



FREEDOM HILL PTA SCHOOL-WIDE SPELLING BEE

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPELLING BEE IS TO HELP STUDENTS:

- *IMPROVE THEIR SPELLING*
 - *INCREASE THEIR VOCABULARY*
 - *LEARN CONCEPTS, AND TO*
 - *DEVELOP CORRECT ENGLISH USAGE THAT WILL HELP THEM ALL THEIR LIVES*
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- During the period November 17-26, first through sixth grade classrooms will hold a classroom spelling test conducted by the teacher. Each teacher will use the School Spelling Bee study lists supplied by Scripps Spelling Bee.
 - The top two spellers from each class will participate in the school bee, which will be held after school in early February. If your child is selected to participate, he/she will be sent home with instructions on how he/she can prepare for the school bee. All finalists will have an opportunity to participate in one practice round held at school. There will be no participation fees for this event.
 - The school champion will advance to the Fairfax County Bee to be held on March 22nd at Lanier Middle School. The winner of the Fairfax County Bee will have the honor of participating in the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. at the end of May 2014.
 - To help your child prepare, we have included a list of 450 words for grades 1-8, provided by the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Grade-appropriate sections have been marked with numbers 1-8. The classroom spelling tests will use words exclusively from this list, as well as the first few rounds of the School Bee. If you would like to receive additional study materials (including the Spell It and vocabulary guides), please email thyaga.n@gmail.com. Please consult the Scripps National Spelling Bee website for general information and study tips at www.spellingbee.com.
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