Community Board 17 Youth & Education Committee Presents The Annual Orlinda McInnis SPELLING BEE COMPETITION





Spelling bee Saturday, May 18, 2024 1:00 PM

I.S. 285 Meyer Levin Junior High School 5909 Beverly Road – Cr. Beverly & Ralph

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Youth & Education Committee Spelling Bee Competition May 18, 2024

TO: Schools, Community Residence, CBOs, Educational programs

FROM: Gail M. Grandison - Chairperson, Youth & Education Committee

DATE: April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Invitation - Spelling Bee Competition

The Youth &Education Committee of Community Board 17 is thrilled to announce the upcoming Spelling Bee Competition, scheduled for **Saturday, May 18, 2024**, from **1:00 to 6:00 pm**. The event will occur at **I.S 285 Meyer Levin Junior High School, 5909 Beverly Rd-m Cr. Beverly Rd & Ralph Avenue.**

We cordially invite all schools, residences, CBOs, and any Educational Programs within Community District 17 to participate in this exciting competition. The Spelling Bee is open to students aged 7 to 13, and judging will be across three categories: Grades 2 & 3, Grades 4 & 5, and Grades 6 & 7.

To register, interested participants can fill out an application and fax it to 718-434-3801 or drop it off at the Board's office located at 4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn, NY 11210, between Albany and E 43 St. You can also apply online: <u>https://bit.ly/3xFggrb</u>. The deadline for all applications is May 13, 2024, at the close of business.

Upon registration, participants will receive confirmation of their acceptance. Prizes will be awarded to First, Second, and Third place winners. Additionally, all participants will receive a congratulatory Certificate of Recognition.

We kindly request your assistance in sharing this invitation with all community members. Should you have any inquiries or require further information, don't hesitate to contact the Board's office at 718-434-8027.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Spelling Bee Competition and witnessing your talent.



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Youth & Education Committee SPELLING BEE APPLICATION

NAME:	GRADE:
PARENT(S) NAME:	
SCHOOL:	
ADDRESS:	APT#
CITY:	ZIP:
EMAIL ADDRESS:	(PLEASE PRINTCLEARLY)
TELEPHONE/CELL: (must be at least one parent) (Plea	ase provide a current working number)
Do we have permission to Media/Newsletter/Promot	o photograph your child for Community Board 17 tional
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1	oplication to the CB 17 office at 4112 Farrgut Road 43rd Street or fax over to 718-434-3801 by Monday,
To submit an online appli QR code below: <u>https://bi</u>	ication, please use the following link OR scan the it.ly/3xFgqrb



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Education & Youth Committee Spelling Bee Competition Rules May 2024

These rules and requirements ensure fairness and eligibility for participants in the competition. We aim to use a reliable and authoritative source for all the words. These guidelines provide consistency and adherence to the rules throughout the competition, with the judges serving as impartial arbiters of the proceedings.

Participants Grades

Grades - 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} Grades - 4^{th} & 5^{th} Grades - 6^{th} & 7^{th}

Eligibility Requirements

School/ home Location: Participants **must attend a school or live** within the specified boundaries of Community Board 17.

Grade Level: Participants must not have passed beyond seventh grade (7th) by May 2024. **Application Deadline**: Participants meeting the qualifications must submit a completed application form no later than **May 13, 2024.**

Disqualification: The board reserves the right to disqualify participants who do not comply with the eligibility requirements. This disqualification can occur at any time, including before or during the competition. If a participant is found to have not met the eligibility requirements, they may be required to forfeit any prizes or benefits.

Official Dictionary and Source of Words

The provided information establishes the Merriam-Webster online dictionary as the official dictionary and source of words for the spelling bee. Here's a breakdown of its role:

Final Authority: Merriam-Webster is the competition's ultimate authority for spelling words.

Primary Source for Crafting: It is used as the primary source for crafting pronunciations, definitions, and language origins for the competition.

Source for Prepared Lists: Merriam-Webster is the sole source used to verify information in the prepared lists for the competition.

