

VIRTUAL BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2021

Bellows Spring  **Battle of the Books**



A UNIVERSE OF BOOKS  **Dunkin' in Books**
Bellows Runs on Readin'

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Tonight's Goals

- Goals for students
- Coach's responsibilities
- New this year - author event, appearances, no scoring
- Logistics and rules for virtual event
- Digital Poster Parade – Google Jamboard Collaboration; files due by 3/31 (Dropbox)
- Important dates
- Parent responsibilities



Goals for Students

- Build teamwork skills
- Learn good sportsmanship skills
- Recognize their patience, integrity, and resilience to participate virtually
- Read different genres (example, science fiction, graphic novels, nonfiction)
- Increase reading comprehension
- Have fun!

Coaches

- NEW: Create Google Jamboard team poster for digital parade
- NEW: Ensure members know your **team number** for the event breakouts.
- NEW: Ensure access to Zoom web browser (or Zoom client 5.2+) for all members
- NEW: Set View to Side-by-Side Gallery in Zoom
- Build team spirit and encourage good sportsmanship among your team members
- Convey information from HCLS to team members and their parents
- Respond to communications from HCLS in a timely manner



Prepare for the Battle

- Hold mock battles or “Jeopardy” style games based on the books.
- Have students compose practice questions to quiz each other during the meetings. Remember questions on all parts of the books are valid.
- Contact your school’s media specialist to determine if other teams from your school are participating so you can practice together.
- Costumes, digital team posters, and BOB virtual background are optional this year.

Sample Types of Questions

The answer to any type of question is always the title of the book and the author.

A direct quote from one of the characters

Q: "I am nothing but a half-crazed, feather-headed old maid."

A: *Ghosts I Have Been* by Richard Peck

Q: "What is a library?"

A: *Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair* by Patricia Polacco

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A statement about something that happens in the book

Q: In which book does a family's special friend arrive inside the coat of a man looking for a job?

A: *How It Was With Dooms* by Xan Hopcraft

Q: In which book do we learn that King Louis XIV had a collection of 413 different beds?

A: *Complete Book of the Night* by Sally Tagholm

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A passage directly from the book

Q: “Her hair was yellow and her face was yellow because she had always been ill in one way or another.”

A: *Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Q: “Out of all of his dreams, his was the one he liked the best, even if it seemed to be the one most out of his reach.”

A: *Heat* by Mike Lupica

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Details about an illustration or picture

Q: In which book does a nasty lady wear crescent moon earrings?

A: *Frog Prince Continued* by Jon Scieszka

Q: In which book will you find illustrations of water ballet moves? A: *Regarding the Fountain* by Kate Kilse

New this year!

- Q&A with Kekla Magoon, author of *The Season of Styx Malone*
Wednesday, April 14
3:30 – 4 pm
Registration opens March 30
- Five guest author appearances in event video
- No scoring this year - tabulation by Zoom polling for fun
- Teams, coaches, and staff only. No forum or space for spectators.



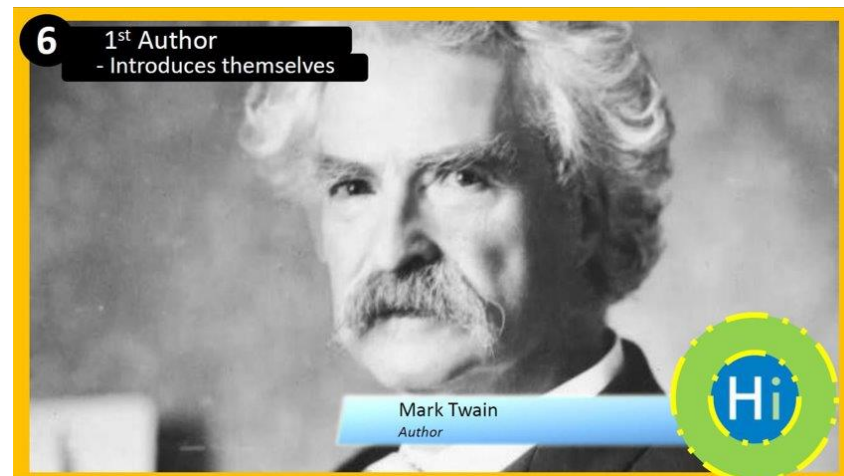
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the Season of Styx Malone
KEKLA MAGOON

