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## **Save the date for the Gila County Spelling Bee!**

GILA COUNTY - It's that time of year again! Students will be preparing and participating in their school and district spelling bees in the coming months. This year's Gila County Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014 in the Miami High School auditorium, located at 4739 S. Ragus Road in Miami, Ariz. The Gila County Spelling Bee is a public event, sponsored by the Gila County School Superintendent's Office. Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support of the talented students as they compete to represent their county.

Winners in the county spelling bee will advance to the state competition, which will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Eight/Arizona PBS in Phoenix. Twenty-seven students from around the state will compete for the chance to represent Arizona in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in late May/early June 2014.

Spelling bees are a great American tradition; they provide an excellent way to promote and honor academic achievement and excellence. Bees can help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.

We hope to welcome you at Miami High School on Feb. 20 for this year's Gila County Spelling Bee!

For more information on the Gila County Spelling Bee, please contact Victoria Sanchez by phone at 928-402-8783 or by email to [vsanchez@gilacountyaz.gov](mailto:vsanchez@gilacountyaz.gov). You can also find information on this and other upcoming events on our website at [www.gilacountyschools.org](http://www.gilacountyschools.org).