Acceptance Criteria for Multiple Spellings: If there are multiple spellings for a word, any of these spellings will be accepted as correct if they meet three criteria: (1) identical pronunciations, (2) identical definitions, and (3) identification as standard variants of each other.

Time Constraints

These time constraints outline the rules regarding the duration of a participant's turn at the microphone during the competition:

Time Limit: Participants have a maximum of 2 minutes at the microphone. The timer starts when the pronouncer first pronounces the word. The Participant can spell the word for 1 minute and 15 seconds. **Timekeeper**: A designated timekeeper will inform the Participant about the time remaining.

No Communication in Final 30 Seconds: During the final 30 seconds of the Participant's time, judges and the pronouncer will not communicate with the Participant.

Disqualification for Incomplete Spelling: If the Participant fails to provide a complete spelling before the expiration of the allotted time, the judges will disqualify them.

Pronouncer's Role

The pronouncer facilitates the spelling bee competition by providing accurate pronunciations and necessary information to the participants. Here's a breakdown of the pronouncer's role based on the provided information:

Correct Pronunciation: The pronouncer endeavors to pronounce words according to the diacritical markings in Webster's online dictionary to ensure accuracy and consistency in pronunciation.

Homonyms: If a word has multiple homonyms, the pronouncer clarifies which word is to be spelled by defining the word.

Responding to Participant's Requests: During the oral competition, the pronouncer only responds to the Participant's requests for:

- Repetition of the word's pronunciation
- Definition of the word
- Sentence using the word
- Part of speech of the word
- Language(s) of origin of the word
- Alternate pronunciation(s) of the word

If the Participant requests alternate pronunciations, the pronouncer checks for them in Webster's dictionary. Additionally, if the Participant wants to inquire if a specific root word is listed as the root of the word to be spelled, they must specify the pronunciation of the root (not the spelling), its language, and its definition. The pronouncer accommodates these requests as long as they comply with the time constraints outlined in the rules. Overall, the pronouncer ensures fairness and clarity in the competition by providing necessary information and assistance to the participants while adhering to the established guidelines.

Judges Role

The judges play a pivotal role in maintaining the integrity and fairness of the spelling bee competition. Here's a breakdown of the judges' responsibilities based on the provided information:

- 1. **Determining Correct Spelling**: The judges carefully listen to the participants' spellings, determine whether the words are spelled correctly, and ensure adherence to the rules. Their decisions are final.
- 2. **Handling Misunderstandings**: While the judges do not respond to the Participant's questions about the word and its pronunciation, if they sense that the Participant has misunderstood the word, they direct the Participant and pronouncer to interact until reasonable attempts have been made to assist the Participant in understanding the word within the time constraints.
- 3. Addressing Pronouncer Errors: If the judges perceive that the pronouncer's pronunciation does not match the pronunciation specified in the diacritical markings, they direct the pronouncer to correct the error as soon as it is detected.
- 4. **Disqualifications for Non-Spelling Reasons**: The judges have the authority to disqualify a participant for reasons other than an apparent misspelling, including:
 - Engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - Altering the letters or sequence of letters while retracing a spelling.
 - Uttering unintelligible or nonsense sounds during the spelling process.
- 5. **Participant Activities Not Meriting Disqualification**: The judges may not disqualify a participant for activities that do not warrant disqualification, such as:
 - Failing to pronounce the word before or after spelling it.
 - Asking a question for clarification.
 - Noting or failing to mention the capitalization of a word, the presence of a diacritical mark, or the presence of punctuation like a hyphen.

