



46th annual SPELLING BEE Prince William County

Top spellers square off at regional bee March 12

Siya Sampath of J.W. Alvey Elementary School will defend her title against 55 other spellers at the Prince William Regional Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 12.

The young spellers, a record number for the competition, represent schools across Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park and will compete for the right to represent the community at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in late May.

The spellers, pictured on these two pages, all won elementary or middle school spelling bees or home-school association bees to advance to the regional

bee, presented by InsideNoVa/Prince William and the Bel-Air Woman's Club.

Tuesday's regional bee will be at Gar-Field High School at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. The event will be covered by InsideNoVa, with complete details and photos online and in next week's edition of InsideNoVa/Prince William.

Sampath, who won last year's regional bee as a fourth-grader, wound up reaching the quarterfinals of the national bee before being eliminated. Her top challengers this year include Dhanvika Reddy Ragi of Gainesville Middle School, last year's runner-up,

and Peter Layton of Woodbridge Middle School and Vincent Chu from George Hampton Middle School, who finished tied for third last year.

The youngest competitor in the regional bee is Uriel Jayden Deffo Tchinda, 8, a second-grader at Baldwin Elementary School. Two other 8-year-olds are competing this year: Eliana Brooke Yonas, a third-grader at Prince William Academy, and Caden Jacobs, a third-grader at Weems Elementary. Another 10 spellers competing are just 9 years old. The competition is open to students through the eighth grade.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Anne Graves

Grade: 8

Age: 13

Alternate: Ghersey Anor



ANTIETAM ELEMENTARY

Kathryn Taamai

Grade: 5

Age: 11

Alternate: Madeleine Walser



ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Joanna Johnson

Grade: 5

Age: 11

Alternate: Aryan Williams



BALDWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Uriel Jayden Deffo Tchinda

Grade: 2

Age: 8

Alternate: Leon River Florento



BALDWIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Madelyn Escobar Cruz

Grade: 6

Age: 11

Alternate: Liam Campoverde



BELMONT ELEMENTARY

Aleena Baig

Grade: 5

Age: 11

Alternate: Ameer Totakhail



BRISTOW RUN ELEMENTARY

Norah Srinivasan

Grade: 4

Age: 9

Alternate: Ali Ibrahim



BUCKLAND MILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sophie Park

Grade: 5

Age: 10

Alternate: Audrey Kouba



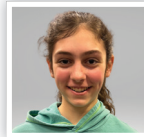
BULL RUN MIDDLE

Molly Stanton

Grade: 8

Age: 14

Alternate: Zaida Flores Garcia



E. H. MARSTELLER MIDDLE

Nicole Portocarrero

Grade: 7

Age: 13

Alternate: Connor Lynch



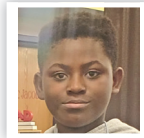
ELIZABETH VAUGHAN ELEMENTARY

Corey Nsiah-kyere Appiah

Grade: 5

Age: 11

Alternate: Erick Ayala



FEATHERSTONE ELEMENTARY

Kofi Agyei Barima

Grade: 4

Age: 9



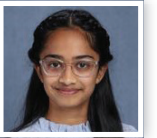
GAINESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dhanvika Reddy Ragi

Grade: 7

Age: 12

Alternate: Sophia Clavijo



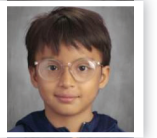
GEORGE CARR ROUND ELEMENTARY

Jovanni Reyes

Grade: 4

Age: 9

Alternate: Amelia Ward



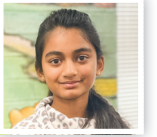
GEORGE G. TYLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Maira Khan

Grade: 5

Age: 10

Alternate: Lewi Sophonias



GEORGE HAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Vincent Chu

Grade: 7

Age: 13

Alternate: Arianna Bockarie



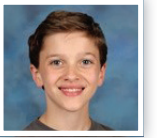
GEORGE P. MULLEN ELEMENTARY

Spencer Grandy

Grade: 5

Age: 10

Alternate: Nolan Eloumou



GLENKIRK ELEMENTARY

Kelan Roark

Grade: 4

Age: 10

Alternate: Aleena Moid



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