



# SPELLING BEE

August 1, 2009

**Sponsor(s): Ohio Lottery - Supporting Ohio Schools**

<b>Entry Deadline:</b>	May 20, 2009	
<b>Registration Date/Time:</b>	August 1, 2009 - 8:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders – Lobby
<b>Event Date/Time:</b>	August 1, 2009 - 9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders
<b>Registration Date/Time:</b>	August 1, 2009 - 12:00pm	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders – Lobby
<b>Event Date/Time:</b>	August 1, 2009 - 1:00pm	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders ( <i>following 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Graders</i> )
<b>Registration Date/Time:</b>	August 1, 2009 - 3:00pm	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders – Lobby
<b>Event Date/Time:</b>	August 1, 2009 - 4:00pm	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders ( <i>following 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Graders</i> )

**Director:** Jane Grady

**Event Notes:**

- Eligibility
  - Each participating school may recommend one student from each of the grade levels listed above (there will be three competitions; one for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders, one for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and one for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders).
  - All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are permitted to enter (even if they entered in 2008). If a 4<sup>th</sup> grader won in 2008, he/she is permitted to enter as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in 2009, and so on.
  - Each school will be notified of acceptance (via email) by the end of May. This will allow each school time to inform competing students before summer break.
  - Study materials and competition regulations will be sent to each student by the end of June (i.e. 2009 Merriam Webster National Spelling Bee study guide). This will allow them the entire month of July to study the words.
- Entering
  - Due to time restrictions, the Ohio State Fair will only accept the first 50 contestants for each 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade levels.
  - There is no entry fee to compete in this competition.
  - You may mail or fax entries to:
 

Ohio State Fair  
Special Events / Spelling Bee  
717 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43211-2698  
Tele.: 614/644-4040  
Fax.: 614/644-4031
- Fair Admissions and Parking
  - Included with the study materials mailing (stated above) will be two complimentary Ohio State Fair admission tickets (one for student and one for accompanying adult), and a map of the grounds.
  - Not wanting to leave out other family members, we will include an Advanced Sale Ticket Order Form to allow families to take advantage of special pre-Fair discounts.
  - Parking is in the general admission lot, and costs \$5.
  - **NEW:** *Each school will receive two admission tickets per student entered, to be mailed to school principal by the end of May.*

- General Rules
  - Once students are on grounds, and have registered for the competition (in the Rhodes Center), they will be required to stay in a competition waiting area.
  - This competition is for fun! While it is not a sanctioned spelling bee with any other organization and the winners do not advance to any other competition, it is a real competition. When a word is missed, the student is out of the competition. A second chance to spell a word will not be permitted.
  - The Spelling Bee will be conducted orally.
  - Students are encouraged to study the entire Study Guide; exact competition words will not be provided.
  - Once the competition for an age level starts, it will run straight through until completed and the sponsor presents the awards.
  - Restrooms are located off the lobby. Should it become necessary for a student to visit one from the waiting area or competition stage, we will have someone accompany them there and back.
  - A news release with the winning names will be sent to participating schools and the winner's local newspapers.
  - Once the competition is over, we encourage you to take time to enjoy the Fair.

**Judging guidelines:**

- There will be three qualified and impartial judges for the competition.
- Judge's decisions are final.

## **AWARDS**

**1. The Champion from the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade competitions will receive:**

- \$100 Savings Bond (presented by The Ohio Lottery)
- Miriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (presented by The Ohio Lottery)
- Ride Wristband (courtesy of the Ohio State Fair)
- Trophy (courtesy of the Ohio State Fair)

**2. The Runner-Up from the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade competitions will receive:**

- \$50 Savings Bond (presented by The Ohio Lottery)
- Ride Wristband (courtesy of the Ohio State Fair)
- Trophy (courtesy of the Ohio State Fair)

**3. All competing students who make it to the final round:**

- Will receive a special Rosette (courtesy of the Ohio State Fair).

**4. All students who compete:**

- Will receive a T-Shirt (upon registering – presented by The Ohio Lottery)
- Will receive a Participation Ribbon (upon registering – courtesy of the Ohio State Fair).

**Ohio State Fair**  
**SPELLING BEE**  
**RHODES CENTER AUDITORIUM**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax.: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(New this year, two admission tickets, per student entered, will be sent to this contact)*

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>)  
*(One child and one adult admission ticket will be mailed to this contact)*

Parents/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby submit the above named student to represent our school in the Ohio State Fair Spelling Bee. This student has just successfully completed the grade indicated above, and understands that he/she will compete in that age level at the Ohio State Fair Spelling Bee. If our application is accepted, the Ohio State Fair will notify the school first and then the competing student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Mail or fax completed application form (by May 20, 2009) to:**

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Fax it to 614/644-4031