Cornerstone's "Star Spellers "Spell-a-Thon 2015

Cornerstone Elementary is extremely fortunate to have such an active and devoted community of parents and teachers who work hard to guide, teach, stimulate, and support our children. Each year, our PTO financially supports numerous activities and school-wide purchases which benefit our students and our school. We are seeking your assistance with a very exciting fundraiser event. **Rather than knocking door-to-door selling products to raise money, we are choosing to strengthen our students' academic talents by hosting Cornerstone's 2nd Bi-Annual Spell-a-Thon!** Our previous Spell-a-Thon was a great success, and we're hoping to continue that tradition. **100% of money raised goes directly to our school!**

For our Spell-a-Thon, students will be given lists of grade-appropriate spelling words and challenged to spell them correctly on a test. (Kindergarteners will be reading sight words or recognizing letters from the alphabet rather than spelling). Family and friends can sponsor our students by:

- Making a flat donation in support of a student's participation in the Spell-a-Thon, **OR**
- Pledging funds for each word spelled correctly.
- As an extra challenge, **each student can set a goal** and ask for a **double-pledge** if that goal is met.

Our goal is to raise money through this event to enable the PTO to fund teacher, student, and classroom projects for this school year. Examples of the projects we fund include:

- **Family Events**: the PTO sponsors movie nights, a Spring Carnival, and other fun events.
- **Field Trips**: the PTO provides more than $3000 each year to help pay for student field trips, including Bus transportation and entrance fees.
- **Cornerstone T-shirts:** the PTO provides each Cornerstone student and teacher a t-shirt. Students love to wear their shirts to show pride in our school community!
- **Classroom Support:** in addition to organizing volunteers, the PTO provides monetary support for classroom and building-wide projects that help make our school a great place for students to learn.

Cornerstone Elementary's Spell-a-Thon is the ideal way to raise money for our school while encouraging students to focus on their learning. We want to have 100% of students return at least one pledge—every little bit helps, and we thank you in advance for your support!

Pledge sheets are due back to the school by Wednesday, October 21st. Spell-A-Thon tests will be taken on Thursday 10/22, and then scored and returned for students to collect their pledges. **All pledged funds are due back to the school by Thursday, November 5th.**

We will celebrate 3 individual classes with an Ice Cream Party!

The class that has the *highest percentage of participants*, the class with the *most funds raised,* and the class *with the highest number of correctly spelled words* will each receive its own party.

Questions??? Want to help??? Contact Chris Stormer @ chris@sturch.net or 234-249-0242