



What's the Buzz?



The 2018 Holmes School Spelling Bee!!

As you will recall, we changed things up a few years ago. Instead of holding the preliminary rounds after school hours, each 1st - 5th grade classroom will conduct the preliminary rounds in their respective classrooms. Each classroom will produce 2 finalists and 1 alternate (available in case one of the finalists can't make the final round competition). The final round competitions will remain the same: they will be held in the evening by grade.

Here are the dates to remember:

- Week of March 19:** Preliminary word lists distributed to students
- April 2 - 13:** Preliminary rounds to be held in class
- April 15 (Sun):** Provide names of 2 finalists/1 alternate to Ed at below email
- April 16 (Mon):** Finals word lists distributed to students
- April 24 (Tues):** Final round for finalists in each grade (1st - 5th) (6pm start time)

The spelling bee committee is willing to help with the preliminary rounds in any way needed. The committee will provide a published grade level specific word list prior to spring break for you to distribute to your students to study (we suggest that you give them at least a few days to study before conducting the in-class bee). We will provide an unpublished word list (not given to students) that you can use in the event that you exhaust the published list before determining your finalists. We will also provide you with the bee rules.

We feel that this format allows more of the Holmes school population to participate in this fun event. We recognize there may be students who are not comfortable spelling in front of their classmates. We are not suggesting that this be mandatory. We would leave it up to you on how to run the bee in your classroom. The bee committee just needs 2

finalists and 1 alternate for each class (these 3 students should be prepared to attend the final round competition on Tuesday, April 24 in the evening).

Please direct any questions or requests for help to Ed Hartman at eehartman36@gamil.com or Sarah Coleman at sarahlcoleman@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.