

Walnut Grove Breakfast Book Club (BBC) 2009-2010

BBC - What is Breakfast Book Club?

We are excited to enter our third year of the BBC at Walnut Grove! The BBC emphasizes reading for fun in a social setting. It is open to all skill levels for students in grades 1-5. Members will receive their first book in September. They should read the book, or have the book read to them, at home and come prepared to discuss the book with their small group in October. At each meeting, they will receive the next book. The books are theirs to keep.

BOOKS - Who selects the books?

The BBC Coordinators select the books carefully drawing on input from children's literature resources such as the ALA (American Library Association), regional librarians, and educators' recommendations. We also take into account our members' feedback. The books are chosen to be fun to read and to provoke, lively and interesting discussion. Some books may be above or below your child's reading level, all students are free to read the books independently or with their parents.

LEADERS - Who leads the discussion groups?

Parent volunteers go through a training session to lead the discussion groups. Methods for engaging different personalities in a supportive manner are an important component of the training program. Volunteers must be cleared through the school district screening process. We need Leaders and Substitutes. Our volunteers make it fun for the kids, while having fun themselves – come and join us!

GROUPS - How are the groups determined?

Children are grouped by grade level. We try to have at least two boys and two girls for each group, and to group the students with a classmate or two. Committee members are not privy to any information regarding students' academic skills. *Because BBC is not an academic program, reading skills and abilities are not part of the criteria used to form the groups.*

COST - How much does the program cost?

The fee for the program is still \$50.00 for the year. This includes the costs of the books, breakfast (juice, donuts, fruit, bagels, or muffins) and administrative expenses. The Walnut Grove office administers our accounting.

TIME - When does the BBC meet?

The BBC meets 7 times over the school year on a Wednesday morning from 8:15 until 9:00 am on dates to be determined. In order to ensure student safety, participants must be signed in EACH time by an ADULT. There is NO supervision of students prior to 8:15 and we need to be sure of who is in attendance.

FIRST BOOK - How do I get my first book?

The first book will be delivered to your child's classroom in September. The dates for all the meetings will be emailed to you as soon as the school office has approved them. Your child's name and the first meeting date will be labeled on the front of their book. You will receive an email reminder a few days before each breakfast book club meeting.

How do I sign up?

If you and your child think this program is right for you, please complete the registration form attached (one for each child) with a check made payable to "Walnut Grove School". (NOT PTA) The closing date for registration is September the 4th. You may register and pay at the BBC table on Walk-Thru Registration or hand in payment and registration to the Breakfast Book Club Box at the school office.

Contact Keely Parrack: k.parrack@comcast.net with any questions.

Walnut Grove Breakfast Book Club Registration Form

Checks payable to "Walnut Grove School"

Student Name _____

Male ____ Female ____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

To be placed with (cannot be guaranteed) Name of friend/s _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Home Phone(s) _____

Cell or Work phone number(s) (where parents can be reached during BBC)

Email address(es) (we communicate via email)

Choose a volunteer position:

Group Leader _____ Substitute Group Leader _____ Food Team _____

Child's food allergies (please indicate if there are none):

I hereby give my permission for the above named child to participate in Walnut Grove Breakfast Book Club. I understand that this is NOT an academic program, but an extracurricular activity that promotes reading for pleasure in a social setting. I agree to have an adult sign my child in at EVERY meeting. Attached please find my check for \$50.00 made payable to "Walnut Grove School".

Please note: scholarships are available to those who are in need.

Parent or Guardian

Date