



Bee a Part of the BUZZ! Join IPEI's 16th Annual Adult Spelling Bee

IPEI invites you to join an exciting family-friendly event that occurs only once a year—our annual Adult Spelling Bee. This year's event is scheduled for **Sunday, March 2, 2014,** at 2:00 p.m. in the Ithaca High School Wellness Center Gym.

This community event is run like an official spelling bee, with rules, a pronouncer, an MC, a timekeeper, and judges. Spelling teams consist of three members. While some teams are able to sponsor themselves, others seek sponsors to help with the entry fee of \$375 (or \$125 per team member).

In addition to being good fun and intellectually stimulating, the Bee is IPEI's signature fundraising event. Thanks to our event sponsors, all proceeds from the event go directly toward funding IPEI grants for teachers.

According to data collected last year, IPEI grants strongly impact student engagement evidenced by verbal and physical participation and excitement in learning. In addition, teachers express how IPEI grants have enhanced their efforts to give Ithaca students the very best educational experiences possible.

Although the Spelling Bee has had great community support in the past, we hope to increase participation

from our school communities—teachers, principals, parents, and PTAs. Last year's participants included the Ithaca Teachers Association, ICSD administrators, Fall Creek Elementary School, the ICSD Board of Education, Lehman Alternative Community School, the Fine Arts Booster Group, and parents of Ithaca High School Code Red Robotics students. We have 24 teams, so there's room for many more!

Whether you're a teacher, principal, PTA leader, or parent, we hope you will be a part of this year's Spelling Bee—as a team member, sponsor, or attendee! We need your support.

Additional information and entry forms are available on our web site—www.ipei.org (click on "Events"). Please contact Judgist if you have any questions.

