

# Welcome!

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**BEE *Innovative***

**BEE *Influential***

**BEE *Community***

**BEE *WEF***



# BEE Innovative

WEF grants gave WMS students an opportunity build robots, empowering them to think in 3D.



# BEE Influential

Over the past two years, WEF has awarded over \$230,000 to WPS for cutting edge professional development opportunities.



# BEE Community

The WEF Spelling Bee has been a beloved town tradition for over 30 years!





# Orthography

*(noun) awr-thog-ruh-fee*

**The art of writing words with the proper letters, according to accepted usage; correct spelling.**



# Bee Program

**Welcome and Recognition** . . . .

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**WEF Introduction** . . . .

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**Bee Program** . . . .

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**Preliminary Rounds 1 to 5** . . . .

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**Championship Round** . . . .

**Preliminary Round Winners**

**Presentation of Ruth Humphries Bee Trophy**



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WEF was the primary funder of WHS's LED stage backdrop and lighting fixtures and WMS's new auditorium microphones.



# BEE Influential

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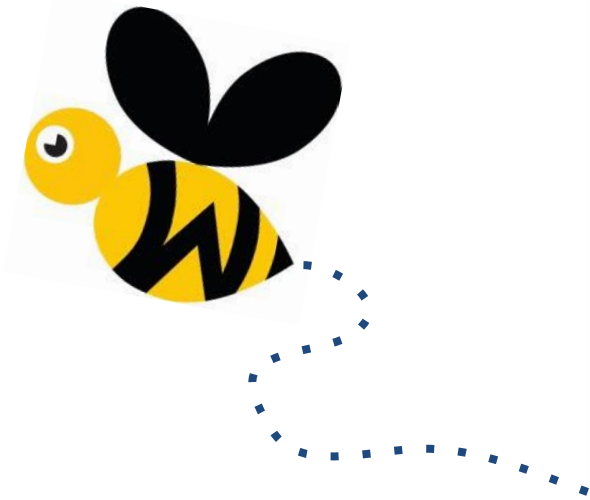
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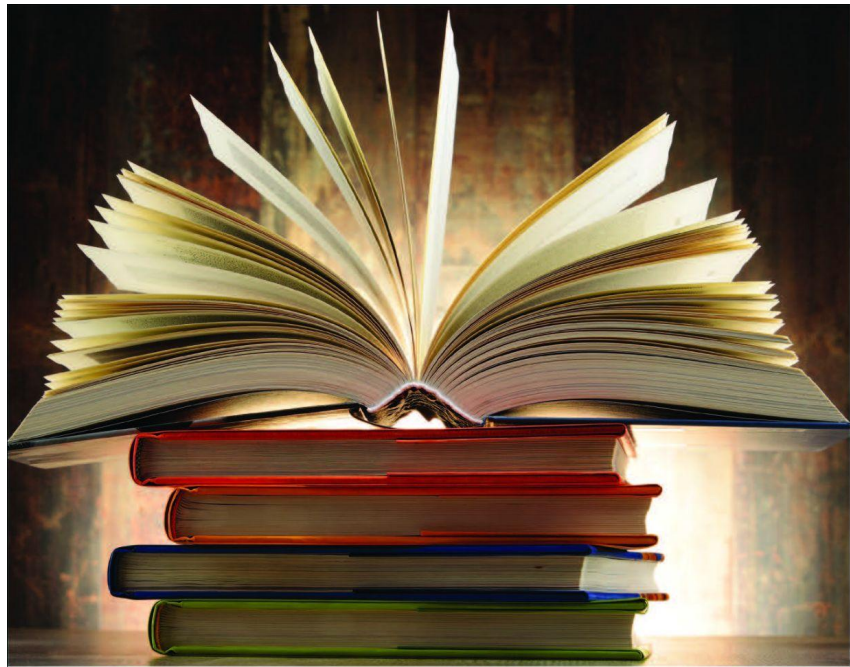
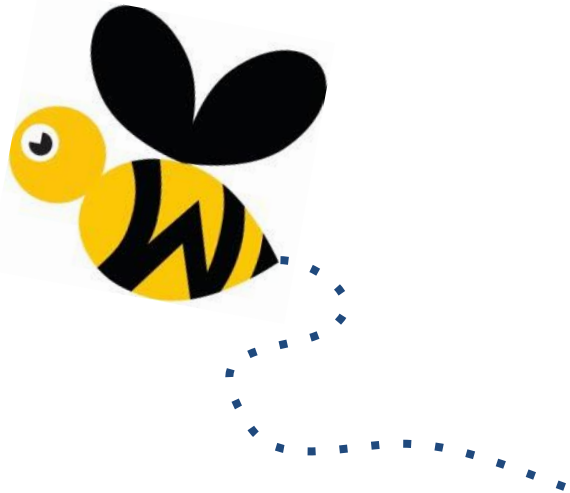
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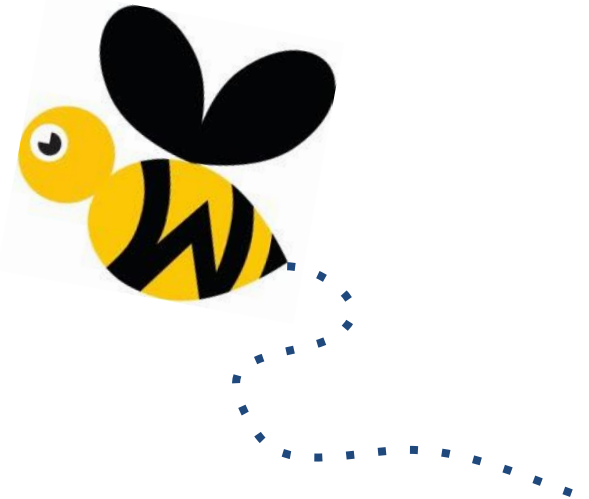


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# BEE Community

WEF's grants reach 100% of WPS students.





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A 2023 WEF grant is sending HS specialists to the ATIA Conference 2024. ATIA, a global leader in assistive technology research, provides new technologies/creative ideas to enhance learning for all students, particularly students with disabilities.



# BEE Influential

WEF has supported multiple cohorts of educators to attend the Harvard *Data Wise* Program in order to advance data-informed improvements in instruction and student achievement.



# BEE Community

WEF's grants support all 10 WPS schools.



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