



Grafton Education Alliance Spelling Bee A Resounding Success

And the Winner is...

The Apple Tree Arts "Bee Sharps" Team won the title of Grafton's Best Spellers at the Grafton Education Alliance (GEA) Community Spelling Bee on March 6th. Team members Donna Blanchard, Dave Coleman and Paul Scarlett captured the title by correctly spelling "glockenspiel" in the final round.

The GEA also awarded the following prizes at the event:

- Most Original Team Name - The Trash Talkers of the Grafton Recycling Committee
- Most Team Spirit – The Stellar Spellers of Grafton Elementary School
- Most Original Costume – The Grafton School Committee Shorttimers

Eighteen teams competed in the event, which also included a silent auction. Proceeds from the evening will benefit GEA initiatives.

The GEA would like to acknowledge the generous contributions made by the following sponsors, donors and supporters: Savers Bank, SGES PTG, Apple Tree Arts, Insendia, NGES PTG, Early Learning Center, Grafton Pop Warner, Grafton School Committee, Grafton Soccer Club, Grafton Board of Selectmen, GMS PTG, Grafton Lions' Club, Gaudette Insurance, GES PTG, Grafton Recycling Committee, Wyman Gordon, Rep. George Peterson, the Browne Family, Norman Crepeau, Rutfield Insurance, Stop & Shop, Grafton Suburban Credit Union, Washington Mills, Grafton SPEDPAC, Pam Kates, Millbury Federal Credit Union, Anderson Automotive, Grafton High School, Sen. Michael Moore, Joe Garabedian of The Buggy Whip, Pepperoni Express, Michael & Ann Bartosiewicz of Bushel N Peck, Polar Beverages, Shipwreck, Marcia Pereira, GHS Custodians, Imad Sandakly, Eric Alper Photography, Sunshine Sign, Michelle Tynan, Doreen Parker, Dr. Joseph Connors, Maureen Cohen, Richard Lind, Brenda Plainte, Whitin Community Center, TD BankNorth Garden, Liz & Peter Cardoza, Worcester Tornadoes, Worcester Sharks, Basketball Hall of Fame, Mary Dennis Photography, Story Land Theme Park, New England Aquarium, JFK Library & Museum, Boston Duck Tours, CoCo Key Water Park, Rachel Blum, Six Flags New England, Highfields Golf & Country Club, The Ecotarium, Old Sturbridge Village, Butterfly Place, Discovery Museum in Acton, Penny Lynn Photography,

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To see photos of the event go to:

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