

Parker Damon School
Spelling Bee 2026 Agenda
Saturday, December 12, 2026

Event Details

- **Participation Levels:**
 - Kindergarten
 - Level 1 : Grade 1 - Grade 3
 - Level 2 : Grade 4 - Grade 6
- **Check-in:** PDB Main Lobby
 - 9:00 - 9:30 AM- Level 1 and 2
 - 9:45 - 10:15 AM - Kindergarten
- **What to Bring:**
 - Snack/Lunch/Water
 - A strong speaking voice
 - A grown-up (all children must be accompanied by an adult)
- **Spelling Bee Word List Study Guidelines:**

Level	Written Test study	Oral Round study
Kindergarten	N/A	Kindergarten List
Level 1	ONE BEE list	ONE BEE list + ONE BEE from WOTC
Level 2	TWO BEE list	TWO BEE list + TWO BEE from WOTC

Important Rules

- **Check-in closes promptly at 9:30 AM and 10:15 AM respectively.** Contestants who are not checked in and seated by this time will not be allowed to participate.
- After check-in, contestants will be escorted by an usher to their designated seats for the written test in the competition.
- **No talking** is allowed once the announcer signals the start of the Spelling Bee.
- Contestants **are not permitted to have phones** during the event. Possession of a phone during either the written or oral rounds will result in disqualification.
- **Parents will not be permitted** in the exam hall during the time of the written test.
- **No assistance** (verbal or otherwise) is allowed from parents or other contestants. Any violation will lead to immediate disqualification.

Schedule

Time	Levels 1 and 2 (Grades 1+)	Kindergarten
9:00-9:30	Check-in in PD main lobby	N/A
9:30-10:15	Written Test	Check-in in PD main lobby
10:15-10:30		Parental supervision
10:30-10:45	Break / snack (provided by parents) / playground break / watch Kindergarten Students must be supervised by a parent	Seating on stage
10:45-11:15		Kindergarten round (non-competitive)
11:15-11:30	Announcement of Written Portion results	N/A
11:30 - 11:45	Lunch (provided by parents)	N/A
11:45 - 2:00 (may end earlier)	Oral Rounds	

Spelling Bee Procedure

1st Round: Written Spelling Bee

- Contestants will be seated according to their respective levels (Level 1 and 2).
- The announcer will read **20 words** (one at a time), alternating between levels.
- Contestants will have **60 seconds per word** to write the correct spelling.
- At the end of the round, spelling sheets will be collected and scored.
- The **top 5 scorers from each grade** will advance to the oral round. This means a total of **30 students** (15 from Lower and 15 from Upper) will qualify.
- In the event of a tie, all students will be allowed on the stage for the oral round.

2nd Round: Oral Spelling Bee

- The 30 qualifying students (15 from each level) will be seated on stage.
- Contestants will be called to the front of the stage, starting with Lower.
- The announcer will provide a word, along with additional information if the word has a homonym.
- Contestants will have **60 seconds** to spell the word aloud.
- The judge will determine if the spelling is correct:
- **Correct spelling:** The contestant advances to the next round.

- **Incorrect spelling:** The contestant is eliminated, and the judge will provide the correct spelling.
- The first oral round will consist of **15 words** for each level.
- Subsequent rounds will feature fewer words as contestants are eliminated and the difficulty increases.
- **Words may be picked in any random pattern from the published list. Students are expected to study the full list.**
- **The judge's decision will be final and not open to reconsideration.**
- The process will continue until a winner is determined for each level.

Kindergarten Round

- The kindergarten round is **non-competitive** and will take place during the break between the written and oral rounds.
- All kindergarten participants will be seated on stage.
- Each student will be called to the front and given a word to spell.
- Regardless of the outcome, every participant will be cheered and applauded.
- This round will consist of **2-3 turns** for each student.