SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SKETCH-OFF

Manual

2017-2018
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Introduction

According to the official website (http://www.txla.org/TBA), the Texas Bluebonnet Award was created by the Texas Library Association in 1979 to “encourage Texas children to read more books, explore a variety of current books, develop powers of discrimination and identify their favorite books. The award process provides librarians, teachers, parents, and writers with insight into young students’ reading preferences. It further affords an opportunity to honor and encourage imaginative authors who create books with high appeal to children.”

Socorro ISD librarians have promoted the Texas Bluebonnet Award early in its existence. Several elementary school libraries participated in Texas Bluebonnet Clubs that competed against each other. As the district grew, the importance of using the Texas Bluebonnet Award continued as campus library programs with varying involvement. Supporting libraries through the district competition will help foster collaboration and boost student participation.

The Texas Library Association continues to sponsor high quality reading lists for a variety of ages and purposes. Still, the Texas Bluebonnet Award remains unique in that it allows children to select the winner. Other Texas Library Award sponsored reading lists include:

1. 2x2 List – A collection of titles released each January for ages 2 through 2nd grade.
2. Tejas Star – A bilingual (primarily Spanish) list of fifteen titles for ages 5 through 12.
3. Lone Star – A list of twenty titles recommended for 6th through 8th grades.
4. Tayshas – A large list of books, featuring a Top Ten list, recommended for high school students.
5. Maverick – A broad list of recommended graphic novels.

PURPOSE
Inspire a love of reading across a variety of genres

Goal
100 % participation by all SISD schools, promote libraries & have fun!
The History of SISD Battle of the Bluebonnets

1993
Rojas Elementary
6 Schools
School shirts
Cake & Trophies

1994
7 Schools
Light Blue shirts
Bracket Style

1995
7 Schools
Light Blue shirts with TBA Logo

1996
7 Schools
Mentioned in Newspaper
Dark Blue shirts

1997
9 Schools
Dark Blue shirts
with TBA Logo

1998
White shirts with Blue TBA Logo

1999
“Read Five Then Decide”
White shirt
Cake

Data obtained from photo documentation and interviews with participating SISD librarians.
SISD Bluebonnet Committee

Marcy Sparks, Library Services

- Responsible for coordinating all activities
- Maintains question bank
- PR Contact / Social Media
- Battle of the Bluebonnets Manual

Bluebonnet Subcommittee, LIT Chair

- Responsible for proposing activities, updates and changes to the manual
- Provides optional questions
- Make recommendations for needed supplies
- Assists with decorations and event day support

Library Services Department

- Competition technology/devices
- Assist with scheduling buses & securing competition space
- Order books for each library
- Register all participating schools for the Texas Bluebonnet Award
- Order trophies, certificates, and awards
Battle of the Bluebonnets

Preparation for Competition

- Each school can determine how to implement the program either with small reading groups or campus-wide involvement.
- In order to participate in voting, each campus will need to pay $15. This fee will be covered by Library Services for this school year.
- Library competition will be held for the school who best promotes their voting for the Texas Bluebonnet Award during the January voting window. Librarians who submit Tweets of their displays and activities will be judged and the winner awarded the #SISD_READS Award at the Battle of the Bluebonnet event.
- A special prize will also be given to the team who brings the best student-created centerpiece to the event (dimension must be within 18”x18”). See the attached rubric for more specific directions.
- Schools must submit the required trip request form for approval.

Teams

- Each campus’ librarian will be the coach for their Bluebonnet Team.
- Each school may compete with one team of five students. The five students must include at least one representative from third, fourth and fifth grade. The other two students can be from any of the three eligible grades.
- It is not required that all individual members read all books; however, the combined reading of the team should read all the books on the list.
- Selecting the team is up to each librarian. One suggestion is to utilize pre-made questions on Kahoot or other online resources to identify students who score the highest.
- Librarians will complete the Registration Form for submitting the names of the team members. This form will be due February 3, 2017.
- Each team will be identified by their school name and mascot. Teams are encouraged to wear matching shirts that can be custom designed, matching colors, or their school uniforms.

Competition Rules

- Teams will sit together so they can collaborate on the answers.
- Each team will be provided one device to submit their responses.
- Teams will be identified by the name of their school.
- Each question will be worth one point. The team with the most points wins!
- In the event of a tie, a “tie-breaker” question will be asked and the team to first answer the question correctly will win.
- The winning school will be awarded a “traveling trophy” to display in their school library until the next competition and each student will receive a trophy.
• All participants will be awarded participation certificates.
• Medals will be awarded to members of the second and third place teams.
• Any disputes on scores and/or accusations of cheating must be brought to the attention of the committee prior to the award ceremony.

