergarten:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kaktovik    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ipalook

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kaktovik    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ipalook /Atqasuk (tied)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kaktovik    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Atqasuk

3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ipalook    2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tied - Nuiqsut , Point Hope (tied)

5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Atqasuk    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Hopson Middle

7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kaktovik    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Nuiqsut / Point Hope (tied)

HS

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Barrow High    2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Nuiqsut

Congratulations and thank you to the parents and teacher-coaches who helped the students prepare, Erin Hollingsworth, Mike Jeffery, Ryan Kelly, and Paula Kangis from ASTAC who helped with preparing and judging the Competition. Thank you also to ASTAC who provided funding for the program, we couldn't do it without you.