



January 4, 2018

Dear JMS Parents/Guardians:

In an effort to support excellence in education, the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) offers students an opportunity to exhibit their proficiency in the area of spelling. This annual competition is designed to help students learn to spell quickly and accurately, promote students' correct word usage, help students correct misspelled words automatically, help students learn to compete, and provide an environment to promote students' self-esteem, character development, and sportsmanship.

The spelling bee is for those students who choose to be a part of the competition. If your child will be participating in the school spelling bee, please **return this form to your child's homeroom teacher by Tuesday, January 9, 2018.**

The JMS spelling bee is **Thursday, January 11, 2018**. This level event is not open to parents. The top five spellers from each grade level (grades 4-8) will compete in the **Jefferson City System Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 2, 2018** to establish one district representative and one runner-up. Parents/family are welcome to attend the district bee. The district winner will advance to a regional competition (date TBD).

Please sign the bottom portion of this letter to indicate your acknowledgement of the spelling bee and permission for your child to participate at the school level. This signed letter should be returned to your child's homeroom teacher.

- **All spelling words, definitions, and rules can be found on the JMS website. Should you need a printed copy, please contact your child's language arts teacher.**
- **There will be a practice vocabulary round as the top five spellers in each grade level will be exposed to this if they make it to the system bee.**

Student's Name _____ Grade Level _____

_____ My child will participate in the school spelling bee.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____