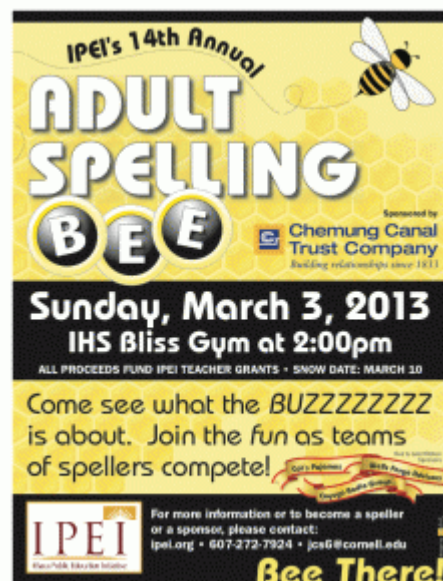


# 180 Days of Thinking with ICSD

## Day 53: Spelling Through the Years- Martha Frommelt, IPEI

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As a parent of Ithaca High and LACS graduates, long-time Fine Arts Booster Group (FABG) volunteer and Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) board member, I have been thinking about spelling! Students are grappling with spelling everyday. But teaching spelling has come a long way from my day of standing by your desk for the weekly spell down, where all I remember is how much my palms would sweat. Now

students have spelling tests where corrections are allowed and encouraged so you can really learn the words, or they sing songs to remember spelling, or they have spell check to reinforce lessons.

But how letters get strung together and make words is at the core of what students do and teachers teach everyday. That is why IPEI hosts an annual festive exploration of spelling, the Annual Adult Spelling Bee on March 3 in Ithaca High's Bliss Gym. In this fun event where high school student and adult teams come together to spell, there are no sweaty palms...only an educational way to raise money for IPEI Teacher grants.

Consider wrapping your thinking around spelling for an afternoon, as an audience member, a team member or a sponsor. It is great fun for a great cause...our teachers. Check out [www.ipei.org](http://www.ipei.org) or email [jcs6@cornell.edu](mailto:jcs6@cornell.edu) to sign up or help!

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