

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH SPELLING BEE



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Dear Spelling Bee School Champion,

Congratulations on winning your school spelling bee! As your school's champion, you have now qualified to spell at the regional semi-final level of the **St. Louis Post-Dispatch 2017 Spelling Bee** at **McKendree University**. McKendree University is located at 701 College Road, Lebanon, IL 62254.

Your school is in division (filled in by Spelling Bee Coordinator/Teacher – note times below).

The date and time that your speller is scheduled to spell at McKendree University is listed below.

SCHEDULE Registration has been moved to the 1828 Cafe in Pearsons Hall.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 – All semi-final written test divisions and times. Registration for the written test will be held at the McKendree University Holman Library. **Please note - parents/guardians must remain on campus while their speller is testing.**

DIVISION 1

- Registration starts at 7:45 a.m.
- Written test starts at 8:15 a.m.

DIVISION 2

- Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.
- Written test starts at 9:30 a.m.

DIVISION 3

- Registration starts at 10:15 a.m.
- Written test starts at 10:45 a.m.

DIVISION 4

- Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.
- Written test starts at 12:00 p.m.

DIVISION 5

- Registration starts at 1:15 p.m.
- Written test starts at 1:45 p.m.

DIVISION 6

- Registration starts at 2:30 p.m.
- Written test starts at 3:00 p.m.

MORE INFORMATION

- **SEMI-FINALS ARE A WRITTEN TEST FORMAT.** Parents, friends or family members are NOT allowed to watch the written testing; parents/guardians are **REQUIRED** to stay on the McKendree University campus for registration, during testing and to pick up their speller. The semi-final test will last approximately forty-five minutes to one hour.
- Continue to study from the 2017 SpellCheck and review the official rules for the written, semi-final bee.
- In the event of inclement weather, watch for an announcement on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch bee site (nie.post-dispatch.com/Bee) by 6 a.m. on the day of the Bee.
- If for any reason you cannot attend your semi-final bee, contact your school immediately so the runner-up may attend.
- Winners from the written semi-final rounds will be announced after all divisions have completed their testing. **RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE NIE WEBSITE (NIE.POST-DISPATCH.COM/BEE) BY 9 P.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017.**
- Each finalist will receive an email and/or letter in the mail with specific instructions on the final bee. **ONLY** finalists will compete in the spelling bee oral finals on Saturday, March 18, 2017, in the McKendree University Hettenhausen Center for the Arts (The Hett).
- A full-page ad with finalist names and schools will appear in the Post-Dispatch the week of March 13-17.
- If you have questions, please call 314-340-8914 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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