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Dear Principals/Teachers/Librarians:

The Council for the Advancement of Public Schools (CAPS), and the Pennsylvania State Education Association/Mideastern Region (PSEA-MER), along with Wissahickon Education Alliance and Mideastern Region Retired, invite you to register your school in the 2026 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

School champions will compete in the Region Finals to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Wissahickon High School, 521 Houston Rd, Ambler, PA 19002. The winner of our Region Bee will represent Bucks and Montgomery counties in the spring 2026 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Prizes will be awarded at the regional and national level.

The Bee helps students improve their spelling and gives them the opportunity to learn concepts that assist them all their lives while having fun. In addition to these benefits, students also develop important life skills that help them as they advance in school and eventually to successful careers.

School enrollment in the Bee program for the 2025-2026 year is underway at spellingbee.com. The fee is \$199, but upon registration, a credit of \$18 will be provided to schools due to the generosity of the sponsors. Schools that enroll by September 30 will receive an additional free Britannica Kids subscription. Please note that enrollment in the Regional Bee ends on December 31, 2025.

Your registration provides exclusive online access to everything you need to participate:

- Materials, instructions and official competition lists for conducting in-person and/or written bees at the classroom and school level. (Please note that the online platform is no longer available.)
- Official study lists, including Words of the Champions and grade-level lists
- Great Words, Great Works book list
- Customizable certificates for your school champion and participants
- One free <u>Britannica Kids</u> subscription (and a second subscription when you enroll by 9/30
- · And much more

Additionally, at the Region Finals, every participant will receive a school champion medal, a swag bag, and a commemorative program. There will be first, second, and third prize trophies, cash prizes and other awards too. <u>Visit our enrollment page</u> to discover all of the benefits.

First time coordinators will find it helpful to check out the <u>School Enrollment Tutorial</u> – a step-by-step walk-through for educators to help them enroll their school at spellingbee.com.

We look forward to providing this wonderful opportunity to your students. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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