

# LET'S SPELL

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## Program Information

### 10:00 am Beginner Buddy Bee

Children 6 to 14 years old



- For children with no previous experience with spelling bees.
- Word list will be available prior to the event on this website.
- Paper & pen are allowed if requested.
- Two spellers at a time—buddy system
- If you do not have a buddy, you have the option to spell alone or you can be paired with another single.

*\*Top spellers from each age group move up to the Advanced Spell in the afternoon.*

### 1:30 pm Advanced Bee

Children 6 to 14 years old

- For children with previous experience with spelling bees and/or are advanced spellers.

**\* All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

#### AGE GROUPS (age as of January 31, 2012):

- 6 & 7 years old
- 8 & 9 years old
- 10 & 11 years old
- 12 t&14 years old

## About Let's Spell

- ⇒ Each speller will only be asked to spell words from their own grade and the grade above their own.
- ⇒ We will have a definition for each word and a simple sentence if the child asks for it.
- ⇒ We will try to incorporate words that they hear around the classroom.
- ⇒ We will begin with simple words and gradually progress to tougher ones.
- ⇒ This bee is not about fierce competition - it is about making the learning experience fun, exciting, and challenging.
- ⇒ Beginner Spell will have a pen and paper available for the spellers.

#### GENERAL RULES FOR SPELLERS

1. The speller should face the judges and pronounce the word before spelling it. The speller, while facing the judges, should make an effort to pronounce each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the judges.
2. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, provide the language of origin, and provide alternate pronunciations. The speller may not ask root word.
3. The judges will disqualify a speller who refuses a request to start spelling, who does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive the word, or who engages in any unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. Spellers are urged to pronounce the word before spelling, but will not be disqualified for not pronouncing the word.
5. Spellers in the beginner bee will be allowed two errors before elimination. (Two separate turns, a 'strike' will be noted beside their name on the first error then they return for the next round of words and try a new word)
6. For Spellers in the beginner bee, upon incorrectly spelling on their second turn, the speller immediately drops out of the competition. If the speller misspells the word, the judges will ring the bell. The speller will then be asked to leave the stage.
7. Spellers will never be asked to correct another speller's misspelling.