The poster features a photograph of Kekla Magoon on the left, the event details in the center, and the book cover on the right. The book cover shows a young boy wearing a red baseball cap and glasses, with the title 'the Season of Styx Malone' and the author's name 'KEKLA MAGOON'.



6 1st Author
- Introduces themselves

Mark Twain
Author

Hi

The slide features a black and white portrait of Mark Twain. A black box in the top left corner contains the number '6' and the text '1st Author - Introduces themselves'. A blue box at the bottom left identifies him as 'Mark Twain Author'. A green circular graphic with a white border and the word 'Hi' is in the bottom right corner.

Zoom Set-up

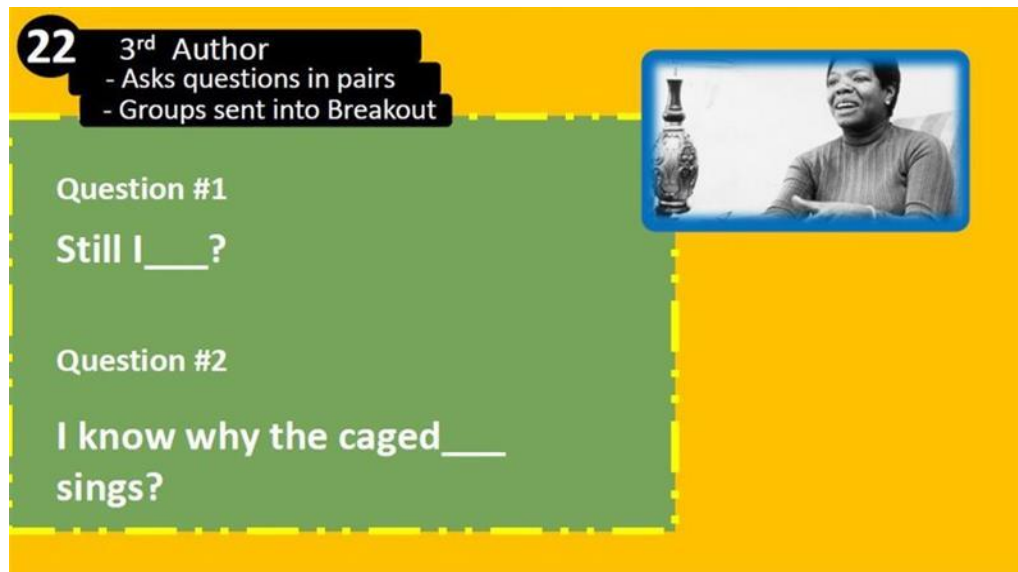
- For HCPSS-issued Chromebooks, use the web version of Zoom.
- For any other device, update Zoom Client (Version 5.2 or later) the week before the event.
- Set-up night of the event:
 - **Zoom display name** format must be team number followed by team name ("**# Team Name**") - **for breakout rooms 1- 43 per Zoom**
 - Coach display name format ("**# Team Name coach**")
 - Change your name by selecting the three dots on the top right corner of your photo. ("peapod" or "snowman")
 - If using Zoom Client, set View to: Side-by-Side Gallery (to see full video)
 - Video is optional for privacy. We will provide optional virtual background.

Zoom Set-up

- Log on 15 minutes early to get settled, account for all team members, and change display names: (# Team Name) (#Team Name coach)
- Zoom participant link will be sent in email by location the week of the event. Do NOT share this link with anyone outside of your team.
- Participants will be muted and can chat to event staff only.
- Chat monitors and help desk staff available
- Captioning services provided for each Zoom location
- 256 teams across six different Zoom locations

How does it work?


