

**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE at Borchardt Elementary**  
**Friday, November 21, 2008**

Dear Parents,

An exciting event is being planned at Borchardt Elementary, and you can take an active part in encouraging your child's participation. To focus Borchardt students' attention on reading for enjoyment and a greater appreciation of good books, a building-wide Book Character Parade will be held on **Friday, November 21, 2008**. **Students are being asked to choose a character from a favorite book they've read.** Once their choice is made, they may need your **limited** assistance in helping to create a costume or puppet.

**Who will be “judged”?**

... All students who **are in a costume, have a puppet, carry a prop, or have drawn a picture/poster** representing a character in a book **that the student has read** (or had read to them).

**Costumes:** (individual or group)

- **Hand-made.** Does not have to be elaborate. (**Please, no "ready-made," store-purchased, please. Students are being encouraged to be creative.**)
- Must be **book-related**.
- **May not be based on comic books, cartoons, movies, TV, or Halloween-related (no monsters, ghosts, witches, wizards, scary, Goosebumps, etc.)**
- May be made of cloth, paper, plastic, (around-the-house items), etc.
- The students will be encouraged to carry the book in the parade, but it is not mandatory.
- As an alternative to a costume, a **puppet** may be hand-made and carried in the parade, or a **poster/picture** may be drawn showing a scene from the story, or a **prop** can be carried of an item mentioned in the story.

**Judging:**

- Each class will vote on a **classroom winner** in two categories: “costumes” and “props” (puppet poster, or prop)
- From the classroom winners a panel of judges will be chose a **grade level winner** in the “costume” and “prop” categories
- Certificates will be awarded to the winners.

**Deadline:**

- The **students need to let their teacher know their choice of character...**

**FRIDAY, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement of your student's efforts. The staff is looking forward to this event being a highlight of the school year.

Your librarian,  
Mrs. Blair

Borchardt Book Character Parade  
**“Choose Your Book Character” Form**

The school-wide Book Character Parade in honor of Children’s Book Week is **Friday, November 21, 2008.**

Please discuss with your child which book character they would like to be and fill in the information below.

**Please return this page no later than....**

**Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Each teacher will be making a list of characters that will be represented in the parade to ensure that all characters are book-related and follow the guidelines that Mrs. Blair has set.

If you have questions specifically related to the parade, please contact Mrs. Blair in the library. Thank you in advance for helping us make this a great experience for your child!

Child’s name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Book \_\_\_\_\_

Book Character \_\_\_\_\_

Please **circle** what is being made/carried:

Costume

Puppet

Picture/Poster

Prop