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WRED, Ithaca High School's state-of-the-art television production facility and course, offers Digital Media students the opportunity to produce shows in a real-world environment for the web and for cable. Thanks to Jon Shyne and their students, WRED will record today's Bee. The recording can be found on IPEI's youtube channel after the Bee.

thank you!

IPEI Adult Spelling Bee Teams

Round 1



1 There, their, they're

Team: Tompkins Trust Company
Sponsor: Tompkins Trust Company
Spellers: Kevin Cartmill, Ursula Russ, Michelle Hallock

2 Board of Ed Buzz

Team: ICSD Board of Education
Sponsor: Wells Fargo Advisors
Spellers: Pat Wasyliw, Eldred Harris, Moira Lang

3 Lexicon Artistts

Team: DeWitt Middle School
Sponsor: RealtyUSA
Spellers: Joanne Church, Aaron Arm, Kristin Herman

4 CU Laterz

Team: Cornell Office of Community Relations
Sponsor: Cornell Office of Community Relations
Spellers: Gary Stewart, Susan Riley, Katelynne Brill

5 Caroline BEEtniks

Team: Caroline Elementary PTA
Sponsor: Caroline Elementary PTA
Spellers: Suzanne Jablonski, Stacey Murphy, Sarah Fiorello

6 Bunco Bees

Team: Spelling Friends
Sponsor: Bob and Elle Conti
Spellers: Pat Bax, Tess Lawlor, Sherry Warner

7 Bee-dazzlers

Team: Avid spellers
Sponsor: CFCU Community Credit Union
Spellers: Brandon James, Mary McCarty, Leslie Danks Burke

8 IthacaSTEM Hexaplexes

Team: IthacaSTEM Advocates
Sponsor: Anchor Capital Management
Spellers: Mark Chao, Suzanne Nussbaum, Karen Tribble

Round 2

1 Ithaca Wegmans

Team: Wegmans Employees
Sponsor: Wegmans
Spellers: Stephanie Riley, Teresa Smith, Nico Herlihy

2 #1STWRDOUT

Team: Ithaca City School District
Sponsor: Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors
Spellers: Luvelle Brown, Amanda Verba, Matt Landahl

3 Fine Arts "Word" Boosters

Team: Fine Arts Booster Group
Sponsor: Anonymous
Spellers: Mary Ann Erickson, Nicki Zowel, Julie Erickson

4 Family Buzzers

Team: Family & Children's Service
Sponsor: Family & Children's Service
Spellers: Deirdre Hay, Laurel McIntyre, Ray Durkin

5 Ghoti

Team: Cornell Linguistics Department
Graduate Students
Sponsor: Travis Hyde Properties
Spellers: Ryan Hearn, Emily Barth, Zac Smith

6 IHS Bee-T-A

Team: Ithaca High School PTA
Sponsor: The UPS Store and Self-sponsored
Spellers: Chris Dawson, Esther Racoosin, Jarra Jagne

7 Westhill <Ortho>Graphics

Team: Westhill Graphics
Sponsor: Westhill Graphics
Spellers: Joe Ryan, Trisica Monroe, Tammy Shapiro

8 Notorious RPG

Team: Cornell Spelling Friends
Sponsor: Self-sponsored
Spellers: Robin Davisson, Paula Cohen, Gina Giambattista





Round 3

1 Off the "Wahl" Spellers

Team: Wahl Educational Consulting, Inc.
Sponsor: Wahl Educational Consulting, Inc.
Spellers: Olivia Wahl, Bunny DeMember, Claire Velasquez

2 ITA Spellerz

Team: Ithaca Teachers Association
Sponsor: CSP Management
Spellers: Kathryn Cerner, Mihal Ronen, Adam Piasecki

3 Les Cafards

Team: Lehman Alternative Community School
Sponsor: Ithaca Bakery and Self-sponsored
Spellers: Melanie Bush, Gina Kolb, Sarah Jane Bokaer

