

BOLPA'S SPELLING BEE

March 2024



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are buzzing about Breath of Life Preparatory Academy's Spelling Bee!

- The Level 1 Bee (Junior K, Senior K, First Grade) is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024, at 9:30 AM.
- **The Level 2 Bee (2nd and 3rd Grade) is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024, at 1:00 PM.**

The attached word list includes words that are similar or the same as the words used in the actual spelling bee. Each set is more advanced than the set before. We advise that you study daily. The words in the groups come from the A Beka Curriculum, and additional words are chosen by the Judges. Each scholar will have one minute to spell the given word in the spelling bee. Students may ask for a definition and a sentence. Each group will have a first, second, and third-place winner. The Junior K scholar who spells the longest in Level 1 will receive a trophy recognizing their accomplishment. Among this year's prizes are a golden trophy and a surprise grand prize! Please review the attached rules for additional regulations and information. All elementary scholars must participate in the spelling bee. Participation is optional for Junior K scholars. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOLPA's Spelling Bee Committee



General Information

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Eligibility of Participants	Format and Word List
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participants must be in the grade required for the spelling level of the competition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The spelling bee competition is categorized into the following levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-left: 40px;">Level 1 – JK, SK, & 1st Grade <li style="margin-left: 40px;">Level 2 – Grades 2 & 3 ● Each level has a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner. The Junior K scholar who spells the longest in Level 1 will receive a trophy recognizing their accomplishment. All others receive a spelling bee participation ribbon. All categories are combined with boys and girls. ● The Spelling Bee is conducted in rounds. Each speller remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round spells one word in each round. The spelling bee is conducted orally. Upon incorrectly spelling a word, the speller immediately drops out of the competition. ● Words will come from the A Becca curriculum for each level. If words are depleted, words from the next level will be used, and the same will be followed until the competition is over. In case all lists are exhausted, judges have the right to choose words from any source like a dictionary (paper or online). ● <u>The Spelling Bee Competition will be photographed, taped, and recorded by BOLPA. By participating in the competition, participants and guests give BOLPA permission to be videotaped, recorded, and have pictures taken. Such recordings and pictures will be used for judging.</u>

The Roles and Responsibilities of Officials

Judges	Pronouncers Role	Time Keeper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Judges' are selected by BOLPA. ● Judges cannot be parents of students participating in the competition. The judges uphold the competition rules and regulations and determine whether or not words are spelled correctly. They completely control the competition, and <u>their decisions are final</u>. ● The judges participate in the exchange of information between the speller and the pronouncer if they feel that clarification is needed. ● The judges listen carefully to the speller's pronunciation of the word; if they sense that the speller has misunderstood the word, the judges work with the speller and pronouncer until they are satisfied that reasonable attempts have been made to assist the speller in understanding the word. The judges are not responsible for the speller's misunderstanding. ● Judges reserve the right to bypass words in the word binder if the competition is competitive and few spellers drop out from the first six rounds or if time is running out of the competition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The pronouncer strives to pronounce words according to the diacritical markings. ● If words are homonyms or homophones, the pronouncer indicates which word is to be spelled by defining the word or by giving a sentence. ● The pronouncer responds to the speller's request for a definition or a sentence. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, and use it in a sentence before attempting to spell it. It is the speller's responsibility to understand the word. ● <u>Pronouncer's mispronunciation:</u> A pronunciation error should be denied unless there is agreement among the judges that the pronouncer never offered a correct pronunciation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be one timekeeper for the competition running simultaneously. ● Keep track of the time. The time limit is one minute for all levels. ● After the time is out – the bell will sound, and spellers will be disqualified.

The Roles and Responsibilities of Spellers

Speller's Role	Disqualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The speller makes an effort to face the judges and pronounce the word for the judges before and during spelling. (SSS – say the word, spell the word, and say the word again). ● The speller, while facing the judges, makes an effort to utter each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the judges. ● Each speller has a maximum of one minute to spell the word. ● Spellers in level 3 must indicate capitalization. ● The speller is responsible for any misunderstanding of the word unless <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The pronouncer never provided a correct pronunciation. 2) The pronouncer provided incorrect information regarding the definition or pronunciation. 3) The speller correctly spelled a homonym or homophone of the word, and the pronouncer failed to either offer a definition or distinguish the word. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The judges will disqualify a speller who: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Refuses a request to start spelling. 2) Clearly misspells a word. 3) Does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive the word. 4) Engages in unsportsmanlike conduct. 5) In the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds. 6) Exceeds the one-minute time limit. 7) Fails to spell each letter distinctly (spells rapidly). 8) Spellers in level 2 who do not indicate capitalization. 9) Failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it. (SSS) 10) Going back to respell part of the word even if correct ● Judges may not disqualify a speller for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Asking a question 2) Asking the pronouncer to repeat the word.

