

# Groups wanted to spell for adult literacy cause

The buzz is already building for the eighth annual Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee, scheduled for Thursday, May 5.

For nearly a decade, locals from businesses and organizations have stood in silly clothes before an audience of more than 250 to prove they're willing to give the Oxford Dictionary a run for its money. And money is what it's all about.

The Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee continues to be a popular event that raises funds to provide re-

sources for tutor training for the Read\*Spell\*Write program in Milton, Georgetown and Acton, administered through the non-profit agency, Literacy North Halton.

This year the agency is proud to report the title sponsor of the event is Traffix, a local trucking transport company.

During the Bee, teams of three compete for



spelling supremacy and ultimately the big 'bee' trophy. Prizes are also awarded for first team out (a dictionary, of course), best team spirit and best costume. Over the years teams have dressed as witches (Bee-witched), and characters from Forest Gump, as well as characters from the works of Charles Dickens and Dr. Seuss.

Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee organizers are currently looking for new teams to spell it out for adult literacy. Space is limited, so teams are encouraged to register early.

The event will be held at Halton Hills Place on Steeles Avenue, Milton starting at 5 p.m.

If you are interested in putting together a team or coming out to cheer on the spellers, please contact Literacy North Halton 905-873-2200 or go to [www.grategroanup.com](http://www.grategroanup.com). Call soon as tickets always sell out.

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