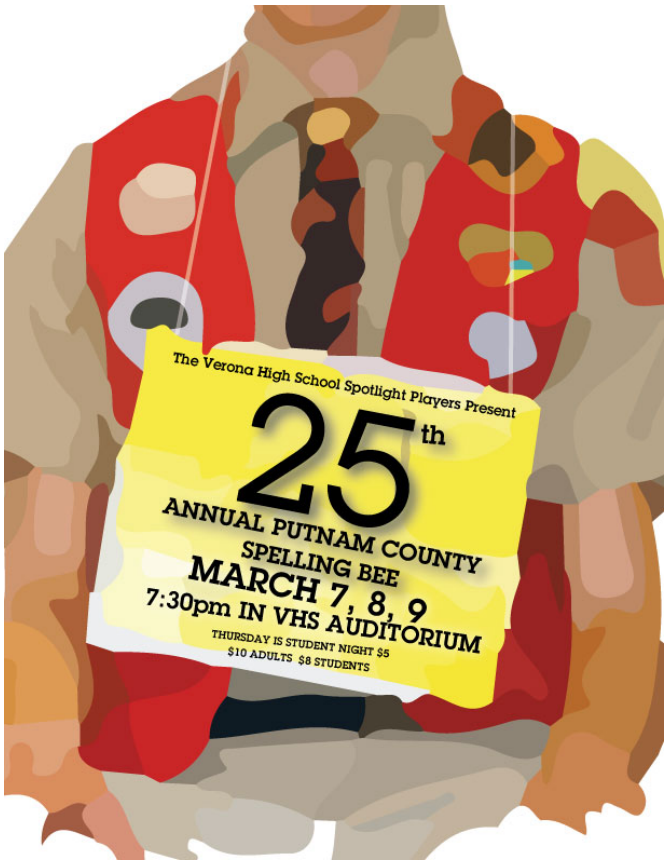

Verona High School's Spotlight Players will present *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* March 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 PM in the VHS auditorium. The show, which opened on Broadway in 2005 comes from the creative team of Rebecca Feldman, William Finn, Rachel Sheinkin and Jay Reiss. The play is a musical comedy about a fictional spelling bee set in the fictitious Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally goofy grown-ups. Add random spelling contestants from the audience and a chorus of the Putnam County Board of Education and you have a fun and carefree evening of entertaining theater. The original production included hysterical improvisation, and this production will also include some spur of the moment laughs.

The production is directed by Fran Young. The musical director is Marsha Schreier, the choreographer is Melody Williams and the producer in Dana Ahmuty. The cast includes Michael Hardenberg, Gabi Latimer, Alex Karpinski , Ned Denton, Austin Williams, Maddie Meyer, Kelsey Mitchell, Jill Lanese, Gabe Riccitelli, Sophia Park, Noelle Park, Maura Cuddihy, Tabitha Chasse, Maddie Boyle, Katie Kast, Chelsi Napoli , Jessica Karpinski, Alex Fiedler, Carina Mitchell, Anthony Giuliano and Rayna Newkirk. Tickets can be purchased at the door: $10 for adults and $8 for students and senior citizens. For more information, email the director at fyoung@veronaschools.org.