- 40 total questions (includes 4 bonuses), 4 Rounds
- The Battle includes at least one question about each book.
- Guest author asks two questions about the books (displayed)



22 3rd Author
- Asks questions in pairs
- Groups sent into Breakout

Question #1
Still I ___?

Question #2
I know why the caged ___
sings?



- Teams sent to assigned breakout room 1-43 (based on number in display name - "5 Team Name")
- Both questions also broadcast to breakout rooms
- Teams have 2 minutes to discuss both answers

How does it work?

- Teams will be returned to main room to enter answers in poll (designate one person to enter poll, track on answer sheet)
- Author reads both answers, poll results displayed on screen

15 2nd Author
- Share polling results

POLLING RESULTS



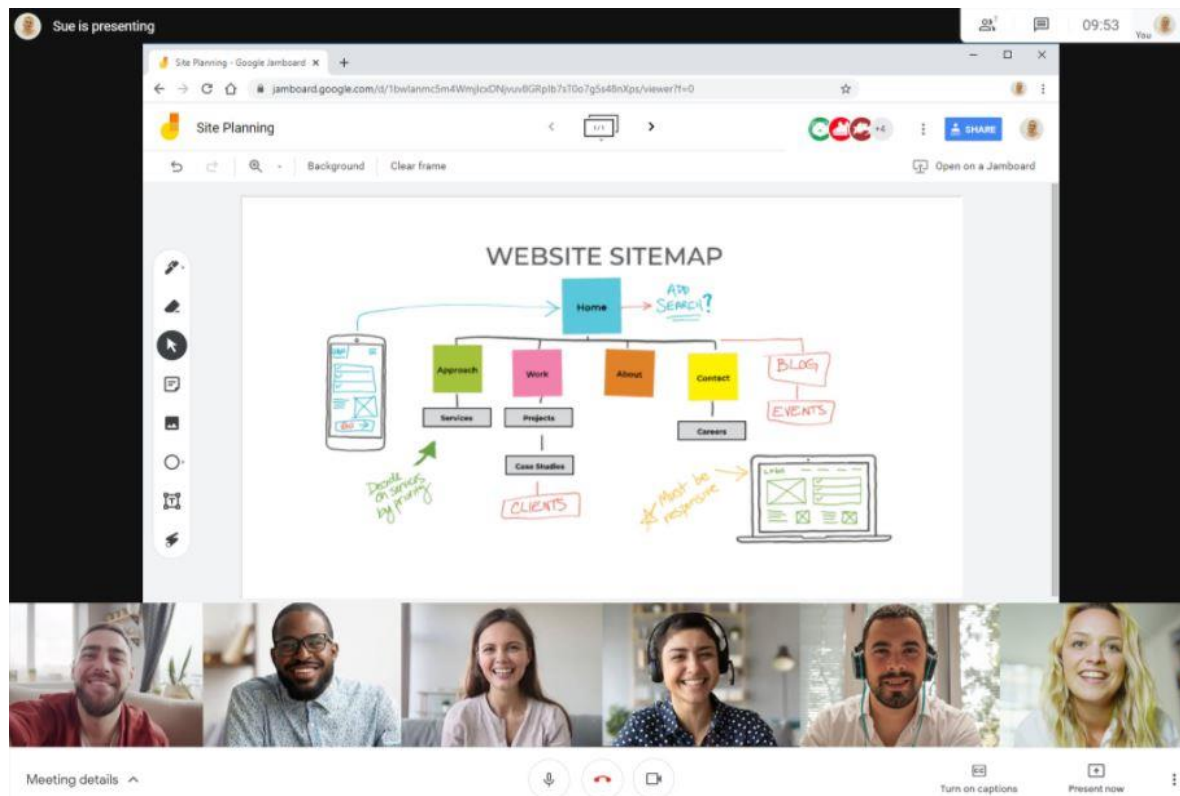
Question	Option	Percentage
1. What was the Cat wearing on his head?	A. Wig	100%
	B. Hat	0%
	C. Nothing	0%
	D. Hair	0%
2. Green Eggs and? (Multiple choice)	A. Cheese	100%
	B. Turkey	0%
	C. Ham	0%
	None of the Above	0%