4 Bee Compassionate

Team: Hospicare & Palliative Care Services
Sponsor: Harris Beach PLLC
Spellers: Mike Katz, Kat Lynch, Laura Ward

5 Spellotape

Team: Cornell Linguistics Department
Undergraduate Students
Sponsor: Chemung Canal Trust Company
Spellers: Jonathan Masci, Lavanya Aprameya,
Javier Agnedo

6 We Spell Krazy Good

Team: WSKG Radio
Sponsor: WSKG
Spellers: Sam Goodyear, Monica Sandreczki, Bill Snyder

7 #icsdlibs

Team: ICSD Librarians
Sponsor: Trane U.S., Inc.
Spellers: Milly Stephenson, Maureen Gilroy,
Alexandra Spencer

8 Code Red Robo-Bees

Team: Code Red Robotics
Sponsor: Tompkins Insurance Agencies, Inc.
Spellers: Jamie Loehr, Karina Burbank,
Mary Ann Williams

Round 4

1 The Warren Wordsmiths

Team: Warren Real Estate
Sponsor: Warren Real Estate
Spellers: Jennifer Arbach, Linda Santos, Candy Brady

2 PTA Cavalry

Team: PTA members
Sponsor: Ithaca Council of PTAs and Kelviden
Equestrian Farm
Spellers: Janet Huie, Marina Caillaud, TBD

3 Belle Spellers

Team: Belle Sherman Elementary PTA
Sponsor: Belle Sherman Elementary PTA
Spellers: Merry Buckley, Leia Raphaelidis,
Melanie Lefkowitz

4 The Unpossibles

Team: GiveGab
Sponsor: Self-sponsored
Spellers: Jessica Confer, Kevin McGuire, Jesse Miner

5 $y=mx+bee$

Team: Ithaca High Math Teachers
Sponsor: True Insurance
Spellers: Benjamin Kirk, Karen Seifert, Lisa Cochran

6 Highway to Spell

Team: Cayuga Radio Group
Sponsor: Cayuga Radio Group
Spellers: Dave Ashton, Regina O'Brien, Kyle Robertson

7 The Spellicans

Team: Spelling Friends
Sponsor: Carol Bushberg Real Estate and Self-sponsored
Spellers: Melissa Smith, Russ Charif, Beth Howard

8 Walker Bees

Team: Sciarabba Walker
Sponsor: Sciarabba Walker
Spellers: Elyse Eddy, Ann Harding, Ed Rudert



Championship Round



Winner Round 1

Team: _____

Winner Round 2

Team: _____

Winner Round 3

Team: _____

Winner Round 4

Team: _____



THE BEE TROPHY GOES TO...

Team: _____

*Proceeds from the 2016 Adult Spelling Bee
will help fund IPEI's grants for teachers.
Together, we make a difference in our schools and
in our community—thank you for your support!*

NEW This Year... Spelling Bee Rules

- 1 Each team will consist of three members. All teams should have a designated speller who will write the response on the white board.
- 2 The Pronouncer will pronounce the word, give the definition of the word, use it in a sentence, give the language of origin, and pronounce the word once more.
- 3 Each team will have 30 seconds to spell the word by writing it on the white board distributed to each team at the beginning of the round. The 30 seconds will begin when the pronouncer has finished. The timekeeper will give a warning when 10 seconds remain.
- 4 Team members may collaborate on the spelling of a word.
- 5 Team members may ask to have a word pronounced another time during the 30 seconds by raising the bee wand provided, though the clock will not stop.
- 6 If a team completes their word before the 30 seconds is up the designated speller will raise his or her hand.
- 7 Any team that does not hold up the white board HIGH when the judges call for time will be eliminated. Any team continuing to write after time is called or attempting to change the word as written on the slate will be disqualified.
- 8 Penmanship counts! If the word is illegible or if letters are ambiguous, the word will be treated as misspelled.
- 9 Do not erase your slate until you have been told whether your spelling is correct. If a team erases its word too soon they may be disqualified. If a team attempts to rewrite the word on the slate, the team will be disqualified. If you have spelled the word correctly and the judges notify you of this you may erase and prepare for the next word.
- 10 If you have spelled the word incorrectly, please drape one of your flags marked with an X over the front of your table and prepare for the next word. Upon missing the spelling of two words, a team is eliminated from the round.
- 11 The team left after all others in a particular round have been eliminated is declared the winner of that round, and will go on to compete in the Championship Round. Only one team from each round may participate in the Championship Round.
- 12 In the event that all teams in a round are eliminated at the same time by a single word, additional words will be added until just one team remains.
- 13 Spelling words are chosen from various sources.
- 14 Words will be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster's Third New International Dictionary (1993), the official Bee dictionary. These procedures and official rules will govern at the spelling bee. Any disputes will be resolved by the judges. There will be no appeals.