Participant's Role

The Participant's role in the spelling bee competition is crucial for their successful participation. Here's an overview of their responsibilities based on the provided_information:

1. Identification: Each contestant receives an identifying number for use throughout the competition.

- 2. Stage Entry: Contestants are called to the stage to spell using their identification number.
- 3. Order of Spelling: Participants are called onto the stage to spell their words according to their grade level.
- 4. **Spelling Protocol**: The Participant faces the judges and pronounces the word before and after spelling it. Failing to pronounce the word before or after spelling it does not result in disqualification.
- 5. **Precise Spelling**: The Participant utters each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the judge.
- 6. **Requesting Assistance:** Participants may ask the pronouncer for various forms of assistance, including repeating the word, defining it, using it in a sentence, providing the part of speech, language(s) of origin, or alternate pronunciation(s).
- 7. **Responsibility for Understanding**: The Participant is responsible for any misunderstanding of the word unless:
 - The pronouncer never provided a correct pronunciation.
 - The pronouncer provided incorrect information regarding the definition, part of speech, or language of origin.
 - The Participant correctly spelled a homonym of the word, and the pronouncer failed to offer a definition or distinguish the homonyms.
- 8. **Restarting the Spelling Process:** Participants can stop at any time during the spelling process and begin again from the beginning. However, they cannot change any letters they initially started with before stopping. If any letter changes during the process, the Participant may be eliminated.

These guidelines ensure participants understand their roles and responsibilities during the competition, contributing to a fair and organized event.

Final two participants in each grade category

These rules outline the process for determining the winner among the final two participants in each grade category:

- 1. **First Participant Misses a Word**: If the first Participant misses a word, the second Participant must correctly spell that `word and then another word to win.
- 2. Second Participant Misspells a Word: If the second Participant misspells the word they were given or misspells the subsequent word, then the first Participant can spell a new word. If the first Participant spells this new word correctly, they are given yet another word to spell. If they also spell this new word correctly, they are declared the winner in that grade category.

Disqualification

These rules outline the circumstances under which participants may be disqualified from the spelling bee:

- 1. **Refusal to Start Spelling**: Participants will be disqualified if they refuse the request to start spelling as instructed by the judges.
- 2. **Failure to Approach the Microphone**: Participants will be disqualified if they do not approach the microphone when it's time to receive the word.
- 3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Participants will be disqualified if they engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 4. **Altering Spelling Sequence**: Participants will be disqualified if they change the letters or sequences of letters from those originally uttered in retracing a spelling word.
- 5. **Uttering Unintelligible or Nonsense Sounds**: Participants will be disqualified if, in the process of spelling, they utter unintelligible or nonsense sounds.
- 6. **Misspelling a Word**: Participants will be disqualified if they misspell a word.

These disqualification criteria ensure fairness and adherence to the spelling bee rules, maintaining the competition's integrity.

Online application:

https://bit.ly/3xFgqrb





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OFFICIAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION WORDS SIXTH & SEVENTH GRADES

Abbreviating	Arrogance	Digestion	Infringe	Perceivable	Squawk
Barracuda	Astonish	Disarray	Ingredient	Perceived	Stridency
Cartographers	Asylum	Disastrous	Injurious	Perceptible	Stubbornness
Classification	Aura	Disguised	Inquire	Permafrost	Suspicious
Contaminate	Avenge	Disinfectant	Insinuate	Personalities	Talisman
Contradictory	Barricade	Dissemble	Intermission	Pessimism	Tangible
Deprivation	Betrothal	Divvy	Kinsman	Petroglyphs	Temperature
Destination	Biennial	Dodecahedron	Lambasted	Phantom	Thermometer
Discriminatory	Bizarre	Duplicity	Lanai	Photogenic	Thoroughbred
Entomology	Bodega	Elegiac	Laureate	Piety	Tomahawk
Hospitality	Bolide	Elementary	League	Plagiarism	Torsion
Hypotheses	Bonsai	Embargoes	Legendary	Pliant	Transcontinental
Incandescent	Bountiful	Emblazoned	Leonine	Pontiff	Transferred
Ingenious	Bouquet	Endure	Levity	Porosity	Transmitter
Laboratory	Bric-a-brac	Equinox	Lingua franca	Potpourri	Travesty
Mandatory	Bulbous	Equivalent	Lolled	Precocious	Turmoil
Mimicking	Bulwark	Evince	Lucrative	Premonition	Ubiquitous
Neighborhood	Bureau	Exorcism	Malaise	Presumptuous	Vaccinate
Nonchalant	Bureaucratic	Expunge	Mammalian	Proceeding	Verdure
Nonessential	Camaraderie	Extinguish	Manufacture	Prognosticate	Vestigial
Pasteurize	Cantaloupe	Famished	Metamorphosis	Propulsion	Vice versa
Pediatrician	Carcinogen	Ferocious	Mileage	Psychology	Vitriolic
Penitentiary	Chancellor	Fibrous	Millionaire	Pulitzer	Vivacious
Perpendicular	Charioteer	Focaccia	Miscellaneous	Quadrillion	Vouch
Phenomenon	Charioteer	Forbidden	Mischievous	Qualms	Wattage
Pseudonym	Chicle	Freight	Mollify	Questionnaire	Wheedle
Spectacles	Christianity	Genetic	Monochrome	Queue	Winnow
Tantamount	Chrysanthemum	Genoise	Monotheistic	Ragamuffin	Xenophobia
Abstruse	Cinematic	Gesture	Morale	Rappelled	
Accommodate	Circumstantial	Gluttonous	Mortified	Rebuff	
Acknowledgement	Cohesive	Grouse	Moustache	Recoup	
Acquaintance	Colonel	Guineas	Mugwump	Recyclable	
Acrylics	Complacency	Gustatory	Mustache	Refrigerator	

