



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 9-20, 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, which are also available at <https://sites.google.com/site/spellingclubfhes/>. Only grade-appropriate words will be used to test students in this round. For example, a third grader will be tested only on words flagged for Grades 1 – 3 from this list.
 - 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. There will be no participation fees for this event. Study materials for this will be made available at the above website by the end of November 2015.
 - The school champion will advance to the Fairfax County Bee to be held on March 13th, 2016, at Lanier Middle School in Fairfax. 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 2016.
 - 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. 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 view additional study materials (including the Spell It and vocabulary guides), please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/spellingclubfhes/>
 - Please consult the Scripps National Spelling Bee website for general information, rules and study tips at www.spellingbee.com. Study materials and other supplementary guides can also be accessed by signing up for the **Word Club** at this website.
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