Let the DISTRICT FINALS Begin!

Article by Debbie Hunt

Thirty-three top-notch spellers from The Chronicle-Telegram readership area schools will convene Thursday at Avon Middle School to contend for the coveted Championship trophy and a place in the 95th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee Competition. These impressive youths will tackle spelling words provided by the Scripps National Spelling Bee organization guaranteed to thrill all advocates of spelling competitions. The spellers pictured here were successful in being the top spellers in using the Scripps online testing platform the week of Feb. 20.

Among the top spellers competing this Thursday is Ruben Jackson, this year's 1st place top speller from Eastern Heights Middle School. Ruben is coached by Bee Advisor, Charlene Hartley. 2nd place was tied by Aiden Hall of Midview Middle School, coached by Bee Advisor Lisa Simpson and Peter Day of Brookside Middle School, coached by Jessica Schremp. Our 3rd place top speller was Katelyn Smith from Sailorway Middle School and is coached by Bee Advisor Laura Nabors.

The thirteen schools represented in the Final Bee

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for our region are Avon Middle School, Brookside Middle School, Durling Middle School, Eastern Hts. Middle School, First Baptist Christian School, Holy Trinity School, Langston Middle School, Learwood Middle School, Midview Middle School, Sailorway Middle School, St. Jude, Elyria, St. Peter School, Lorain and Vermilion High School.

The ESC/Chronicle-Telegram Spelling Bee is coordinated by Debbie Hunt of the Educational Service Center of Lorain

> County and the volunteer staff is composed of personnel from the Educational Service Center and education professionals from various school districts

throughout Lorain County. The Pronouncer is Bruce Van Dyke, from radio station WEOL. Participation is open to all seventh and eighth graders in all public, private, parochial, and home schools in the Chronicle-Telegram readership area.

This 39th annual District Finals Spelling Bee Competition will send our Champion-to-be to the 95th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee Competition during Memorial Day week in Washington D.C.

We recognize our sponsors for this bee, without their support this event could not happen: Community Foundation of Lorain County, Emerson/Ridge Tool Company, Merriam-Webster Dictionary Company, Ohio Lottery, Educational Service Center of Lorain County and The Chronicle-Telegram. We would like to thank these sponsors.

For those who may be interested in viewing the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition, ION, Bounce and Laff will televise the Semifinals. Times and dates have not been released.





Julius Bauzo Avon Middle School

Carrion Avon Middle School

Lauryn

Gibson

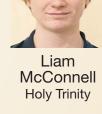
Brookside

Middle School



Hailie Trager Brookside Middle School











Aiden

Hall

Midview

Middle School

3rd Place Katelyn Smith

Sailorway

Middle School

1st Place

Ruben

Jackson

Eastern

Heights





Wanderlei Long Brookside

Middle School



Peter Day Brookside Middle School



Samantha Kahnert Durling Middle School





Sylvia

Nisky

Langston

Middle School







Ani Buzzard Eastern Heights



ESC



Aubri Taylor Eastern







White

Christian School



Bridget



















Jesse Canterbury Langston Middle School



Madelyn Czellath Midview Middle School



Carter Evans Midview Middle School



Marcus

Ploenzke

Langston

Middle School

Destiny Nguyen Midview Middle School

Finn Dorsey Learwood Middle School

Vernon

Smith

Sailorway

Middle School



Lee Learwood Middle School



Adam Ornella St Jude Elyria

Carol Oommen Learwood Middle School

Aiden

Krementz

St Jude

Elyria





Chace Semmelroth Learwood Middle School

Michael Snavely Learwood Middle School





Lilly Clapper St. Peter Lorain

Timothy Anders Vermilion High School