Buttons: Share Results, Go to Next Polling

- Move on to next questions for that round
- Repeat five times in each round, move to next author
- 5-minute dance break (with digital poster parade)

Digital Poster Parade

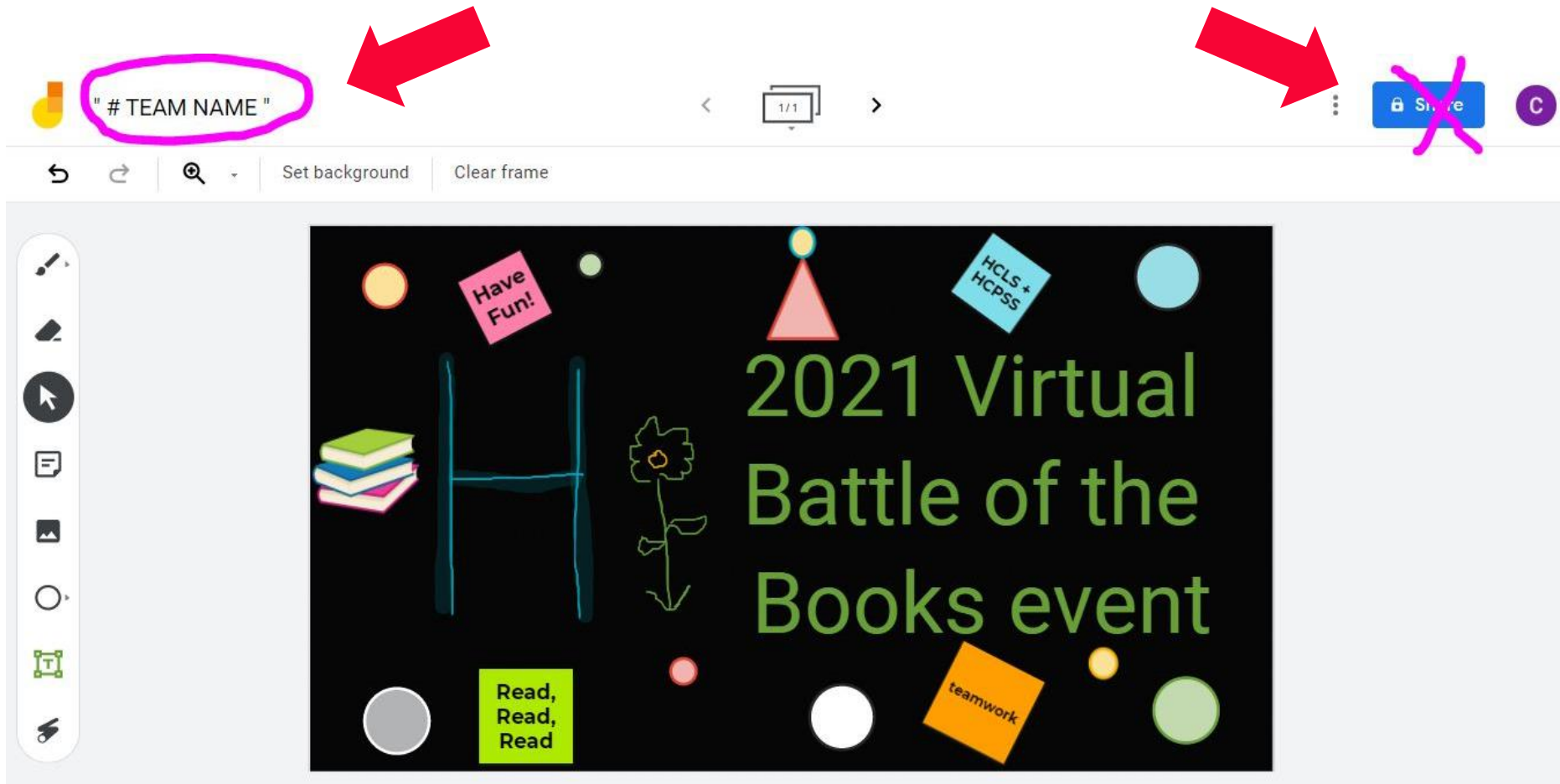
- 5-minute dance break (with digital poster parade)
- Teams may choose to collaborate remotely on [Google Jamboard](#) to create a poster for the digital parade.
- Project files due no later than March 31 at 11:59 pm (Dropbox)
- Team digital poster will be featured on screen during break



