

To: All Spelling Bee Participants

From: The Southborough Education Foundation Board

Hello and thank you again for agreeing to participate in the fourth annual Southborough Education Foundation Spelling Bee. We have twenty two teams that will compete. Attached are the Bee rules.

The event will take place in the Trottier School Auditorium on April 1 at 7 p.m. We ask that all teams arrive no later than 6:00 so that we can start the Bee promptly at 7 p.m. The raffle will begin at 6 p.m. We will have pizza and drinks in the Trottier cafeteria for all Bee participants. We will check in all teams in the cafeteria. As we did last year, all teams will enter the auditorium at 7 p.m. to thunderous applause. Because of the expected large audience, we will again seat the teams on the stage.

Teams are welcome (but certainly not required) to wear costumes. We will award prizes to the three teams with the best costumes as chosen by the Bee judges.

Attached are the Spelling Bee rules. Bee words have been chosen from a variety of sources. There are many websites that can be used to practice for spelling bees. Please don't think you have to study. We just want you to have fun and know that you are supporting a great organization that benefits all of our Southborough schools.

As you read over the rules, you will see that you need to designate a Captain for your team. The Captain will be the designated speller – the one who writes your consensus answer on the white board. So please pick your Captain before you arrive.

All teams are asked to stay until the end of the event for a group photo with the winning team.

We will have water available for all participants with dry mouths.

The format of the evening will be as follows:

- Teams of 3 in a preliminary round.
- Team captain will write the word on a whiteboard.
- Judges will determine who is correct and who is eliminated.
- Winning team from each round will compete in the final round to select the overall Bee winner.
- For each word the MC will pronounce the word and give the definition and then pronounce the word one more time.

- If requested, the MC can pronounce the word one more time.
- Teams have twenty five seconds to confer and to write the word on the white board.
- Judges are the final arbiter as to whether the word is spelled correctly or not.
- No round will last more than twelve words. All teams in the preliminary rounds who have spelled twelve words correctly will move to the final round.
- If no team spells a word correctly then no team is eliminated on that word.

Please feel free to contact Kathy Cook at kcook@fusiongroupinc.com if you have any questions or call Kathy at 508-787-1000 x 226.

Good luck to everyone!