

SUPERINTENDENT **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

We are in the final push for our *One District One Book* fundraiser Celebrity Spelling Bee! This coming Tuesday evening, March 14th, at 7:00pm, we will be hosting what is sure to be an entertaining event in our Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts auditorium. Ten sweaty-palmed spellers, including yours truly, will be hemming and hawing and pulling at our collars during a tense and drama filled spelling competition. Drew Bordner, GLCS Curriculum and Instructional Technology Director, will lend us his golden voice as the emcee for the event. Our GLCS Foundation is the creative inspiration behind this fun activity.

Speaking for myself, this is a full circle moment that goes all the way back to my 6th grade year in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. That year, I was slated to go on to the Dickinson County spelling bee, but was laid up by an acute case of appendicitis (can you spell appendicitis?) Back then, I was motivated enough to look up my family doctor's number in the Yellow Pages to see if he considered me well enough to compete. I can only imagine Dr. Schroeder holding the phone out from his ear with a quizzical look at his receptionist. He cleared his throat and said in a kind voice that I needed to wait until my staples were removed. Somehow, my parents found out about my attempt to circumvent the healing process and they reinforced Doctor Schroeder's orders, while trying their best not to crack up. The indignity of it all!

In support of GLCS student literacy, please consider donating to the cause using [this link](#). You would do me proud if you decide to contribute via my "Spell-ebrity" link, but you will have the choice to support any of the ten spellers matching wits on Tuesday.

Just remember that 6th grader I told you about...

Have a great weekend!



Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools



Updates

First day of the third trimester on March 13th.

The GL Celebrity Spelling Bee is Tuesday, March 14th at 7PM at the GL Center for the Fine Arts.



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