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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are kicking off the The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Program in the Media Center! The students have been learning about the Black-Eyed Susan Award and this year's nominated books. Please see the FAQ's below for more information about this voluntary reading program.

Sincerely,
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FAQs

What is the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award?

The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award (BES) is a children's choice award for the state of Maryland. The BES Award honors outstanding picture books, graphic novels and chapter books for children. Each year 15 picture books, 10 Grade 4-6 chapter books and 10 Grade 4-6 graphic novels are nominated (there are also middle school and high school categories). Students in the state of Maryland vote for their favorite book to help select the winners – that is what makes the BES Award so exciting - kids pick the winner!

How does this affect my child?

Participation in this book award program is voluntary. In order to vote for their favorite books, the students must have read or listened to at least 8 of the 15 nominated picture books and/or at least 3 of the 10 nominated chapter books and/or 3 of the 10 nominated graphic novels. Voting will take place in April. There are several copies of each book in the Media Center for students to check out. These books are also available at the Montgomery County Public Libraries.

How does this affect me as a parent?

Just encourage your children to read the nominated books and if needed help them keep track of what they read.

For more information and a list of all the nominated books go to the MASL website:
<http://maslmd.org/2018-2019-black-eyed-susan-book-award-nominees/>
or scroll down to 2nd page

Black-Eyed Susan Award 2019-2020 Nominees

Picture Books

Ben-Barak, Idan – Do Not Lick This Book: *It's Full of Germs
de la Pena, Matt – Carmela Full of Wishes
Doerrfeld, Cori – The Rabbit Listened
Fogliano, Julie – A House That Once Was
Higgins, Ryan T – We Don't Eat Our Classmates!
Kerascoet – I Walk with Vanessa: a Story About a Simple Act of Kindness
Le, Minh – Drawn Together
Lilly, Elizabeth – Geraldine
Messner, Kate – The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs
Montgomery, Sy – Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home
Pimentel, Annette Bay – Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon
Rex, Adam – Are You Scared, Darth Vader?
Wade Stef – A Place for Pluto
Wallace, Sandra Neil – Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery
Woodson, Jacqueline – The Day You Begin

Grades 4-6

Auxier, Jonathan – Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster
Bowling, Dusti – 24 Hours in Nowhere
Connor, Leslie – The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle
Creech, Sharon – Saving Winslow
Fleming, Candace – Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen
Magoon, Kekla – The Season of Styx Malone
Mass, Wendy & Rebecca Stead – Bob
Oppel, Kenneth – Inkling
Swanson, Matthew & Robbi Behr – The Real McCoys
Yang, Kelly – Front Desk

Graphic Novels: Grades 4-6

Boothby, Ian – Sparks!
Breach, Jen – Clem Hetherington and the Ironwood Race
Brooks, Molly – Sanity & Tallulah
Hernandez, Jaime – The Dragon Slayer: Folktales from Latin America
Jun, Nie – My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder
Marsden, Mariah – Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel
Mercado, Yehudi – Sci-Fu: Kick It Off
Scott, Mirghread – The City on the Other Side
Tatulli, Mark – Short and Skinny
Utkin, Alexander – Gamayun Tales: The King of Birds