

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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## **MEDIA ALERT** **Tulare County Spelling Championship February 23, 2005** **Lamp Liter Inn, Visalia**

The Sixth Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship will be held from 9:00 am until noon on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at the Lamp Liter Inn in Visalia. There will be 134 participant spellers and 118 alternates representing sixty-one public schools, six private schools and one home school within Tulare County. The spellers, who are fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders, will compete for the opportunity to become the 2005 Tulare County Spelling Champion and advance to the National Scripps-Howard Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. May 29 - June 3, 2005.

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak and the Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register annually partner to sponsor the event. "This event builds self-confidence in students who compete and hopefully instills a life-long love for spelling," says Mr. Vidak. The Tulare County Spelling Championship is open to the public.

For more information, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer at 733-6606.

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