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MEMORANDUM

TO: Elementary and Middle School Principals
FROM: Vanessa Girard, Director of Instructional Support
DATE: August 31, 2009
SUBJECT: EGUSD District Spelling Bee
cc: Bob Roe, Linda Meyerson, Tina Penna, Sara Noguchi

The Elk Grove Unified School District will hold a district-level spelling bee for third through eighth grade students on **Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Education Center.** After conducting individual site-level bees, each participating school will be allowed to advance one top speller to the district-level bee. District-level participants will receive participation acknowledgment, and the contest winner and runner-up will receive trophies and will be invited to a formal recognition by our Board of Education at a future board meeting.

As in years past, the results of our district bee have no bearing on who may continue on to the Central Valley Spelling Bee, the local competition affiliated with the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Any winner of a school site spelling bee may continue on to the Central Valley Bee provided the school has registered online with the Scripps National Spelling Bee by **October 16, 2009.**

The Scripps National Spelling Bee's individual school sites registration fee is \$99. With that fee also includes the opportunity to download free spelling bee resources, e.g., the "Spell It!" booklet, which contains the word lists that the district bee uses.

If you wish to register your school, the web site will accept a check or credit card for payment. The web site can be found at <http://www.spellingbee.com>. For more information about the local Central Valley Spelling Bee, please contact Ron Brand at rbrand@sacbee.com.

School participants at the district level should plan to conduct a site-level spelling bee for third through sixth grade or seventh and eighth grade students by Wednesday, December 2, 2009. **For District Spelling Bee participation, please submit the name of your site winner to Tonnie Sevilla in Curriculum/Professional Learning no later than Thursday, December 3, 2009.**

The *2010 Spell It!* will be used to select the words for EGUSD's Spelling Bee. This booklet is available via a free download when you register your school on the national web site. Feel free to contact Tonnie Sevilla at 686-7757 should you have any questions regarding your site or district-level bee.

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