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## **THE PURPLE SCHOOL'S 2015 SPANISH LANGUAGE BEE TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO HOST ASB&T AND LOS COMPADRES DONATE**

*April 23, 2015 (Williston, ND).* May is just around the corner. That means The Purple School's annual Spanish Language Bee is almost here. The 2015 Spanish Language Bee will be held on Tuesday, May 19, at 3:30 pm at Trinity Christian School in Williston. The 3rd annual event allows local children to showcase their Spanish skills and to compete for cash and other prizes.

**Trinity Christian School** is hosting the Bee for the first time. Cory Fleck, Assistant Administrator of Trinity Christian School, spearheaded the introduction of Spanish into Trinity's K-4 curriculum earlier this year. He commented, "Introduction of a second language to children is a gift, enhancing their math, language and academic skills generally. We are one of only a small handful of schools in the state and country providing Spanish instruction to elementary school children. And we may become the first school in Williston to offer Spanish instruction to all of K-6."

**American State Bank & Trust** was again the first corporate donor this year. Dave Hanson, President and CEO, said, "We are proud to have donated every year to this unique Williston event. Spanish continues to be on the rise, globally and locally. Knowing two languages will serve our next generation of leaders well. I hope ASBT's support of this event inspires more local children to learn Spanish."

Local business **Los Compadres** is a donor again as well. Gerardo Gonzalez, Manager, said, "It has been wonderful to hear some of our youngest customers come in speaking Spanish. We are proud to support local children learning Spanish."

The Purple School's Spanish Language Bee provides children with an opportunity to study at home towards concrete goals and will allow participants to publicly showcase their Spanish and to compete for prizes such as the \$100 top prize, \$50 second place, and \$25 third place. The registration fee for the 2015 Spanish Language Bee is \$15 (\$10 if by May 1).

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