Celebrating IPEI’s 21st Annual Adult Spelling Bee

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019
2:00 PM
ITHACA HIGH SCHOOL
WELLNESS CENTER GYM

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The Board of Directors of the Ithaca Public Education Initiative would like to thank the following people for helping make “The Bee” a reality!

Host: Jean McPheeters
Pronouncer: Geoff Dunn
King Bee: Ralph Jones
Timekeeper: Brian Kunk-Czaplicki
Judges: Jerry Dietz, Deborah Lynn, Joel Malina, Alyssa O’Connor, David Shapiro, Bintu Sidiki, Lauren Stefanelli
Event Sponsors: Anonymous, Cornell University Office of Community Relations, Tompkins Trust Company, McCormick’s at Moakley House
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Event Set-up: Jeff Holcomb and the Ithaca High School custodial staff
Sound System: Barny Cole, Calf Audio
Advertising & Design: Torri Bennington, Westhill Graphics
Event Supplies: Auburn Party Rental
Photographer: Eldon Lindsay
Photo Booth: Remembox by Allison Usavage
Volunteer Support: IPEI Board Members and Friends
Student Volunteers: Ithaca High School Code Red Robotics

Ithaca High School has a state-of-the-art television production facility and course in Digital Media. Students get the opportunity to produce shows in a real-world environment for the web and for cable. Special thanks to IHS teacher Jon Shyne and his students. Through their work, today’s Bee competitors are being interviewed and the full event is being videotaped for live viewing and to be watched afterwards via IPEI’s YouTube channel.

THANK YOU!
# IPEI Adult Spelling Bee Teams

## Round 1

### First Congo Bees
Jacquie Kaden, Jennifer Visscher, Andrew Weislogel
Sponsored By: First Congregational Church

### Team CFCU
Sheldon Kinar, Kari Aldrich, Kevin McGinn
Sponsored By: CFCU

### Bee-wildered TTCers
Courtney Reinhart, Debi Hoover, Ashley Chambers
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### The Spellitects
Christopher Glaubitz, Thomas Moorhoff, Matthew Reilly
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### Fine Arts “Word” Boosters
Martha Frommelt, Michelle Hitz, Daphne Shululu
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### Book Spell Keepers
Kira Elmore, Tony Elmore, Kirsty Simonds
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### Don’t Stop Bee-lievin
Aubryn Sidle, Emily Baker, Alena Fast
Sponsored By: Crowdfunding

## Round 2

### Howard Hanna’s Highway to Spell
Helen Ann Yunis, Susan Lewis, Ellen Morris-Knower
Sponsored By: Howard Hanna

### Wegmans Wordsmiths
Paul Lee, Brad Meaker, Bob Ferrara
Sponsored By: Wegmans

### We’re Just Winging It
Margaret Bruns, Joe Coolunio, Ryan Shaw
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### Oh, BEE-have
Dave Ashton, John Summers, Mike Brindisi
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### We Spell Krazy Good
Monica Sandreczki, Sam Goodyear, Bill Snyder
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### Exhibit “Bee”
Brooke Ireland, Donnette Baptiste, Sonia Dubovici
Sponsored By: Miller Mayer, LLP

### Stokes Wagner Spell-Binders
Ten Van Winkle, Paul Wagner, Lynne Ingall
Sponsored By: Stokes Wagner, ALC

### Parkitects Spellers
Esther Racoosin, Julie McLean, Ian Woods
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Round 3

**Bee Kind**
ICSD Social Workers
Edna Brown, Trish Ladley, Melissa Enns
Sponsored By: CSP Management

**Northeast Orthographic Wolfpack**
Northeast Elementary
Liddy Coyle, Emily Snyder, Brian Goodman
Sponsored By: The Northeast Elementary community

**Belle Spellers**
Belle Sherman Elementary
Melanie Lefkowitz, Laura Batten, Lyza Maron
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**Highway to Spell**
Caroline Elementary
Milly Stephenson, Karen Rachetta, Liz Corbett
Sponsored By: The Caroline Elementary community