The screenshot shows a Google Jamboard session titled "Site Planning" presented by Sue. The main content is a hand-drawn "WEBSITE SITEMAP" diagram. The diagram features a central "Home" box with arrows pointing to "Approach", "Work", "About", and "Contact". "Approach" is linked to "Service" and "Projects". "Work" is linked to "Projects" and "Case Studies". "About" is linked to "Careers". "Contact" is linked to "BLOG" and "EVENTS". There are also handwritten notes: "App Search?" near Home, "Don't on service my friends" near Service, and "It must be responsive" near a laptop icon. The bottom of the screen shows a video gallery with six participants and meeting controls.

Google Jamboard

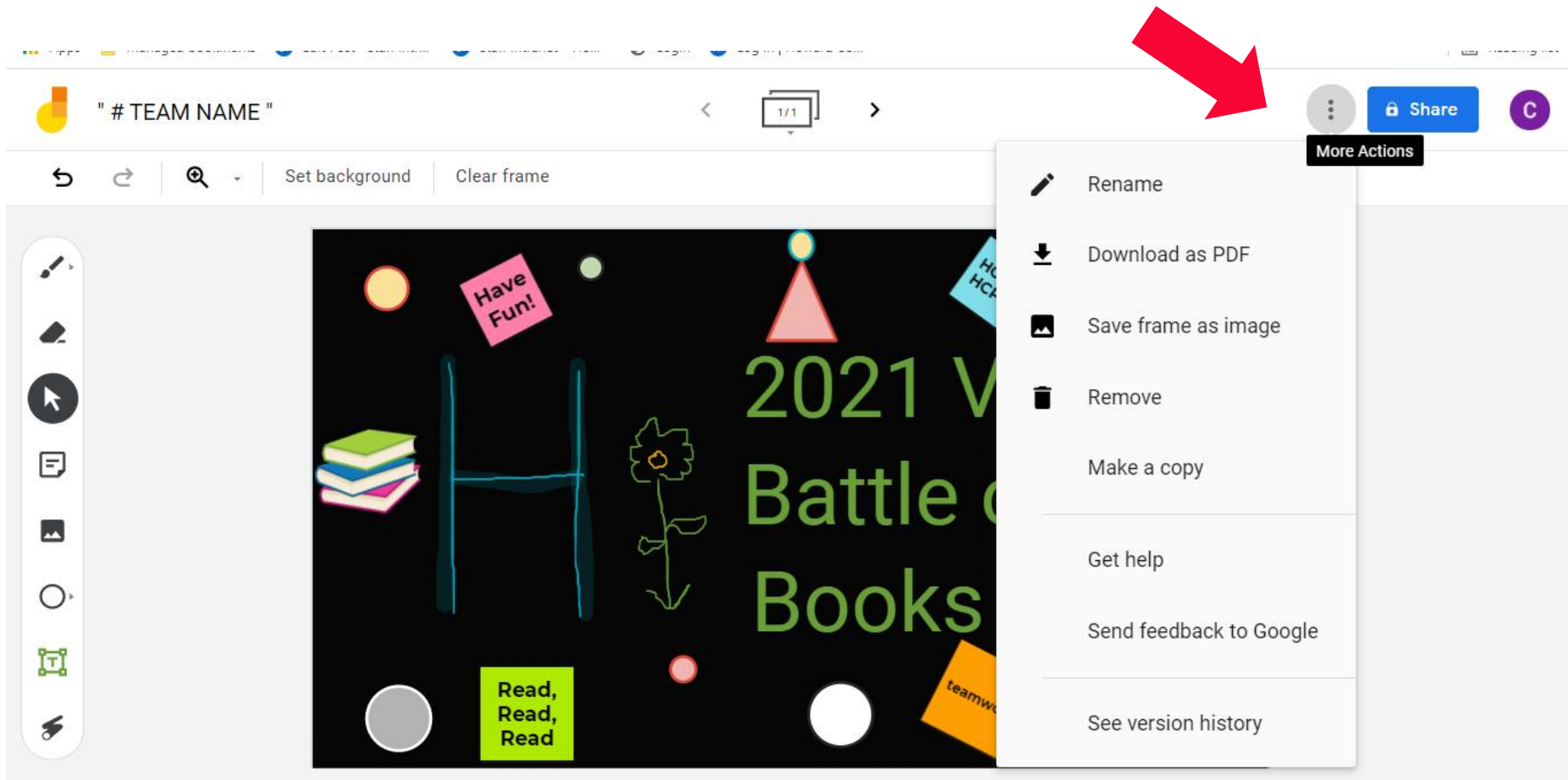
- Go to <https://jamboard.google.com/> and click "+" to create
- File name format: " # Team Name " i.e. " 5 Book Warriors"
- Do not Share the file, instead download as PDF for Dropbox.