End of competition procedures	Guests	Frequent Errors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Q: What happens when all spellers in a round misspell the words given? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: If all spellers in a round misspell, all spellers in the round will remain in the competition, and a new round will begin. ● Q: What happens when there are two spellers left in a round? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: When there are two spellers left in a new round, the spellers will keep on competing until one misspells, but the other must spell another word correctly in that same round to be the first-place winner, and the speller that misspelled will automatically be the second place winner. ● Q: What if there are three spellers left in a round? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: If there are three spellers left in a new round and two spellers misspell, the speller that spells correctly in this round he/she will automatically be 1st place winner. The other two spellers will go into a new round to determine the 2nd and 3rd place winners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Q: Are visitors allowed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Yes, families are encouraged to come and support all scholars; however, It is not recommended to bring young children as the wait time may be long. ● Q: How should guests conduct themselves? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Guests are prohibited from assisting spellers during the bee. Guests are not allowed to mouth words, gesture to spellers, etc. If this occurs, the guest will be asked to leave immediately and the scholar will be given a different word to spell or disqualified from the bee. All decisions will be made by the spelling bee judges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Q: What will occur if an incident happens that is not stated in the rules and regulations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: The rules and regulations cannot contain every detail. If something occurs that is not stated in the rules and regulations, the judges will be left to decide. It is each participant's responsibility to fully read and understand the rules and regulations of the competition. ● Q: Why should all participants in the spelling bee competition be familiar with the rules and regulations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: It is each participant's responsibility and their parent's responsibility to be informed about the competition rules and regulations. ● Q: What will happen if spellers in levels 1-2 go back and respell part of a word even if the spelling was correct? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Spellers cannot go back and respell part of a word even if the spelling was correct. For example, if the word is strawberry, and the student says "s – t – r " then pauses and says again, "s – t – r – a – w – b – e – r – r – y," the student will be disqualified (except for levels K and 1). ● Q: What if a speller spells a different word than the one given? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: If the speller spells a word different from the word given, which is closely related in sound, the speller will be given a sentence or definition for clarification and will be asked to respell the word. Judges will determine if there is a need for clarification. It is the speller's responsibility to understand the word prior to spelling it. If a speller spells a different word from the word given after he/she is given a sentence or definition for clarification, the speller will be disqualified.

2nd & 3rd Grade - Level 2 Spelling Bee Word List

Set One	Set Two	Set Three	Set Four	Set Five
jump	play	shape	throb	bloom
camp	stay	thick	squeak	tooth
bump	frog	block	slant	worms
milk	stack	stock	stream	night
hand	plant	want	thrill	walk
tape	feast	flake	bark	small
with	pled	scat	spark	might
lamp	trade	bride	nurse	smooth
melt	beast	grin	short	world
pump	quick	skate	clown	bright
rise	train	spelling	house	stalk
font	froze	cross	birth	flight
bled	quiet	twist	burst	goose
read	blue	split	church	scoot
give	beast	scream	thorn	chalk
Set Six	Set Seven	Set Eight	Set Nine	Set Ten
rainfall	because	cheddar	stairway	squirrel
noise	mother	boardwalk	though	frequent
purse	garden	shaking	moisture	banquet
said	marble	circus	rejoice	creative
cornstalk	praying	bicycle	thirsting	character
invite	afraid	debt	disciple	chorus
delight	again	sighed	autumn	deliveries
right P	parking	arithmetic	hymn	aquarium
polite	sounded	earthquake	macaroni	orchestra
baseball	playground	plaid	threat	libraries
moist	saddle	vegetable	language	trolleys
sidewalk	painted	governor	double	gnaw
proud	snowed	sentence	bountiful	yourselves
toil	gravity	between	knowledge	timpani
where	skipped	scene	weathervane	parachute
Set Eleven	Set Twelve	Set Thirteen		
friendship	shepherds	kindergarten		
atlas	Emmanuel	kimono		
giraffes	multitude	hallelujah		
decision	Christian	smithereens		
advantage	nonfiction	foreign		
miracle	enormous	ceiling		
quotation	geography	neighbor		
adequate	foreign	conceited		
inquire	division	hygiene		
stomach	persistent	continually		
holidays	almanac	cafeteria		
gratitude	apostle	demolished		
reverent	moccasins	Scripture		
prophet	bouquet	resurrection		
photographer	typhoon	Pharisees		

