



Northwestel spelling bee Concours d'épellation Northwestel

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FEBRUARY 26, 2012

Participant Information / Information du Participant					
Name / Nom:					
Address:			Phone Number/ Numéros de téléphone:		
Postal Code/ Code Postal:			Email:		
Witness/ Parent or Guardian:			Signature:		
Name of School/ Nom d' École:					
Language:	English <input type="checkbox"/>	Français <input type="checkbox"/>	Immersion <input type="checkbox"/>		
Print name:	[]	Signature:	[]	Date:	[]

Rules and regulations

- This event will take place in the foyer of the Yukon Government Administration Building on Friday, February 26, 2012. Beginning this year, the English Spelling Bee will take place in the morning and the French Concours in the afternoon session. Next year the French Concours will be in the morning and the English Spelling Bee in the afternoon. This will allow students from both groups the ability to participate in other popular Rendezvous events. English participants must register between 8 AM and 8:45 AM. The English competition will run between 9:00AM and 11:30AM. The awards are presented immediately following each contest.
- The contest is open to all English, French or French Immersion students from grades 3 – 9 enrolled in all Yukon schools.

English Division

- Each school is allowed to enter only two students in the English final competition held in the school. Unfortunately, we cannot accept additional entries, under any circumstances, as it becomes difficult to complete the event. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE REGISTRATIONS AND NO ALTERNATES.**

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French Division

- For French second language classes and Intensive French, each school may send one student per class. Émilie-Tremblay and the French divisions of Whitehorse Elementary School and F. H. Collins Secondary School may send two participants per class. Since Emilie-Tremblay is the only Francophone school in the territory, a limit of ten students may register for the final spelling bee.
- Please ensure that a final list of the names of participants is sent to the organizers before February 19th. This will give us the necessary time to prepare the certificates that will be offered to all spelling bee participants.
- Northwestel has generously provided the prizes that will be awarded for the 3 top spellers from the English, French and French immersion divisions. Moreover, Northwestel will offer a prize to the final winners' schools in recognition of the top spellers' efforts.
- The word list for each grade level is included in this package. If, by chance, you have not received the appropriate lists please get in touch with Sandra Journeaux-Henderson at 667-205 or at journeas@northwestel.net.
- Rural participation is encouraged. The committee will attempt to arrange travel arrangements for any rural students who wish to register in the spelling bee, but the costs for travel will be the student's responsibility.

Procedures to follow for the official competition:

- a) Between 8:00 AM and 8:45 AM, English participants must complete a registration form providing their name, their school, their grade level and their division (French, French Immersion or English)
- b) The student will receive a lanyard with a number from the registration official. Participants will be called to the microphone in numerical order.
- c) The judges will be seated at tables to the right of the hall.. All judges will have in their possession copies of the list of words for all grade levels in the respective division, as well as a copy of the official rules and regulations for the contest.
- d) When approaching the judges' table, the student will face the judge and will be required to state her/his name, grade level, school. The respective judge will then call out the word to be spelled. This method of proceeding will allow more students to participate at the same time. A grade 4 student might be the first to start followed by a grade 9 student and so on.

Important rules to follow closely:

- ◆ *Each student has 10 seconds to think about the word and its spelling.*
- ◆ *When the student begins to spell the word, he/she must complete the spelling of the word.*

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- ◆ *A student may ask the judge to repeat the word or to use it in a sentence.*
 - ◆ *The student may say the word out loud before beginning to spell it.*
 - ◆ *In the morning session, the judges will permit the student a brief pause before commencing the spelling of the word, a short stop during the spelling of the word and even allow the student to start the spelling of the word over again.*
 - ◆ *In the afternoon session, the same rules apply. However, students will not be permitted a second attempt for the spelling of the word. Pauses will be allowed providing the student continues the spelling of the word where h/she stopped its spelling.*
- e) The judges' decisions are final. A student may contest the spelling of a word. If a student takes advantage of this right, the word will be checked in the respective dictionary (French or English) and another judge will be responsible for making the final decision.
- f) At the end of each session, each student will have had the opportunity to spell at least 10 words if not more. For the English session in the morning, the judges will review the scores at 10:30. The names of all those who are final contestants will be announced at 10:45 and the final rounds to determine the winners will begin immediately.
- g) During the final competition, the judges will narrow the field of spellers to the top three in each division. These finalists will then compete for the ranking of first, second and third place in each of their divisions. By the end of the morning there will be three top winners for the Yukon English Spelling Bee. **Participants are reminded that the words for the final runoffs will be selected at random by the judges. The words called will not be from the list of the most senior grade level of the participant. Last year some parents thought that if a grade three student was in the final rounds, the words would be selected from the grade four list. In the final rounds, it is important to eliminate so that we are able to identify the winners of each division.**
- h) A trophy will be awarded to the three final contestants from the Francophone, French Immersion and the English divisions as well as a trophy for their respective home school. Northwestel reserves the right to award other prizes as the occasion occurs.

A lunch will be hosted on site for all participants from morning and afternoon sessions. French contestants will register from 11:45 AM - 12:30pm. The French Concours will begin at 1:00 sharp

We welcome your comments, questions or suggestions at anytime. Sandra Journeaux Henderson will be the coordinator and the MC for the event.

by email at

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