Adolescent	Compression	Hackamore	Neighborly	Regnal
Adroitly	Concentration	Herculean	Netiquette	Rejuvenate
Advantageous	Congressional	Hermitage	Nigh	Respiration
Advertiser	Connoisseur	Heterogeneous	Non-communicable	Rhythmic
Aficionado	Consternation	Historical	Noticeable	Rosin
Affluent	Corduroy	Histrionics	Nurture	Rustic
Aficionado or	Correlation	Hydra	Occipital	Sapphire
Agitation	Courtier	Hyphen	Oceanography	Sauerkraut
Agitprop	Credible	Illegible	Ombudsman	Saxophone
Ailment	Crystallize	Illustrious	Ominous	Schism
Amendment	Cumbersome	Imbibe	Omnibus	Sedentary
Annihilation	Dawdle	Impending	Ostracism	Shiatsu
Anticipatory	Deforestation	Imperious	Panache	Situation
Antipathy	Denominator	Importunate	Passageway	Sloppiness
Apiary	Derivative	Incentive	Patrolling	Solar
Appellate	Descendant	Indefinitely	Pavlovian	Sororal
Armistice	Diadem	Infamous	Pentathlon	Spacious



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OFFICIAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION WORDS SECOND & THIRD GRADES

Ability	Correct	Hankering	Planning	Tenth
Actress	Cowboy	Hobby	Plastic	Thaw
Actress	Cowlick	Hollow	Ploy	Thawed
Afraid	Crackers	Honeybee	Pluck	Theater or
Afternoon	Crane	Honor	Poisonous	Theatre
Airplanes	Crayon	Hotel	Polite	There
Alarm	Crime	Hungry	Poor	They're
Alpha	Cursive	lcon	Popcorn	Transform
Amber	Deaf	Inched	Portray	Travel
Amend	Deaf	Infant	Possible	Treasures
Amuse	Delighted	Insight	Pouch	Tuesday
Animals	Deputy	lvory	Predict	Turnip
Annoyed	Detective	Joyful	Prefix	Uncommon
Another	Dictate	Kindness	Princely	Urban
Aren't	Dishes	Knock	Prize	View
Argument	Dislike	Ladder	Property	Violin
Arrow	Displaced	Landslide	Publish	Violinist
Award	Divine	Lasso	Pulp	Weather
Bacon	Doctor	Letter	Quilt	Wee
Bait	Don't	Ledge	Rabbits	Well-off
Balloon	Dragon	Lesson	Really	Wheel
Band	Drink	Limited	Remarked	Why
Barge	Eggplant	Link	Repaint	Wildlife
Beautiful	Elbow	Loaf	Respect	Windshield
Bebop	Employer	Loaf	Rest	Yellow
Because	Empower	Lumberjack	Retire	Yonder
Bedtime	Energy	Lunchroom	Royal	
Behind	Family	Magnet	Royal	
Beneath	Father	Market	Safety	
Birthday	Fence	Member	Saying	
Bloomed	Field	Million	Scarecrow	
Both	Flavor	Minority	Scared	
Breakfast	Flower	Misery	Scorpion	

