# 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



- 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.



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



#### 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)

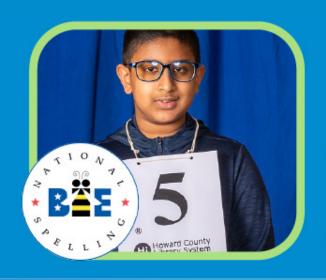


# **Spelling Bee**

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





# Spelling Bee

### Sponsored by:

- Friends & Foundation of HCLS
- Howard County Public School System
- Josephine B. Scheffenacker Education Trust



- 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



- 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?

 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.



- 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)
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# **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

