

*Survivor, Dedham!*

The Reading Specialists and Librarians at all four elementary schools in Dedham are very excited to announce that all fourth and fifth graders are participating in the Massachusetts Children's Book Award Program sponsored by Salem State College. Each student is required to read any five books from a specific list sent out by Salem State College. The program runs from October to the end of February. During the month of March all students who have read the required amount of five books will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite book. The winner of this contest will be announced by Salem State College. Schools will receive a *Certificate of Participation*. The Blue Bunny, in Dedham Square, has partnered with the elementary schools. Parents and students may purchase their own personal copies of books, if they wish to do so.

The teachers, students and staff are very excited to embark in this collaborative effort to encourage our students to read. This reading incentive is the first of its kind where all students across the district work together for a common goal.

If a parent of a fourth or fifth grader has a question they may contact the Reading Specialist at their school. Avery: Cheryl Biggar; Greenlodge: Maura Dugan; Oakdale: Nancy Nichols and Kristen Cannon; Riverdale: Maureen Simonson