

NALA NEWS

JOPLIN NALA READ 123 S. MAIN STREET

At least two kinds of people live in the world: those who love to spell and those who avoid it. Joplin NALA Read has a unique approach that bonds the two together at our annual fundraiser, Spell Ball. We really don't care

English well enough to become a supervisor. Susan's goal is to pass the CNA course. Don plans to go to college. Mabel studies math so she can help grandchildren with homework.

There is no charge to our adult

their lives through literacy.

We invite you to enter a team in our upcoming Spell Ball from your company, club, organization, or friends.

Mark your calendar for Spell Ball: Tuesday, March 24th at

SPELL BALL 2015

Tuesday, March 24th 5:30 p.m. at Joplin High School

whether you are the spelling nerd or the avoider. In fact, the two of you can be on the same team. The three-person team needs only one person who actually spells; the others can be decorative or enthusiastic or just there, or the three can take turns.

What we really do care about are the students we serve. They enter with varying needs. For example, Joe works hard but needs the boost of improved reading to advance to a better-paying job. Gloria wants to speak

learners. But there is a cost, and that's where our annual fundraiser, Spell Ball, enters the picture. To enable our students to meet their goals, we train volunteer tutors, offer a safe learning environment, and provide books. Spell Ball helps to take up the slack between current funding and current costs.

That's where you come in! You, the team member who loves to spell. Or you, the team member who avoids spelling. It's not about spelling—it's about giving people a chance to improve

Joplin High School. Fill out the enclosed reply card or visit www.joplinnala.org and let us know how you will help!

Marj Boudreaux

WE CHEER FOR SPELL BALL



BLASTERS
JOPLIN

And the literacy efforts of Joplin NALA Read



There are a number of ways you can help out at Spell Ball:

- Enter a team consisting of three players for \$150
- Be a Spell Ball Sponsor
- Contribute items for the silent auction
- Volunteer to help during Spell Ball
- Come out to the Spell Ball and cheer on the teams!

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Guadalupe meets with her tutor after work. She recently received a raise along with praise from her boss for working so hard to improve her English.



Enter a Team

Your business, club, organization, or any group of individuals may enter a team of three players. Teams receive a word list and rules, and practice as much as they like. Teams are placed in a sports bracket. Each inning three words are pitched to both teams. Team members consult with each other and decide on the spelling. If they answer correctly they score a run. At the end of the four-inning game, the team with the most runs goes on to spell against other winners until the Final Championship game of the evening. **Enter a team** and give people a chance to improve their lives through literacy.

EARLY ENTRY Teams who enter on or before March 6th, 2015 may submit a word to be used in a tie-breaker situation and tie-breaker words are not published!

Advantage: *In case of a tie at the end of a game, the Pitcher will give a tie-breaker word. The tie-breaker word list is not given out to the teams. So an early entry guarantees your team will know at least one word on the tie-breaker word list!*



TEAM CHALLENGE

Challenge another team—if the challenged team enters—your team receives a \$10 ball pass, free, and will play the challenged team in the first game!

Advantage: *When pitched a word, your team has 20 seconds to decide whether to spell it or use a Ball Pass. If you use a Ball Pass, your team will be given another easier word. Each team*

may use up to three ball passes per game.



SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT

This year really show your team spirit with themed outfits and accessories and you could win the SPIRIT award!

Advantage: *Your team will receive a Spirit Jar. You are encouraged to decorate your jar with team photos, team name, or whatever you like and use this jar to collect votes for the most SPIRIT. Of course, votes will be money. Collect votes both before Spell Ball and during the event that evening, encouraging fans to vote for your decked out team. The team collecting the most "votes" will be the Spirit Award winner.*

Colbi has attended orientation, a leveled class, and met with his tutor. As he transitions to independent living, his goal is to improve his basic literacy skills while increasing employability and consumer skills.



Eloy, together with his classmates in the Tuesday evening ESL class, logs over 30 hours each month. Students learn the English skills needed to survive as workers, family members, and citizens.



Be a Sponsor

*This year consider being a Spell Ball Sponsor! Whether it is through One-on-One tutoring, classes for English Language learners, or Family Literacy programs, your **sponsorship** will empower learners to access all their options in life.*

GRAND SLAM \$2500

- ◆ Entry fee for three teams
- ◆ Throw out first pitch during Opening Ceremonies the evening of Spell Ball
- ◆ Corporate logo and recognition as Grand Slam Sponsor on all event marketing & publicity, Joplin NALA Read's website, and Spell Ball program.

HOME RUN \$1000

- ◆ Entry fee for two teams
- ◆ Corporate logo and recognition as Home Run Sponsor on all event marketing & publicity, Joplin NALA Read's website, and Spell Ball program.

SEASON TICKET HOLDER \$500

- ◆ Entry fee for one team
- ◆ Corporate logo and recognition as Season Ticket Holder in Spell Ball program

YOU MAKE THE CALL

- ◆ You choose the dollar amount of your contribution and your company recognition will be based on giving level. All sponsors will be recognized in the event program



Pat returned to NALA after the tornado and was relieved to know her tutor was available to work with her again. Mary, a retired nurse, helped Pat study for a test to become a personal health aid. Pat passed the test and confidently assumes the added responsibility.

VOLUNTEER



Be a Volunteer

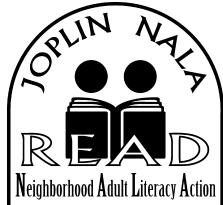
Spell Ball is an enjoyable version of a Spelling Bee, run like a baseball tournament. Volunteers are needed to pitch words, keep score, help with the silent auction, sell 50-50 tickets, and much more. This year consider being a Spell Ball Volunteer!

Whether it is through One-on-One tutoring, classes for English Language learners, or Family Literacy programs, your participation in Spell Ball will empower learners to access all their options in life. Look inside to see the many opportunities for you to participate in Spell Ball!

Return the enclosed reply card, call, email or visit our website to join Spell Ball.
To receive the most benefit respond today!

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