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Anika Pundir, 12, of Avon, competes during the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Spelling bee contestant enjoying her time in D.C.

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An Avon Middle School student and her family are enjoying the rest of their time in Washington, D.C., after the seventh-grader was eliminated from the 92nd Scripps National Spelling Bee competition Wednesday.

Anika Pundir, 12, representing Lorain County on the national stage, was tripped up by the word “maxim” during round three of the competition. Her mother, Arpita Singh, said they would stay through today and head back Saturday morning. She said they would be watching the finals Thursday.

Singh said they enjoyed watching

Anika on stage and that she did great during the competition.

“We are proud of her,” Singh said.

Anika passed the preliminary written test and correctly spelled “idiochromatic” in Tuesday’s Round 2. To qualify for the national bee, she spelled “Cheka” correct at the 36th annual Educational Service Center of Lorain County and The Chronicle-Telegram Spelling Bee in March.

This year was the first year for a new format of local spelling bees. Rather than splitting up the bee into two preliminary and one final bee, there was one large bee.

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