

Let the DISTRICT FINALS Begin!

by Debbie Hunt

Thirty-six exceptional spellers from schools within The Chronicle-Telegram readership area will gather on Thursday at Northwood Middle School in Elyria to compete for the prestigious championship trophy and a coveted place in the 100th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee.

These talented students have demonstrated remarkable proficiency, earning their spots as the top 36 spellers through the Scripps online testing platform conducted the week of February 24. They will now face a series of challenging words provided by the Scripps National Spelling Bee organization, promising an exciting competition for spelling enthusiasts.

Among the distinguished competitors are the top three spellers from this year's preliminary Onliest Test:

- 1st Place:** Ma Eloisa Salonga, Midview Middle School (Coach: Lisa Simpson)
- 2nd Place:** Vaughn Stell, Holy Trinity School (Coach: Jennifer Hess)
- 3rd Place:** Noah Youngs, Brookside Middle School (Coach: Jessica Schrepf)

A total of fifteen schools will be represented in this year's Final Bee: Brookside Middle School, Columbia Middle School, Durling Middle School, First Baptist Christian School, General Johnnie Wilson Middle School, Holy Trinity School, Langston Middle School, Learwood Middle School, Longfellow Middle School, Midview Middle School, Northwood Middle School, Sailorway Middle School, St. Anthony of Padua School, St. Jude School and Vermilion High School.

The ESCLC Grades 7 & 8 Spelling Bee is coordinated by Debbie Hunt of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County. The competition is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers from the Educational Service Center, along with educators from various school districts throughout Lorain County. The event's pronouncer will be Bruce Van Dyke from WEOL radio. Participation is open to all seventh and eighth graders attending public, private, parochial, and home schools within the Chronicle-Telegram readership area.

Now in its 41st year, this highly anticipated District Finals Spelling Bee will determine which student will advance to the historic



Scripps National Spelling Bee®

100th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee, held during Memorial Day week in Washington, D.C.

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For those interested in following the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the competition will be broadcast live, with preliminary rounds beginning Tuesday, May 27, and continuing throughout the week. A detailed schedule of events will be released on May 1 and can be found at www.spellingbee.com.



Final Bee Wednesday, March 6, 2025 • 6pm Northwood Middle School, Elyria



1st Place
Online Test Winner
Ellie Salonga
Midview Middle School



2nd Place
Online Test Winner
Vaughn Stell
Holy Trinity



3rd Place
Online Test Winner
Noah Youngs
Brookside Middle School



Eyosias Aregu
Brookside Middle School



Nicholas Clifford
Brookside Middle School



Erica Garcia
Brookside Middle School



Cleo Nemcovsky
Brookside Middle School



Japneet Kaur
Columbia Middle School



Autumn White
Durling Middle School



Ruby Carroll
First Baptist Christian School



Reagan Fulks
First Baptist Christian School



Guy Hartman
First Baptist Christian School



Zachary Latsnic
First Baptist Christian School



Camila Lopez
Gen Johnnie Wilson MS



Nicolina Hess
Holy Trinity



Haydn Kemer
Holy Trinity



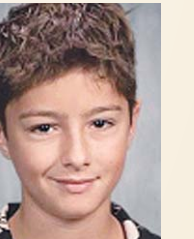
Hiromichi Bernhardsson
Langston Middle School



Sa'Mirrah Brown
Langston Middle School



Dan Nemes
Langston Middle School



Hailey Petzak
Langston Middle School



Anar Bayarbadrakh
Learwood Middle School



Alexander Bodean
Learwood Middle School



Liam Distefano
Learwood Middle School



Penelope Steiner
Learwood Middle School



Damareon Winborn
Longfellow Middle School



Lilly Cole-Bill
Midview Middle School



Madison Hernandez
Midview Middle School



Sarah Crouse
Northwood Middle School



Lyla Judware
Sailorway Middle School



Brayden Speckhart
Vermilion High School



Ella Valvo
Vermilion High School



Robert Camp
St Anthony of Padua



Antonio Coreno
St Anthony of Padua



Kayden Grady
St Anthony of Padua



Jessica Carangdang
St Jude Elyria



Lucas Dziak
St Jude Elyria