

Hello Voyager Parents and Guardians – and welcome to Spell a Thon 2021!

Whether you are new to Spell a Thon or a seasoned participant, this year's fundraiser is going to be very different. But VPTA is still committed to helping our Vikings work on their spelling skills while raising monies for our programs.

In a normal school year Spell a Thon is a one day, in person test. This year we will have a "Test Week" March 1st – 5th with tests completed online through Google docs in Schoology.

Teachers will be creating a "Spell a Thon" folder in their Schoology Course Folders. Included in the folder will be the spelling list for your student's grade. The lists will also be available through the Voyage PTA's website at <https://www.voyagerpta.com/>. The tiered prize list will also be posted in the Schoology folders. Each student who submits a test will receive a Bambino Meal Coupon compliments of Fondi's Pizzeria.

During Test Week, March 1st – 5th, teachers will assign the test either as group work or independent work. Tests will be completed through Google docs. Each word will be presented through a recording with the word and a sentence for context. Students will then type each word on the line provided.

Another change for this year is all pledges will be collected online through 99pledges.com. You can set up a page for your child at <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/spellathon13> which will include a link you can send to family and friends.

Funds raised will go towards financially supporting our teachers and staff maintain safe COVID protocols for in-person classes (additional classroom supplies to help with social distancing, cleaning, and eliminate sharing of items), purchasing enrichment programs for remote learning (Reflex Math, AR Program, RAZ-Kids Reading) and towards completing the purchase of the new playground structure. Additionally, VPTA is once again providing emergency kits for all students as they return to in-person classes as well as the Hands On Art program for all students.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation with this program. If you have any questions about Spell a Thon, please feel free to reach out to me, Angie Costa, and I will get back to you. [Angie.L.Costa@hotmail.com](mailto:Angie.L.Costa@hotmail.com)

Thank you again! Here's looking forward to an amazing outcome!

Angie Costa