



DELSEA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Delsea Middle School's English Department is pleased to announce the selection of Laurie Halse Anderson's novel, *Fever 1793*, as the summer reading choice for the 7th Grade Honors program. *Fever 1793* follows the experiences of Mattie Cook, a teenager who perseveres through the yellow fever epidemic that plagued Philadelphia in the summer of 1793. The story is about an individual's strength to persevere and grow in a world that is challenging and ever-changing.

While *Fever 1793* is required reading for the 7th Grade Honors program, students are encouraged to read as many books as they would like over the summer. The ELA teachers are strongly encouraging students to explore different voices and experiences in literature throughout the summer months.

As an added incentive, prior to the end of the school year, students are welcome to explore and borrow books from the [Delsea Middle School Media Center](#) to enjoy over the summer. Additionally, two summer evening dates will be held on Monday, July 11th and Thursday, August 11th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Delsea Middle School Media Center, where students can receive assistance from the Media Specialist when accompanied by a parent.

Finally, in lieu of a summer assignment that would typically accompany the book, upon their return in September, all 7th grade honors students will be taking an Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz on Anderson's novel, *Fever 1793*. The score and points earned from the AR quiz will count towards the students' individual reading goal for the first AR goal period of the 22-23 school year.

If you have any questions regarding the middle school's summer reading goals and expectations, please reach out to the district's Supervisor of Humanities, Dr. Michael Berner, at mberner@delsearegional.us.

Sincerely,

The English Department