



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 participation is available for students in grades one through five and the process begins with classroom spelling bees for these grades. For these students, **Round One** of the spelling bee is a written test of select words from the Scripps Spelling Bee list (see wiki site for lists: information below) This written round of the bee will be held in the students homeroom **January 9, 2020**. Students must be present for written round to move forward; there will not be make-up of written round provided. Students who choose not to participate will be provided an alternative learning activity. Students who score 90% or better on the written test will advance to **Round Two**, which will be a traditional oral spelling bee for the respective grade level held between January 15-17, 2020. For **Round Three**, the top three finishers in each grade level (first through fifth grade) bee will be invited to participate in the school spelling bee on January 24, 2020 at 10am in the Inquiry Center. At the conclusion of the school bee Farmington Woods will present one spelling bee champion to participate in the PAGE of Wake County Spelling Bee at McKimmon Center, NCSU Raleigh, NC on March 14, 2020.

Please note, word list organization and structures of Scripps Spelling Bees are different than they have been in the past. Lists are organized in these formats- **ONE BEE** (used for rounds 1 and 2 in our bee) and **Scripps National Spelling Bee School Spelling Bee List 2019-2020**. **Both** lists will used for the FWES school spelling bee.

Round 1 Written Bee- Student will be asked to spell in written form 20 words from the **ONE BEE** list (access from WIKI- see below) using the following guidelines: students in **grade 1** will learn all words with four letters, students in **grade 2** will learn words with 5 letters, students in **grade 3** will learn words with six letters and students in grades **4 and 5** will learn all words with more than six letters.

Round 2 Grade Level Bee- for students who score 90% or higher on written bee they will participate in oral bee where all words from the **ONE BEE** list will be used by all students.

Round 3 School Spelling Bee- Three finalists from each grade level will participate in oral bee using 2020 Scripps Full List (also available at Wiki site)

It is important to note, any spelling bee (written or oral) at any level will include words that do not appear on a word list or study guide.

To prepare for the Spelling Bee:

- At all levels of spelling bee, it is the responsibility of the speller to review and understand the rules for the Spelling Bees. 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 (wiki).
- The study words for One Bee and competition rules can be downloaded/printed for home preparation by going to the website <http://farmingtonbee.pbworks.com>.
 - **Your username is Parent2020 and your password is FWESBee (case sensitive)**
 - 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 grade level Spelling Bees will begin with the Bee list in random order.
- 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 but are welcome to be part of audience at the School Spelling Bee on January 24, 2020
- Preparation for the Spelling Bee events should take place at home. Students should practice with the word list outside of the school day to best prepare for the bee.

The FWES School Spelling Bee will be held on January 24, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Inquiry Center:

- The School Spelling Bee will include words from Scripps National Spelling Bee School Spelling Bee List 2019-2020 and may include words that are not on any list.
- 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 at McKimmon Center, NCSU Raleigh, NC on March 14, 2020. 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 on January 9, 2020 and be prepared by practicing from the spelling bee lists.