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Parkwood Elementary Student Wins District Spelling Bee Runner-up from Warner Robins Middle



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Parkwood Elementary School student, Jaylen Jessie, won the Houston County School District’s 2021 Spelling Bee on Jan. 25. He was the top speller out of 28 contestants, winning with the correct spelling of the final word, “whirlybird.”

Warner Robins Middle School student, Anthony Jackson, won second place. The word missed prior to Jaylen being declared the winner in round nine was “napoleon.”

Anthony, an eighth grader, and Jaylen, a fifth grader, (pictured from left) will both compete at the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) District 6 Bee. This regional bee will be held using an on-line platform on Feb. 27 at 10:00 a.m. The District 6 winner will compete

at the on-line State Spelling Bee on March 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Each school sent a student to the district competition. In addition to the district winners, the school-level Spelling Bee winners are:

- ★ Caroline Bizzell, Bonaire Elementary
- ★ Rainey Wade, Bonaire Middle
- ★ Yousif Sami, Centerville Elementary
- ★ Fenn Easom, David A. Perdue Elementary
- ★ Benjamin Miller, Eagle Springs Elementary
- ★ Kristopher Jones, Feagin Mill Middle
- ★ Jackson Morton, Hilltop Elementary
- ★ Claire Bizzell, Huntington Middle
- ★ Jayd Pinkney, Kings Chapel Elementary
- ★ Briana Pham, Lake Joy Elementary
- ★ Joseph Kovarovic, Langston Road Elementary
- ★ Nabriya Harris, Lindsey Elementary

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- ★ Colby Hollar, Matt Arthur Elementary
- ★ Zoey Brooks, Miller Elementary
- ★ Keonna Gage, Morningside Elementary
- ★ Marshall Honaker, Mossy Creek Middle
- ★ Jackson Crutchfield, Northside Elementary
- ★ L. Kayden Miller, Northside Middle
- ★ Gabriel Lobzun, Pearl Stephens Elementary
- ★ Chandler Carter, Perry Middle
- ★ Madelyn Jones, Quail Run Elementary
- ★ MacKenzie Payton, Russell Elementary
- ★ Destini Carson, Shirley Hills Elementary
- ★ Justin Tran, Thomson Middle
- ★ Chloe Wolk, Tucker Elementary
- ★ Amora Costigan, Westside Elementary.

In addition to spelling words, students participated in a vocabulary round, which aligns with region and state spelling bees. The State Spelling Bee Procedures, Rules and Regulations were followed. The district Spelling Bee Coordinators are Dr. Kasandra King and Yolanda Felder of Morningside Elementary School. Brooke Herndon, media specialist at Morningside Elementary, called out the words.

The local Bee is sponsored by the GAE through the local Houston Association of Educators. For more information, please contact Language Arts Coordinator Amanda Yoh or Dr. Amy Fouse at 478-988-6200.

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