



HCLS Spelling Bee and BumbleBee Information Session

November 29, 2022





Background

- Presented by Howard County Library System and Howard County Public School System
- Oral bee organized under the rules of the Scripps National Spelling Bee

BumbleBee



- School hosts grade level spelling bees
- School sends one winner from each grade (1 – 3) to HCLS Spelling Bee to be recognized on stage
- No countywide spelling bee for grades 1-3

BumbleBee



- Sponsored by Friends & Foundation of Howard County Library System

BumbleBee: Benefits



- Improve spelling
- Increase vocabulary
- Develop self-confidence
- Prepares students for the HCLS Spelling Bee



BumbleBee: Who is Eligible?

- Students in grades 1 to 3
- Howard County Public School System students
- Students who attend a private school located in Howard County



BumbleBee: Who is Eligible?

- Home school students who reside or attend home school classes in Howard County and participate in a local bee with a minimum of 15 contestants, conducted by a Howard County home school association.

BumbleBee: How It Works



- Schools register with HCLS
- Bee Coordinator Handbook outlines roles and responsibilities - coming soon!
- HCLS provides suggested word list



BumbleBee: How It Works

School bee coordinator:

- provides study words and tips to students
- decides how and when to hold bees
- recruits bee judges and officials
- submits winner information (one per grade) to HCLS



BumbleBee: Important Dates

- **October 3:** Deadline to complete Intent to Participate form at hclibrary.org/bumblebee
- **February 3:** Classroom and/or grade-level spelling bees completed
- **February 6:** Deadline for schools to submit winner via form at hclibrary.org/bumblebee



BumbleBee: Important Dates

- **March 18:** HCLS Spelling Bee at Reservoir High School **please note this is a Saturday at 2 pm**
- **March 19:** Snow date for HCLS Spelling Bee online (Scripps OTP)

Spelling Bee



School hosts classroom, grade, and/or school-wide spelling bees by Feb 3

School sends one winner and one alternate to HCLS Spelling Bee by Feb 6

HCLS Spelling Bee winner advances to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May



CONGRATULATIONS

2022 HCLS spelling bee champion

Christian Cherian
Ilchester elementary
grade 5



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Spelling Bee



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- Friends & Foundation of HCLS
- Howard County Public School System
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Spelling Bee: Benefits



- Increase vocabularies
- Learn word etymology and country of origin, the meanings of prefixes and suffixes, and spelling rules
- Read and write more effectively
- Improve spelling



Spelling Bee: Who is Eligible?

- Students from grades 4 to 8
- Howard County Public School System students
- Students who attend a private school located in Howard County



Spelling Bee: Who is Eligible?

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Spelling Bee: How It Works

- Once Scripps receives payment from HCLS, school bee coordinators receive login from Scripps to spellingbee.com for Teacher Portal, Teacher's BEEhive (biweekly e-blast), study words, and more – see OTP Webinar
- HCLS Spelling Bee Coordinator Handbook outlines roles and responsibilities



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Spelling Bee: Important Dates

- **February 3:** Classroom and/or school spelling bees completed
- **February 6:** Deadline for schools to submit winner and alternates (one each per school)
- **March 18:** HCLS Spelling Bee at Reservoir High School **please note this is a Saturday at 2 pm**



Spelling Bee: Important Dates

- **March 19:** Snow date for HCLS Spelling Bee online (Scripps OTP)
- **May 2023:** HCLS Spelling Bee champion competes in Scripps National Spelling Bee the week of Memorial Day (all expenses paid)

Questions?

- hclibrary.org/spelling-bee for BumbleBee and HCLS Spelling Bee
- bee@hclibrary.org for BumbleBee and HCLS Spelling Bee
- Spellingbee.com for Scripps info

