

Feb. 8, 2019

Dear spelling bee winner and parent or guardian:

Congratulations! As the winner of your school spelling bee, you have earned a spot at the 50th annual [San Diego Union-Tribune Countywide Spelling Bee](#) on Thursday, March 14 at the Town and Country San Diego in the Golden Pacific Ballroom. You have the chance to advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition in National Harbor, Md. in May. Parents, family, and school officials are encouraged to come out and support their student at the bee.

For more information and to access the details below online, visit www.sdcoe.net/SDBee.

Agenda

Registration for the San Diego Union-Tribune Countywide Spelling Bee opens at 8:30 a.m. and all spellers must be registered by 8:55 a.m. This is a new venue for this event, so please be sure to account for driving time and parking. The bee begins at 9:15 a.m. and the full agenda is attached and available online.

Parking

Each participant will receive parking validation for one vehicle. Parking validation will be given at the registration table. Additional guests parking at the Town and Country will be responsible for the full, \$8 cost of parking. For detailed directions to the event site, including public transportation options, visit the SDBee website.

Behavior Guidelines and Dress Code

As a representative of your school, be well-groomed and dressed appropriately, and review the attached behavior guidelines, which are also available online.

Study Materials

The competition heats up at the countywide bee, so be sure to continue studying. Vocabulary will not be tested at the countywide competition, but it is included in the national bee.

- Ask your school coach for the 2019 Spell It! booklet and access the online study site at myspellit.com.
- Locate ways you can support your student's spelling bee success on the [Scripps National Spelling Bee website](#) for parents and students.
- Find helpful studying tips, such as fun word games with Merriam-Webster's Word Central and a how-to study sheet by the national bee pronouncer at spellingbee.com/study-tips.

Social Media

Access photos of participants, live play-by-play action, and a front row seat to the countywide bee by connecting with the San Diego County Office of Education on social media.

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Follow [@SanDiegoCOE](#) on Twitter for live tweeting during the competition, photo albums on [Facebook](#), and videos on [Instagram](#) stories to stay connected and share the day with family members and friends, and your school and district supporters. Use #SDBee to join the conversation and follow along. There will be a photo wall at the event for fun pictures before the competition gets started.

Stream the Bee

You can watch the bee live on 10news.com/SpellingBee.

Tell Your Story

Do you have an interesting story about making it to the bee? Have a family tree full of spelling bee competitors? We want to hear it! This is the 50th countywide spelling bee and we want to share the stories that bring the bee to life. Contact communications@sdcoe.net or call 858-292-3753 to learn more.

Bee Winner Media Obligations

The winner of the San Diego Union-Tribune Countywide Spelling Bee will be interviewed by the news media immediately following the conclusion of the competition. The following day, the winner will be on the ABC 10 News morning show. Other media appearances will be communicated to the winner and family as early as possible.

Congratulations again on reaching the San Diego Union-Tribune Countywide Spelling Bee! We look forward to seeing you on March 14. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at nshina@sdcoe.net.

Sincerely,



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