



BCYF

invites you to join us in celebrating the

14th Annual Spelling Bee



Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is excited to once again bring your students and school the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee through the **14th Annual BCYF Spelling Bee.** 

In addition to promoting literacy skills by improving students' spelling and broadening their vocabulary, Spelling Bee participation provides a valuable experience in developing the necessary skills for success in public-speaking, language comprehension, improved study techniques, and new concepts mastery. 

The benefits go beyond the academic for students by providing them with a positive goal to work toward throughout the year. Participation in the Spelling Bee gives students the chance for healthy competition in a non-athletic setting and provides an opportunity to develop self-confidence, responsibility and autonomy, and fosters a sense of pride in representing one's school community. 



How do I get my school involved? : **IT'S E-A-S-Y**

- Register your school with Scripps National Spelling Bee online by December 20, 2020 at www.spellingbee.com/enrollment. This will also serve as your registration for BCYF. (**Save money by opting into Early Enrollment by October 16, 2020**)
- Pay the enrollment fee of \$250 to Scripps National Spelling Bee. **(Early Enrollment fee is \$175)** 
- Hold a school spelling bee on or before Friday, February 26, 2021.
- Submit winner's name and bio form to BCYF by 5:00pm on Friday, February 26, 2021.
- Cheer on your school's representative speller at the 14th Annual BCYF Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 20, 2021!



BCYF Spelling Bee FAQs



•What grades are able to participate in the Spelling Bee?

3rd—8th graders

•**How is the \$175 participation fee used?** This fee goes directly to the Scripps National Spelling Bee to sustain the Bee. Fees are used for staff support, printing and mailing costs, and to implement the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. BCYF does not collect these fees and relies on our sponsorships for the BCYF Spelling Bee.

•**Is there a separate registration for Scripps National Spelling Bee and BCYF?** No, enrolling your school at www.spellingbee.com/enrollment will register your school completely.



•**Can I send more than one student to the BCYF Spelling Bee in March 2021** Each school is only able to send one (1)

•**How will I know what words to use at my school's spelling bee?** Scripps National Spelling Bee will mail your school's spelling bee representative a list of words prior to your school's bee.

•**Is there a plan in case Covid-19 affects the 2021 Bees?** Yes! While we remain hopeful that the Bee will take place in person, Scripps has provided guidance on how to host your Bee virtually. On the website registered schools can find an online platform to host their Bees.

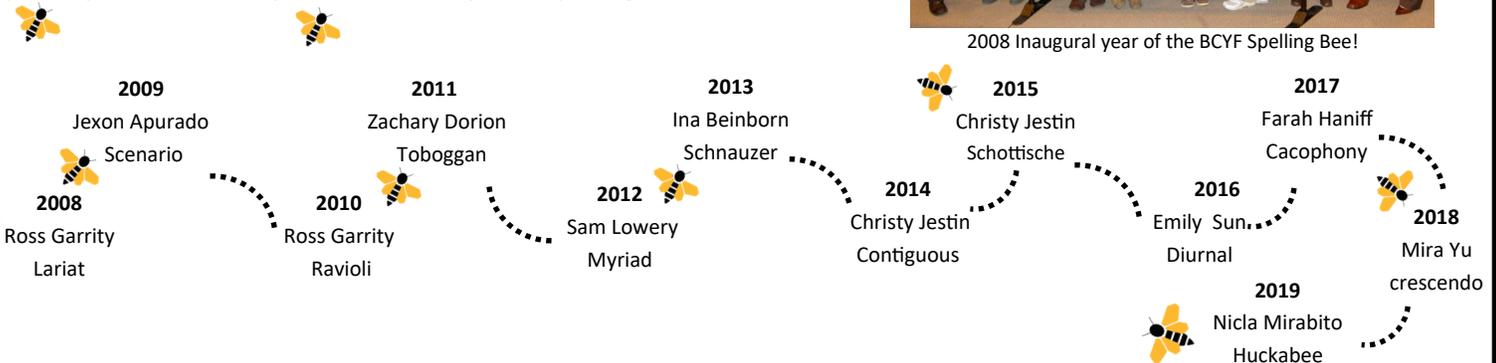
•**Who do I contact with questions?** Joan Lanigan, BCYF Program Manager, 617-635-4920 ext. 2155. joan.lanigan@boston.gov

History

In 2008, BCYF started a new tradition for Boston by hosting the first citywide Spelling Bee. Over the past twelve years, BCYF, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, has continued the tradition of the BCYF Spelling Bee. Each year, family members, friends, and teachers proudly cheer on the spellers at the Citywide Spelling Bee in March.



2008 Inaugural year of the BCYF Spelling Bee!



About Boston Centers for Youth & Families

The mission of Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is to enhance the quality of life for Boston residents by partnering with community center councils, agencies, and businesses to support children, youth, individuals, and families through a wide range of comprehensive programs and services according to neighborhood need.

To register for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, please visit: spellingbee.com/enrollment

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