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George Washington Carver 6th Grade STEM Learning Center Student Wins District Spelling Bee

Lancaster, TX/Lancaster ISD – Lancaster ISD recently hosted its annual District Spelling Bee at Lancaster High School for fourth through seventh grade students. The evening consisted of 8 spelling bee scholars and 16 rounds. At the close of the first seven rounds, two students remained to vie for the top seat.

Harmonee Lester from George Washington Carver 6th Grade STEM Learning Center was in strong competition with fifth grade student, Alexis Evans from Rosa Parks/Millbrook Information Systems & Software Designs Academy. Both students were first time participants and eager to win.



“The competition was kind of challenging because some of the words were in different languages and a lot of them were homonyms,” Evans said. “I had to know exactly what word they were talking about, so I asked more questions and asked for sentences.”

The two students went nine more words rounds, and Lester emerged victorious with the word, “Retrospective.”

“I felt great,” Lester said. “I was elated!”

For Evans, second place was good, but not good enough so she is already making plans for next year’s competition.

“Next year, I would love to get first place on my campus again so I can compete in the District Spelling Bee,” she said. “I really want to win first place in the District Spelling Bee.”

Lancaster ISD Academics and Innovation Pre-K-2 Support Officer and 2018 District Spelling Bee Coordinator Lynne Glynn understands the valuable connection of the preparation for the district competition to the everyday learning environment and believes that it instills a sense of pride.

“Encouraging excellence in spelling has a positive impact on writing which is a critical life skill. The level of complexity of the words presented to these students also increases their exposure to vocabulary. This in turn, has a positive impact on reading comprehension,” she said. “My hope is that the spelling bee competition encourages these students to take pride in their academics and continue to strive for that excellence through high school and on into college and life.”

Since Lester and Evans are the top two winners of the Lancaster ISD Spelling Bee, both will advance to the Dallas County Spelling Bee scheduled for Thursday, February 22 at 7 PM, at Studio Movie Grill at 10110 Technology Blvd in Dallas, Texas.

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