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Hanover County Public Schools Holds Annual Reading Olympians Competition

County-wide competition tests middle school students on their knowledge of 30 books.

MECHANICSVILLE, Va. – Hanover County Public Schools held its annual county-wide Reading Olympians competition on March 2 at Chickahominy Middle School. A total of 159 students on 16 teams representing all four middle schools competed for the gold. The teams represented the top four winners from each of the previously held middle school competitions.

The winner of the competition was team "Plot Twisters" from Chickahominy Middle School. Rounding out the top four spots were "Word" from Chickahominy Middle School (second place), "Reading Rebels" from Stonewall Jackson Middle School (third place), and "Reading Rainbows" from Chickahominy Middle School (fourth place).

Reading Olympians is an academic competition that requires teams to read and be able to recall facts from 30 different books. Each team is made up of no more than 12 members. The book list is comprised of titles chosen by school librarians. The book list is distributed to team coaches prior to summer break. Participants read and re-read the selections for six to ten months to prepare for the competitions.

The Hanover Education Foundation (HEF) sponsors the event and provides Hanover County middle schools with copies of each book for the teams. The HEF also sponsors Reading Olympics teams at the elementary level. The goal of the competition is to help students showcase their comprehension skills and to celebrate their love of reading.

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