**SPELLING BEE 2018 Jüri Gümnaasium, 6.03.2018**

1. Finalists from Harju County gather in Jüri Gümnaasium assembly hall on 6th of March.
2. Finalists are divided into four different groups. Every group is sent to a different classroom with two judges.
3. In every classroom three best spellers are picked who once again compete in grand-finale in front of all the students.
4. During the competition, after the pronouncer says the word the speller repeats the words which helps to make sure that the speller heard the word correctly.
5. The speller repeats the word after spelling the word to notify the judge that he/she has finished spelling.
6. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, and/or use it in a sentence.
7. **Judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.**
8. Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, BUT in retracing there can be NO change of letters or their sequence from those first pronounced. If any letters or their sequence are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated. In other words, a speller can’t correct himself even while it is still his or her turn
9. The contest shall be conducted in rounds. Each speller remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round shall spell one word in the round.
10. **When there are only two spellers left, if one player misspells a word, the other player must spell that word correctly, plus one more word to be declared the winner of the spelling bee.**
11. Misspelling: Upon spelling a word incorrectly, the speller immediately drops out of the competition. If all of the members of a round misspell their words, a new round begins, with everyone participating in the same order as before.
12. Judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decisions are final. Spelling bees are like sporting events in which referees call the plays as they see them

**Disqualifications for reasons other than clear misspelling:**

The judges will disqualify a speller (1) who refuses a request to start spelling; (2) who repeatedly takes too much time to spell each word after being reminded not to. (3) who engages in cheating or unsportsmanlike conduct; (4) who, in the process of retracing a spelling, changes the letters or sequence of letters from those first originally said; (5) who, in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

* During the competition, there must be complete silence. Students failing to be silent could be eliminated from the competition rooms.
* Teachers are allowed to stay in the competition rooms.
* Year 9 students will be used as judges.
* Maximum number of participants is 120 students. Registration will be closed on the 20th of February of upon reaching the maximum number of participants.
* We expect 1-2 students from every class.
* Please, do bring indoor shoes. School lunch will be offered to students for three. Lunch for teachers cost 1.50 euro which can be paid in cash.

If you happen to have any further questions, feel free to ask kristel.kook-aljas@jyri.edu.ee

See you on the 6th of March at 10am!