Fifth Grade Reading Challenge Culminates at Turkey Bowl

HORSHAM – Since September, Simmons Elementary School students have been participating in the 5th Grade Reading Challenge to earn their spot as a player in the Turkey Bowl. The annual Turkey Bowl is a no-touch football game that students learned to play in their physical education classes. The pre-Thanksgiving game will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m., on the Hatboro-Horsham School District’s football field.

By reading books of their choice, students earn points in the challenge and need at least ten points to play in the Turkey Bowl. Books are worth different points based on the reading level of each student, making the goal of the reading challenge attainable for every student no matter their reading level.

“This is an opportunity to engage reluctant readers and encourage students to discover the joy in reading for pleasure.” said Elisha Gee, assistant principal at Simmons. “We were also intentional in pairing the reading incentive with the reward of a fun, physical activity with their classmates.”

The Turkey Bowl is a unique way for students to celebrate their reading accomplishments and the upcoming holiday. After the game wraps up, students will return to their classrooms for a treat of hot chocolate and cookies.

Editor’s Note: Hatboro-Horsham’s Stadium is located at the high school at 899 Horsham Road, Horsham. If you wish to cover this event, contact Kellie Dietrich at 215-884-6499.

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