

WHITTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students of Whittier Middle School:

Welcome to **Whittier Middle School's Maine Student Book Award and Tarin Reading Challenge!** Our challenge for next year challenges you, as a middle school, to read a total of at least 1500 books. In addition, the seventh and eighth grades will be competing against each other to see which grade can read the most books as well as the most **Maine Student Book Award**-nominated books!

Over the course of the year, the library will be hosting some fun events in honor of our cool reading challenge! If you meet that challenge and read at least 1500 books as a middle school, you will be able to help choose something crazy to make your principal, Mr. Vincent, do at the end of the school year! In previous years, he has had to shave his hair into a mohawk and dye it purple, had to pirouette around the gym in a ballet tutu, taken a pie in the face, been dunked in a dunk tank, and danced the chicken dance in a chicken suit among other things! He is a great guy and a willing participant!

To get the challenge rolling, the Poland Regional High School/Bruce Whittier Middle School library challenges you to read a lot of books this summer! As you read, write each book title on your **Maine Student Book Award/Tarin Challenge summer reading bookmark**. In September, the library will be hosting a party for all students who return their summer reading bookmarks! Remember, all the books that you read during this summer count toward next year's challenge!

The Whittier Middle School teachers also want to encourage you to read at least one personal reading book of your choice over the summer. This choice book should be added to your **Maine Student Book Award/Tarin Challenge summer reading bookmark** and will count toward the library's fun reading challenge! When you return to school, your English Language Arts teacher will be collecting your summer reading bookmarks and will expect you to be ready to share information about at least one of the books that you have read.

Attached you will find your summer reading Maine Student Book Award and Tarin Challenge bookmark to record your summer reading (including a choice book for your language arts teacher), a list of the 2020-2021 Maine Student Book Award nominees, and a cool scratch 'n sniff bookmark!

In the fall, you will learn more about the 2020-2021 reading challenge! Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Don't forget to record the books you read this summer, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you in September! Happy Reading!!

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