



Announcing!

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Spelling Bee

Calling all Spellers: Are you ready for the annual

Farmington Woods Spelling Bee?



Farmington Woods IB/PYP will once again join with many other schools in the PAGE (*Partners for the Advancement of Gifted Education*) of Wake County Spelling Bee competition! It is rewarding to think about how students will challenge themselves and demonstrate being risk-takers with their preparation and participation in the Farmington Woods IB/PYP Spelling Bee.

The Farmington Woods Spelling Bee will be open to all students in grades 1-5. The process will begin with classroom spelling bees for grades 1-5. For these students, the first round of the spelling bee will be a written test of select words from the Scripps grade level list. Students who score 90% or better on the written test will advance to round 2 which will be a traditional oral spelling bee for the respective grade level. Students and families who choose not to participate will be provided an alternative learning activity. The top three finishers in each Grade Level Bee (1st-5th) will be invited to participate in the School Spelling Bee on **January 24, 2017 at 10:00 am** in the Inquiry Center.

At the conclusion of the school bee Farmington Woods IB/PYP will present one spelling bee champion to participate in the PAGE of Wake County Spelling Bee, held (PAGE of Wake County Spelling Bee **Location:** TBD **Date & Time:** 03-18-2017 - information from Scripps site)

Schedule and Timeline-

- **Opening Round Grades 1-5:** Classroom Spelling Tests (Round 1) will take place between **January 4th and 6th, 2017**. The teacher will read twenty words from the grade level list for students to write.
- **Grade Level Bee:** Students who score 90% or above correct will advance to a Grade Level Bee (Round 2) held between **January 10th and 18th, 2017**. The top three finishers in each Grade Level Bee will be invited to advance to the School Spelling Bee on 1/24/17.
- **School Spelling Bee:** The top three grade level finishers in grades 1-5 are **invited** to participate in the Farmington Woods Spelling Bee on **January 24, 2017 at 10:00am in the Inquiry Center**.

Preparation for the Spelling Bee events should take place at home. While classrooms may practice the Spelling Bee structures and how to practice spelling aloud, students should practice with the designated word lists outside of the school day to best prepare for the bee.

To prepare for the Grade Level Spelling Bee:

- At the grade level bee, it is the responsibility of the speller to review and understand the rules for the Spelling Bees. The study words for grades **1–7** and competition rules can be downloaded/printed for home preparation by going to the website <http://farmingtonbee.pbworks.com>.
 - **Your username is “farmington” and your password is “bee”**

- If you need a hard copy of a word list we will be happy to send it home. Please let your child's homeroom teacher know.
- The SCRIPPS rules will be followed for this event and the list of rules is long and very specific. Families should review **all** rules and guidelines posted on the FWES Spelling Bee site. It is the speller's responsibility to understand the rules and regulations of the spelling bee.
- The grade level Spelling Bees will begin with the grade appropriate level list in random order. If all the words on the grade level list are spelled correctly, the remaining students will continue with words from the next grade level lists until there is a single student champion.
- Please begin by providing your child(ren) with the words for their grade level. After your child has mastered the words for his/her grade level, prompt your child to learn the study words for other grade levels. **Spelling Bees will also include words that do not appear on any word list.**
- Notification will be sent home with each grade level finalists at the conclusion of the Grade Level Bee and the parent will choose whether or not the student will participate in the next level of competition.
- Parents and guests will not participate as audience members for the Grade Level Spelling Bees.

The FWES School Spelling Bee will be held on January 24, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Inquiry Center:

- The School Spelling Bee will include some words that appear on the lists for grades 5-7, however, spelling bee words are not limited to word list words and ***students will be presented with words that are not on any study list.*** Students should prepare by reviewing all 5th- 7th grade words lists available on the Spelling Bee wiki site. Words will be presented in random order.
- Students, other than those in the Bee, will not participate as part of the Spelling Bee audience. Parents and other school staff will be invited to attend in the audience. No small children or other visitors who may distract spellers are allowed. Audience members must turn off phones and other electronic devices, remain seated and provide no distraction to spellers during the school level Spelling Bees. Videotaping and photography are prohibited. Audience members must be present and seated at least five minutes prior to the start of the Spelling Bee.
- Our Spelling Bee Champion must be able to compete in the PAGE of Wake County Spelling Bee (PAGE of Wake County Spelling Bee **Location:** TBD **Date & Time:** 03-18-2017) The event is scheduled to last the entire day. A parent/guardian must accompany our champion to the PAGE of Wake County Spelling Bee. If our Spelling Bee Champion cannot attend the Page of Wake County Spelling Bee, our School Bee runner-up will be asked to attend the PAGE of Wake County Spelling Bee.

Getting Started

There is nothing needed to be returned to get started other than to be present for the written bee (announced by teachers before 12/16) and be prepared by practicing from the spelling bee lists.