The screenshot shows the Google Jamboard interface. At the top, the title bar displays "# TEAM NAME" in a pink oval, with a red arrow pointing to it. To the right, the "Share" button is crossed out with a pink 'X', and a red arrow points to it. Below the title bar, there are navigation icons (undo, redo, search) and buttons for "Set background" and "Clear frame". The main board area is a black canvas with various colorful elements: a stack of books, a pink sticky note saying "Have Fun!", a green sticky note saying "Read, Read, Read", a blue sticky note saying "HCLS + HCPSS", a yellow sticky note saying "teamwork", and the text "2021 Virtual Battle of the Books event" in large green letters. There are also several colored circles and a drawing of a flower.

Google Jamboard files

- Click on the three dots for "More Actions", "Download as PDF"
- Name the document "# Team Name" and upload to Dropbox
- Dropbox link: [bob digital Jamboard posters](#) by March 31.



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Important Dates

March 31

- Digital posters due – Google Jamboard files to Dropbox
- Confirm and share your team's number and name with each team member

Week of April 16

- Update Zoom client (5.2 or later)
- Practice changing all display names: " # Team Name" (i.e., "5 Book Bandits"...and "5 Book Bandits coach")

April 16

- Virtual event begins at 6 pm. Expected to end by 8 pm.
- Log on 15 minutes early to get settled and account for all team members and display names. (# Team Name) (#Team Name coach)

Parent Responsibilities

- Respond to communications from coaches in a timely manner
- Ensure access to Zoom web Browser (or Zoom Client 5.2 or later version)
- Change student's Zoom display name to "# Team Name"
- If using Zoom Client, Set View to: Side-by-Side Gallery
- Log on 15 minutes early to get settled and update name
- Upload and enable virtual background for event (optional)
- If you did not sign the photo release, turn off your child's camera.
- Check FAQs at hclibrary.org/battleofthebooks

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