Brew	Flung	Mister	Second
Bright	Foray	Monster	Selfish
Broken	Freeze	Morning	Shadow
Bucket	Frump	Mortal	Shark
Bumpy	Frying	Motion	Shortfall
Cactus	Fuel	Nineteen	Shout
Cactus	Given	Olive	Shrimp
Chalk	Glass	Overheard	Slide
Change	Glitter	Owner	So-called
Chimney	Glue	Parkway	Software
Christmas	Grabbed	Partner	Soggy
Classroom	Grace	Pastel	Started
Clock	Gradual	Payment	Strange
Coal	Grim	Peddle	Stuck
Comma	Groove	Pencil	Summer
Composer	Group	Penny	Survey
Confess	Halloween	Piracy	Тасо



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OFFICIAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION WORDS FOURTH & FIFTH GRADES

Advisable	Detective	Horror	Moviegoer	Sororal
Accessible	Dictate	Horsemanship	Necessary	Sought
Agitation	Disadvantage	Humorist	Nineteen	Southern
Ailment	Disarray	Hydra	Nonfiction	Spacecraft
Allowance	Disheveled	Ignorance	Numbered	Spreadsheet
Alpha	Dissemble	Imagination	Numeral	Statute
Alteration	Distraught	Imbibe	Obsidian	Strength
Anchorman	Divine	Incentive	Owner	Stubble
Annoyance	Domain	Infamous	Payment	Stubborn
Another	Dragnet	Infant	Peddle	Swagger
Antipathy	Dragnet	Infringe	Permafrost	Swagger
Apiary	Duplicity	Innocent	Permission	Talisman
Apparent	Earthquake	Insight	Piety	Taught
Aren't	Elude	Introverted	Piracy	Thawed
Arrow	Empower	Issue	Pliant	Theater
Astonish	Encouragement	Journal	Podium	Theatre
Astronaut	Endure	Journey	Pontiff	Tornadoes
Attitude	Engineer	Joust	Possible	Transform
Avenge	Enjoyment	Kinsman	Powerless	Transportation
Awash	Entrance	Knock	Predict	Trifle
Basically	Enviable	Lanai	Prehistoric	Trouble
Bassoon	Equinox	Landslide	Premium	Tuesday
Bassoon	Eternity	Laughter	Presence	Turmoil
Batteries	Eternity	Launch	Previous	Underestimate
Beautifully	Examination	Lawyer	Property	Unfortunately
Bebop	Except	Laziest	Publish	Uppity
Bloodhound	Expunge	Ledge	Pulitzer	Vivacious
Bolide	Flamboyant	Leeway	Qualms	Vouch
Bombard	Flung	Legacy	Quaver	Wattage
Brilliant	Foray	Legend	Raccoon	Weight
Bulwark	Forbidden	Length	Rarely	Whimper
Canyon	Fouled	Levity	Rebuff	Wren
Carriage	Freight	Logical	Receive	Yeast

Cautiously	Frump	Lolled	Rehearse
Celebration	Fuel	Lumberjack	Resemblance
Character	Furniture	Magnificent	Responsible
Cheapskate	Gangster	Manufacture	Schedule
Chemical	Genetic	Measurement	Science
Chicle	Glisten	Melody	Scornfully
Chimney	Gorgon	Member	Scorpion
Cinematic	Government	Merge	Shiatsu
Clearance	Gradual	Method	Shortfall
Cohesive	Guidance	Midsection	Shrimp
Composer	Halloween	Million	Situation
Confess	Handkerchiefs	Minority	Sketch
Consternation	Hankering	Mispronounce	Smarts
Constitution	Helicopter	Mollify	Smoothie
Correlation	Historical	Morale	Smoothly
Cowlick	Hollow	Mortal	So-called
Depict	Hooligan	Motion	Software