**South Hill Spellers**
South Hill Elementary
Perry Gorgen, Katie Everhart, Chandra Clark
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**Bee Smart**
Fall Creek Elementary
Elizabeth Hujar, Susan Phillips, Maureen Gilroy
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**Spellbound**
Enfield Elementary
Sheila Kissiloff, Keith Harrington, Joshua Ganger
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Round 4

**Spelling in Vein**
Dr. Viola Monaghan, Shane Henderson, Susan Edginton
Sponsored By: F&M Vein and Aesthetic Center, LLP

**ICSD B-Team**
Lily Talcott, Dan Breiman, Mary Grover (Caitlin Bram, alternate)
Sponsored By: Dr. R. Breiman and Anonymous

**DeWitt Knights**
Spellers to the announced
Sponsored By: Warren Realty

**Boynon Bobcats**
Jeff Tomasik, Kat Nichols, Elimary Joaquin-Santali
Sponsored By: Kelviden Farm

**IHS Bee-T-A**
Allison Chatrchyan, Andy Rowan, Mary Ann Erickson
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**IthacaSTEM Hexaplexes**
Mark Chao, Suzanne Nussbaum, Miriam Nussbaum
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**Learning Logographers**
Christa Nuñez, Erika Molnar, Anna Sims Bartel
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**The Stomatological Spellers**
Juan Carlos Melendez-Torres, Jordan Musser, Ainslie Cullen
Sponsored By: Elaine Torres-Melendez, DMD
2019 SPELLING BEE RULES

1. Each team will consist of three members, and each team is asked to STAND during their designated round. (Chairs available as needed.)

2. All teams should have a designated speller who will write the response on the whiteboard.

3. The Pronouncer will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence, give the language of origin, and pronounce the word once more.

4. Each team will have 30 seconds to spell the word by writing it on the whiteboard distributed to each team at the beginning of the round. The 30 seconds will begin when the pronouncer has finished.

5. The timekeeper will give a warning when 10 seconds remain.

6. Team members may collaborate on the spelling of a word.

7. Team members may ask to have a word pronounced another time during the 30 seconds by raising the bee wand provided, though the clock will not stop.

8. If a team completes their word before the 30 seconds is complete, the designated speller will raise his or her hand.

9. When time is called, all teams must hold up their white board with the word displayed towards the judges. Any team that does not hold up the white board HIGH when the judges call for time will be eliminated. Any team continuing to write after time is called or attempting to change the word as written on the whiteboard will be disqualified.

10. Any team utilizing a ‘Free-Bee’ awarded by the IPEI staff must hold the ‘Free-Bee’ up in the place of the white board. A ‘Free-Bee’ may only be used once.

11. Penmanship counts! If the word is illegible or if letters are ambiguous, the word will be treated as misspelled.

12. Do not erase your white board until you have been told whether your spelling is correct. If a team erases its word too soon they may be disqualified. If a team attempts to rewrite the word on the whiteboard, the team will be disqualified. If you have spelled the word correctly and the judges notify you of this you may erase and prepare for the next word.

13. If you have spelled the word incorrectly, please drape one of your flags marked with an X over the front of your table and prepare for the next word. Upon missing the spelling of three words, a team is eliminated from the round. Teams are asked to remain standing at their table until the round is completely over.

14. The team remaining after all others in a particular round have been eliminated is declared the winner of that round, and will go on to compete in the Championship Round. Only one team from each round may participate in the Championship Round.

15. In the event that all teams in a round are eliminated at the same time by a single word, a new word will be provided until just one team remains. Teams must win their round by spelling a word correctly. Spelling words are chosen from various sources.

16. Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster’s Third New International Dictionary (1993), the official Bee dictionary. These procedures and official rules will govern at the Spelling Bee. Any disputes will be resolved by the judges. There will be no appeals.
CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND RULES

1. The Championship round will consist of the winning teams from Rounds 1 through 4.

2. The rules and processes of the prior rounds apply.

3. Each team in the Championship Round will begin the round with no ‘strikes,’ and must spell three words incorrectly before being eliminated.

4. After two teams have been eliminated, the remaining two teams have any ‘strikes’ removed, and continue competition. Remaining teams compete following the rules outlined above.

5. In order to win, a team must spell their final word correctly.

6. If one of the competing teams is eliminated by misspelling, the other team must have spelled the word correctly to be declared the winner. If both teams misspell, the word is discarded, no strikes are awarded, and a new word is presented for both teams.

Grab your pen and spell along with the teams!
Championship Round

Winner Round 1
Team: ___________________________________

Winner Round 2
Team: ___________________________________

Winner Round 3
Team: ___________________________________

Winner Round 4
Team: ___________________________________

THE BEE TROPHY GOES TO...
Team: ___________________________________

Proceeds from the Adult Spelling Bee will help fund IPEI’s grants for teachers. Together, we make a difference in our schools and in our community—thank you for your support!
What’s all the IPEI Buzz about?

By participating in the IPEI Spelling Bee, you have chosen to ‘bee” a part of the buzz. THANK YOU! All funds raised at the IPEI Adult Spelling Bee support IPEI’s grants programs: turning great ideas into engaging educational realities for ICSD students throughout the district.

Why make grants to teachers?

IPEI grants make reality the innovative ideas that energize the curriculum and foster authentic learning experiences that reach all students. Programs funded by IPEI bring a diverse range of community resources into the classroom, stretch students’ imaginations, increase engagement and enhance education. IPEI currently has three distinct grant programs:

Red and Gold Grants are one-time grants of up to $500 for classroom and/or school projects developed by ICSD teachers, staff, students or community members. These grants are made available three times per year.

Teacher Grants support ICSD teachers who have ideas for educational projects that involve community members inside and outside ICSD classrooms and directly involve and/or benefit student learning. Applications for these grants of up to $1500 are accepted three times a year.

Connecting Classrooms Grants of up to $10,000 fund large-scale projects that enhance student engagement and support learning consistent with school and district goals. ICSD staff are encouraged to develop partnerships between teachers within a school, across grade levels and/or between schools. The grants are designed to encourage innovative thinking, engage students, and increase the sense of community between groups of teachers and students.

“...IPEI consistently supports our ICSD students to engage in connected, meaningful and innovative learning experiences not only in the classroom but throughout our community. We are tremendously grateful for that our community has an organization like IPEI to support our school district.”

—Lily Talcott, Deputy Superintendent of Ithaca City School District

Since July 1, 2018, IPEI has funded:

13 Red and Gold Grants
+ 17 Teacher Grants
+ 1 Connecting Classrooms Grant
= 31 GRANTS totaling $31,188 to support great teachers and programs.

Every dollar raised at the 2019 Spelling Bee supports IPEI’s grant programs!

For more information and a list of our historical and current grants visit www.ipei.org/grants
The Office of Community Relations connects Cornell’s Ithaca campus with its surrounding communities. Good luck to all spellers!

Thank you IPEI for 23 years of connecting Ithaca’s students and teachers with hands-on learning opportunities that strengthen our community.

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IPEI has consistently supported innovative instruction throughout the Ithaca School District. They work tirelessly with teachers to create opportunities for students to be fully engaged in exciting, new curricular activities. Ithaca is lucky to have an organization dedicated to growing instruction in every classroom in the district!
— Elizabeth Coyle, Principal, Northeast Elementary
OUR MISSION...
The Ithaca Public Education Initiative facilitates community connections and support for students and teachers of the Ithaca City School District through engagement, collaboration, gifts, and grants.

OUR VISION...
IPEI believes the education of every student in the Ithaca City School District is enhanced through community connections and support.

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