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Spell-A-thon  
is here!

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**Support Your Students, Support Your School**

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**What:** The Spell-a-thon is a special fundraising spelling test given in the classroom by your child's teacher. Before the test, students gather pledges from friends or family, either on a per-word basis or as a flat pledge. We ask students to get as many sponsors as they can. Our goal is for every student to have at least one sponsor. The more sponsors each student has, the more money we raise!

**Who:** All Kester students will participate in the Spell-a-thon fundraising spelling test during non-instructional time as determined by teachers and Kester administration!

**Why:** This is a fun and educational way to earn money for Kester! Every correctly spelled word earns money that will go 100% to Kester's physical education program! Last year was a huge success—students raised over \$30,000! Please support our students once again so that we can continue the P.E. program next year.

**When:** All students, whether or not they have any pledges, will take the test in their classrooms during non-instructional time, the week of February 25th.

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**Additional Information:**

- 1 Sponsors can be friends, relatives or anyone you know.
- 2 Pledges can be any amount of money pledged per word. The sponsor will pay the amount pledged, multiplied by the number of words spelled correctly. For example, if \$1.00 per word is pledged and the child spells 25 words correctly, the amount due would be \$25.00. Flat pledges, that are not dependent on the student's performance, are also welcomed.
- 3 Please turn in pledge sheets to your teachers by the day of your Spell-a-thon test.
- 4 Your teacher will provide the list of words for the Spell-a-thon spelling test. There may be some super secret bonus words that students won't see until the day of the Spell-a-thon!
- 5 After the tests have been graded, the pledge sheets will be tabulated and returned to you for money collection. You will have until Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to submit the pledge money in order for it to count toward your class total. Checks are to be made payable to Kester Avenue PTA. Please be sure to write your child's name and room number on all checks.

Most important dates to remember:

**Monday, February 25: turn in pledge sheets**  
**Week of February 25<sup>th</sup>: tests given in classroom**  
**Friday, March 22: turn in pledge donations**