

THE 32nd Annual Prince William County

SPELLING BEE



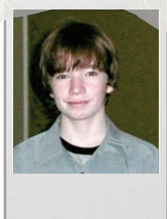
Contestants & Bios

BULL RUN MIDDLE SCHOOL

1 SKYLAR EDWARDS

Skylar Edwards is an 8th grader at Bull Run Middle School. He's been a resident of Haymarket, VA since 2004. Skylar plays alto saxophone in the school band. As an active member in Boy Scouts, Skylar has been elected as patrol leader for the last three terms, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow (Scouting Honor Society). He is an active member of the National Junior Honor Society, and has been on the Bull Run Middle School honor roll every quarter since starting 6th grade.

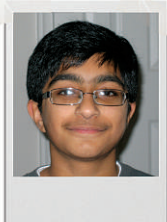
ALTERNATE: PHILIP MOON



BENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

2 AVIN KHERA

Avin Khera is an 8th grade student from Benton Middle School. He has been a straight "A" student throughout middle school. His favorite school subjects are science and mathematics. Last year he placed second in our school spelling bee competition. In addition to the spelling bee, he has been involved in several other extracurricular activities, such as Math Counts, Science Quest, Robotics Club, and the Martin Luther King oratory contest. He is also trying out for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and would like to go to college and become a doctor, specifically, a neurosurgeon.



HOME ORGANIZATION OF PARENT EDUCATION

3 DEBORAH HORTON

Deborah Horton is an 8th grade home school student. She recently won the HOPE spelling bee. She was fortunate to have participated in last year's regional bee as well and was thrilled to participate in the 2009 National Spelling Bee. She enjoys reading, playing games, music and crafts. She participates in many church activities including AWANA and Bible studies with her church youth group.

ALTERNATE: NATHANIEL HATFIELD



GRAHAM PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

4 MARIE MACH

Marie Mach is an eighth grader at Graham Park Middle School. She is a budding visual artist and a modern art lover. She plays the flute and the piano. As school her favorite subject is Spanish. In her spare time Marie enjoys to draw, paint, read and exercise. She has been a participant in the Prince William County Bee two times.

ALTERNATE: ANNA MACH



GAINESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

5 SANG WOON (SEAN) LEE

Sang Woon (Sean) is the youngest child in his family. He has two older sisters: one who is a senior in high school and the other a sophomore in college. He was born and raised in Seoul, Korea until he was seven. He came to the U.S. in 2003 and enrolled in Waples Mill Elementary School in Fairfax County, Virginia. He had to move to three different elementary schools before attending Gainesville Middle School. Wherever he went, he adapted to the surroundings well and always did his best at school. Therefore, Sean won the favor of his teachers. Being respectful and pure hearted, Sean is faithful to God and is very obedient to his parents. He has been reading the Bible every morning since fourth grade and has been playing the trumpet since second grade. Sean is a responsible and organized person who utilizes his planner to check his daily schedules. He is also extremely patient, never giving up easily on the things that he has started. Basketball is his favorite sport, and this is his fourth year playing in the Gainesville Basketball Association. His parents are very proud of him not just because of his academic achievements but because of his honesty and diligence.

ALTERNATE: HELEN JUNG

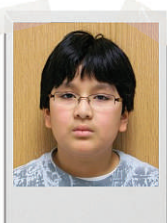


ROCKLEDGE ELEMENTARY

6 EDUARDO U. ZUNIGA MALLQUI

Eduardo U. Zuniga Mallqui was born on October 27, 1999. He is the third of three brothers. At the age of three, with the help of his brothers, he learned to use a PC. Also, he had his first pet and named him Scotty. He was a boxer. In 2004, Eduardo and his family moved to Virginia and in 2005, he began studying at Rockledge Elementary School. He is in the fourth grade and is the winner of the Spelling Bee contest for Rockledge Elementary.

ALTERNATE: LEXI BROWN



MARY G. PORTER TRADITIONAL

7 VARUN CHALAMGARI

Varun Chalamgari is an 8th grader at Mary G. Porter Traditional School. Varun also attends Freedom High School for Geometry. His hobbies include playing the violin, football, and baseball. He joined the Spelling Bee out of his own interest. His parents help in study hard, for the Bee and school, so he can be where he is today!

ALTERNATE: BRYAN MEI

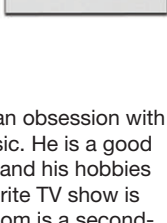


WOODBRIIDGE MIDDLE

8 ADAM CESSNA

Adam is a seventh grade student at Woodbridge Middle School. He has an obsession with Christian music and is able to memorize a lot of stuff about Christian music. He is a good bowler and a straight-A student this year. His favorite movie is Star Wars and his hobbies are listening to the radio, watching TV, and playing video games. His favorite TV show is iCarly and his sister's name is Brenda. His dog's name is Stella and his mom is a second-grade teacher at Leesylvania Elementary School. His role model is his dad.

ALTERNATE: LILLIAN SANUSI



PENNINGTON TRADITIONAL

9 JESSICA HUTCHINS

Jessica Hutchins is a fifth grade student at Pennington Traditional School. Her favorite subjects in school are history and language arts. At home, she likes to read and play Rock Band. Jessica also spends a lot of time dancing. She is on the dance competition team for Blair Dance Productions and her favorite style of dance is tap. When Jessica grows up she would like to be a veterinarian for a zoo or an interior designer.



STONEWALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

10 ERIKA BOSACK

Erika is a seventh grade IB student at Stonewall Middle School. She has always like to read, write and dance. She's on the dance team at Stonewall. She won the 2010 Stonewall Spelling Bee and is excited because last year she was the alternate. She is really looking forward to the county Bee especially because it falls on her birthday! She wishes everyone participating "Good Luck!"

ALTERNATE: MARIA SCHLEH



MANASSAS PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

11 J.D. LAWRENCE

J.D. enjoys public speaking and language arts, and had the honor of not only winning the spelling bee at his school, but also the Martin Luther King oratorical competition. Besides speaking, he also likes to write and draw, which allows him to use his imagination. He was also in the first NOVA robotics camp, where he had fun building and programming robots from scratch, and even got a complementary t-shirt! Not only did J.D. go to a robotics camp, but he also has taken several theater classes, from Drama Kids International and Traveling Players Ensemble. His other major interests are science, making music, and making/playing video games.

ALTERNATE: ANA MARTINEZ



GODWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

12 ELIZABETH MONZON

Elizabeth Monzon is a seventh grader at Godwin Middle School. She was born in Alexandria, VA, and has lived in Virginia my entire childhood. Her favorite subject is history and her hobbies are track, soccer, and taking care of her dogs. Her goal in life is to become a veterinarian.

ALTERNATE: ZANIYA JONES



CHRIST CHAPEL ACADEMY

13 CASEY PETTIFORD

Casey Pettiford is eleven years old and loves volleyball and spelling. Casey also enjoys hanging out with friends. Casey's family consists of her sister, her mom, and her dad. Casey is very proud to be representing her school in the Scripp's Spelling Bee.

ALTERNATE: MARISSA STRANG



WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

14 SEAN HELWIG

Sean was born in Woodbridge and lived in France for two and a half years. His favorite hobby is video games. Sean was shocked and happy when he won the spelling bee.

ALTERNATE: DANIEL CHOI



QUANTICO MIDDLE SCHOOL

15 KAYLA JONES

Kayla Jones is an 8th grade student at Quantico Middle School. She recently moved to Virginia from Louisiana and has also lived in rodeo Island, Georgia, and Hawaii. She enjoys listening to music and talking on the phone.

ALTERNATE: JESSICA COPON

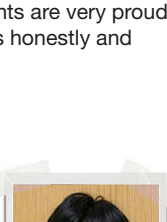


MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

16 ISHAN LAMBA

Ishan is a Mountain View student in Mrs. Sloley - Hutchinson's 3rd grade class. He won over all of the 4th and 5th graders in the school. He loves to spell and works on his words with his father. They go over a few each night. He lives in Haymarket with his family and loves to play sports particularly baseball. His winning word was "essential" and he looks forward to being an essential participant in the County Bee!

ALTERNATE: GRANT YATES

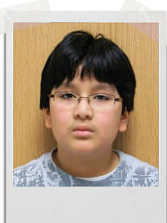


HENDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

17 JOHNATHAN GOSSETT

Jonathan is ten years old and in the fifth grade at Henderson Elementary School. He loves spelling because even if you have not heard of a word he finds it challenging and fun to break the word down and find the meaning. Jonathan has a sister, Kaitlin Gosset and likes to read books, play with friends, and play video games. He hopes to be a video game designer when he grows up.

ALTERNATE: NANA SARFO-GYAMFI



FRED M. LYNN MIDDLE SCHOOL

18 DESJA ROSE BROWN

Desha Rose Brown is an eighth grade student at Fred Lynn Middle School. She enjoys singing, dancing, and writing anything that comes to her mind. She has participated in swimming, singing in the chorus, and playing the violin. Desha hopes to be a journalist when she gets older. She is the daughter of Knicole Mitchell-Brown and William Brown. She chose to try for the Scripps National Spelling Bee in honor of her late Grandmother Else Gooding.

ALTERNATE: SERGIO MENDEZ



POTOMAC MIDDLE SCHOOL

19 Sara Brown

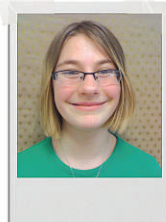
Bio 8th grader Sara Brown is representing Potomac Middle School in the Prince William County Spelling Bee for the second time. This year, Sara won our 4th annual spelling bee and as a 6th grader she also won the Potomac Middle School Spelling Bee. Sara is a quiet, hardworking Honor Roll student who plans to attend the Center for International Studies and languages at Hylton High School next year. Her hobbies include: reading, swimming, and spending time with her family.

MAYFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

20 CLARA POTEET

Clara is a 12-year-old 6th grader at Mayfield Intermediate School (currently housed at Old Marsteller Middle School owned by Manassas Baptist Church). Clara is the oldest child in her family with three sisters and one brother. When Clara isn't reading or talking, she participates in the Mayfield Drama Club. She also enjoys attending Youth Group at Christ the Redeemer Church. In the summer, Clara can be found swimming. In the future, Clara anticipates attending college in San Francisco, California and majoring in Social Studies, her favorite subject.

ALTERNATE: ORA BENTON



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