

**41st ANNUAL
GREAT COMPUTER CHALLENGE
OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
May 2, 2026**

Level/ Time	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	10:00 -10:15 a.m.	10:30 -11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
Level 1- Grades K-2	Team Registration & Set-up	Rules Review	Level 1 Competition (1hr)	Lunch & Entertainment	Awards Ceremony
Level/ Time	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.		12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Level 2- Grades 3-5	Team Registration & Set-up	Rules Review	Level 2 Competition (1hr 45 min)		Lunch & Entertainment

8:30-9:30 a.m. - Registration will take place in the main lobby of *Webb Center at Old Dominion University*.
Pick up registration packet(s) and t-shirt(s) then **proceed to assigned room for set-up**.

9:45-10:00 a.m. - Rules Review for **Level 2** will take place in the **Cafeteria**.

10:00-10:15 a.m. - Rules Review for **Level 1** will take place in the **Cafeteria**.

All teacher coaches and contestants must be present for the Rules Review.

12:15 p.m. - The 2026 TowneBank Spelling Bee will begin in the **Cafeteria**.

1:45 p.m. - Awards Ceremony will take place in the **Cafeteria**.

Webb Center Dining Options - www.odu.edu/monarchdining

- Starbucks – 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Panda Express - 11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Chick-Fil-A – 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Subway – 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Steak 'N Shake – 10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Juice Bar – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Other ODU facilities open:

- University Village (located near Chartway Arena) – visit www.odu.edu/monarchdining for options/hours.

All prices are comparable to local fast food restaurants. **Please note that all Monarch Dining locations accept CARD PAYMENT ONLY**. You may choose to have your students bring their lunch, or you may wish to patronize one of the restaurants in the area (some are within walking distance.) However, you will have to arrange your own transportation if you leave the facility.

ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS



SPELLING BEE

The 2026 TowneBank Spelling Bee (Video)

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon (Do not need to register)

Webb Center, Cafeteria

Each year, middle school students from across the region compete at WHRO for the opportunity to represent our area in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. This year's regional bee featured more than 45 spellers. Competition was fierce among these excellent spellers making for an exciting event.

Mock Competition (You bring your own equipment)

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Webb Center (behind registration area in front lobby-pick up problem at the registration table)

During the time that the students are competing, we will also have an area set aside for the coaches and/or parents to come and participate. You will be given the opportunity to see the problem of your choice, and work on it while the students are competing. You will need to supply your own computer and other needed equipment. The solutions will not be judged, but this will be an opportunity for you to discuss with your students how you came up with your solution.

WHRO Kids Room

(Please come through at your leisure between 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.)

OPEN SESSION: 10:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Location: Webb Center, Norfolk (1st Floor)

Presenter: Martha Razor & Tiana Skinner, WHRO

Hey kids! Come join us in the WHRO Kids room for fun and games while you wait. We will have several fun and exciting STEM related activities from some of our popular programs such as SID the Science Kid, Curious George, Wild Kratts and Odd Squad. Learn how to program your favorite PBS Characters to move, jump, dance and sing using PBS Kids ScratchJr.

<http://pbskids.org/apps/pbs-kids-scratchjr.html> We will also explore the PBS KIDS website which has many educational games (<https://pbskids.org/>). See you there!