**Competition Day Schedule**
• Arrival and Registration (Turn in photo release forms, pick up goody bags)
• Lunch
• Illustrator Sketch Off Introduction of high school students and MC
  o Students will compete in 4-5 rounds of sketches based on the MC’s instructions.
  o One winner will be chosen.
• Judging
  o Bluebonnet teams will judge Illustrator Sketch Off in a gallery walk.
  o High School students and High School Librarians will judge centerpieces.
• Introduction of the competition, teams, and host
• Competition begins! The scores will be tallied by the software used for the quiz. 40+ questions (approximately 2 per book)
• Any tie breakers
• Awards
  o The top three teams will be announced starting with 3rd place, 2nd place and 1st place teams.
  o The winner of the Illustrator Sketch Off will be announced.
  o The winner of the Librarian Bluebonnet Display competition will be announced.
  o The winner of the SISD Distinguished Library Administrator Award will be announced
  o Spirit Awards will be given to one team per feeder pattern who best demonstrate teamwork and behavior.
• Closing Remarks and Thank You

**Responsibilities of the Master of Ceremonies**
• Ms. Borrego will be emcee.
• Brief welcome for students that includes the importance of reading.
• Read aloud all questions and answer choices.
• Questions will be provided in large text to easily read while moving around the room.

**Master of Ceremonies**
• Superintendent welcome and kickoff
• The award ceremony can be presented by all administrators in attendance.
High School Sketch-Off

- High schools will submit ONE exceptional illustrator/sketch artist. It is up to the schools to determine the process for choosing the student. A campus sketch-off is one suggestion.
- During the Battle of the Bluebonnets the students will compete against other high school illustrators in this impromptu activity.
- Participants will be asked to draw based on a variety of factors inspired by the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List:
  - illustrator styles from picture books
  - themes
  - plots
  - characters
  - setting
- Student judges will use a rubric to score and a winner will be determined.
- Winner will receive a plaque. The winning artist’s work will be displayed.
- Filming illustrators to broadcast on the large screens may be done through Periscope app or Facebook Live streaming, if possible.
Timeline

**Ask your Librarian**
Always an excellent resource whenever you have a question!

**locate the**
TBA Master List

**choose a book**
to read from the list

**REPEAT**
until you read at least 5 TBA books

**take notes**
to help you remember the story later

**Record**
the title of the book when you finish it

**Can’t finish the book?**
**Try a different one!**

**Complete by the New Year! 2018**

**vote**
for your favorite by the end of January

**Try out**
for the Battle of the Bluebonnets Team for your school

**Review together**
to prepare for competition

**SISD Battle of the Bluebonnets**
February 23, 2018 @ the DSC

*TBA = Texas Bluebonnet Award*
Forms
Bluebonnet Team Registration Form 2017-2018

School Name:  (Type here)

Librarian:  (Type here)  Lunch:  (Type here)

Team Members
Print or Type the names of each student. Spelling is important for certificates and possible media appearances. There must be at least one member from each grade and no more than five members.

3rd Grader:  (Type here)  ID:  (Type here)  Lunch:  (Type here)

4th Grader:  (Type here)  ID:  (Type here)  Lunch:  (Type here)

5th Grader:  (Type here)  ID:  (Type here)  Lunch:  (Type here)

Grader:  (Type here)  ID:  (Type here)  Lunch:  (Type here)

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Grader:  (Type here)  ID:  (Type here)  Lunch:  (Type here)

Bring a copy of a signed Photo Release form to the competition for each student.

Complete this form and email to mpayne@sisd.net by Feb. 9, 2018 to ensure your team members receive their official certificate.

Reminders for competition:

1. Have team members eat prior to the scheduled bus pick up.
2. Due to limited space, parents will not be able to attend.
3. Bring a school/team inspired centerpiece for your table; do not exceed 18” in height.
Student Name:

Your child has been selected to represent their school in the Socorro ISD Battle of the Bluebonnets competition that will take place at the District Service Center (DSC) on February 23, 2018 from 12pm-4pm! Students will be bused to the location with their team where they will demonstrate their knowledge of the books they have read from the Texas Bluebonnet Award list. With twenty-eight schools participating we will not have room to accommodate an audience. Instead, please make arrangements for your child to be picked up from the District Service Center by 4:00pm. Contact your child’s librarian for more specific information.

By signing below I give permission for my child to: (check all that apply)

______ Attend the competition

______ Ride the bus to the DSC (buses will pick up from multiple campuses)

______ Have their picture taken and shared online or be interviewed by the media

After event transportation: (check one)

______ I will pick up my child from the District Service Center by 4 PM on Friday, February 23, 2018.

Contact #: ________________________________________________________________

______ My child has permission to ride home with: (please print)

Name: ____________________________________________

Relationship: ____________________________

Contact #: ____________________________

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Parent Signature ____________________________ Date __________

Please choose from the following menu options:

______ Ham sandwich

______ Turkey sandwich

______ Special dietary needs - please specify: ____________________________
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### Illustrator

Print or Type the name of the student. Spelling is important for certificates. Include pronunciation if necessary.

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Provide a brief biography of the student to be used during their introduction and in the competition program. (100-150 words)

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Bring a copy of a signed Photo Release form to the competition.

Complete this form and email to mpayne@sisd.net by Feb 9, 2018. Each campus can only submit one illustrator.
Centerpiece Rubric

SCHOOL NAME: ____________________________________

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<td>Evidence of student made work</td>
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<td>Promotes the Winning book</td>
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TOTAL POINTS: ________________________________