jactitation – a tossing to and fro or jerking and twitching of the body

aa – a kind of volcanic lava that forms jagged masses with a light frothy texture

etui – a small ornamental case for holding needles, cosmetics, and other articles



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What's all the Buzz about?

By participating in the IPEI Spelling Bee, you have chosen to 'bee" a part of the buzz. Thank you! All funds raised at the IPEI Adult Spelling Bee support IPEI's grants programs that help ICSD teachers engage students and enhance education, sparking student learning by connecting the schools with our diverse and talented community.

More about IPEI grants:

IPEI supports educators with innovative ideas that energize the curriculum and foster authentic learning experiences that reach all students. Our programs bring a diverse range of community resources into the classroom, stretching students' imaginations, increasing engagement, and enhancing education. IPEI currently has three distinct grant programs to help teachers reach far:

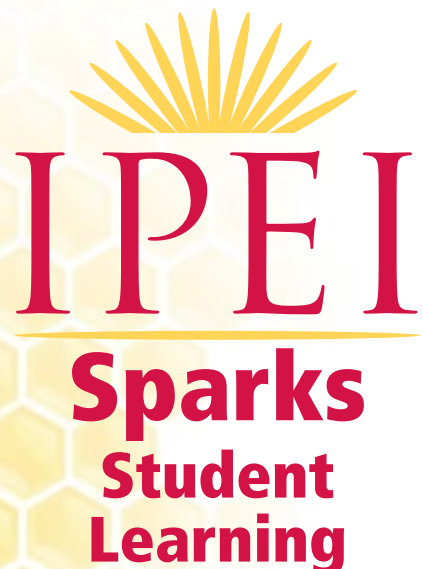
Teacher Grants support ICSD teachers who have ideas for educational projects that involve community members inside and outside ICSD classrooms and directly involve and/or benefit student learning. Applications are accepted each fall for grants up to \$1,500 each.

Red and Gold Grants are one-time grants of up to \$500 for classroom and/or school projects developed by ICSD teachers, staff, students or community members offered four times per year. Funds are granted to strengthen and enrich activities that fall outside the criteria of IPEI's Teacher Grants program.

Connecting Classrooms Grants of up to \$10,000 fund large-scale projects that enhance student engagement and support learning consistent with school and district goals. ICSD staff are encouraged to develop partnerships between teachers within a school, across grade levels and/or between schools. The grants are designed to encourage innovative thinking, engage students, and increase the sense of community between groups of teachers and students.

"Thank you for your continued support of quality education in our district. Your efforts in fundraising for, and administration of IPEI grants have an immense impact on the positive growth of our students and community. IPEI is a welcome support to our daily efforts to impart high quality learning."

—Samuel Trechter, teacher, Belle Sherman and Caroline Elementary Schools





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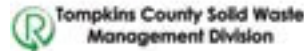
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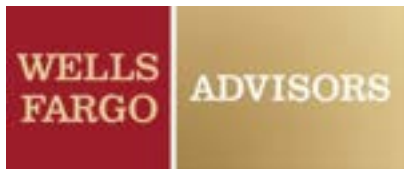
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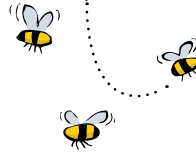
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