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November 17, 2015

Dear Fourth and Fifth Graders,

It's time to tell you about **two exciting opportunities coming up next month!** Ridge School will again be participating in both the National Geography Bee AND the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Your participation in either or both Bees is voluntary. Are you interested in geography? Are you a good speller? Do you like to participate in contests? These are questions to ask yourself to decide whether or not you want to participate.

If you're interested in the **Geography Bee**, place a checkmark on the tear-off below. All volunteers will take a written general knowledge geography test on December 14. The top scorers on that test will then proceed to the school level Geography Bee to be held on January 8 (usually between 10 and 15 students.) The school's geography champion will then take another written test. Depending on the results of that test, he/she may then qualify for a state level Geography Bee.

If you're interested in the **Spelling Bee**, place a checkmark on the tear-off below. All volunteers will participate in two mandatory practice sessions (lunchtime on December 10 and 14) and in the school level Spelling Bee on December 15. Finalists from that Bee will then participate in the finals for Ridge School on December 17. The school's spelling champion will then participate in a local area level Spelling Bee held in March.

Once you sign up, I will provide you with more information. Parents of participants are invited to both school bees. Good luck and I hope to see many participants!

Sincerely,

Ms. Schoenlank

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Student's first and last name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to participate in the Geography Bee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to participate in the Spelling Bee.

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Parent Signature

***Please return this form to Ms. Schoenlank no later than December 4.***