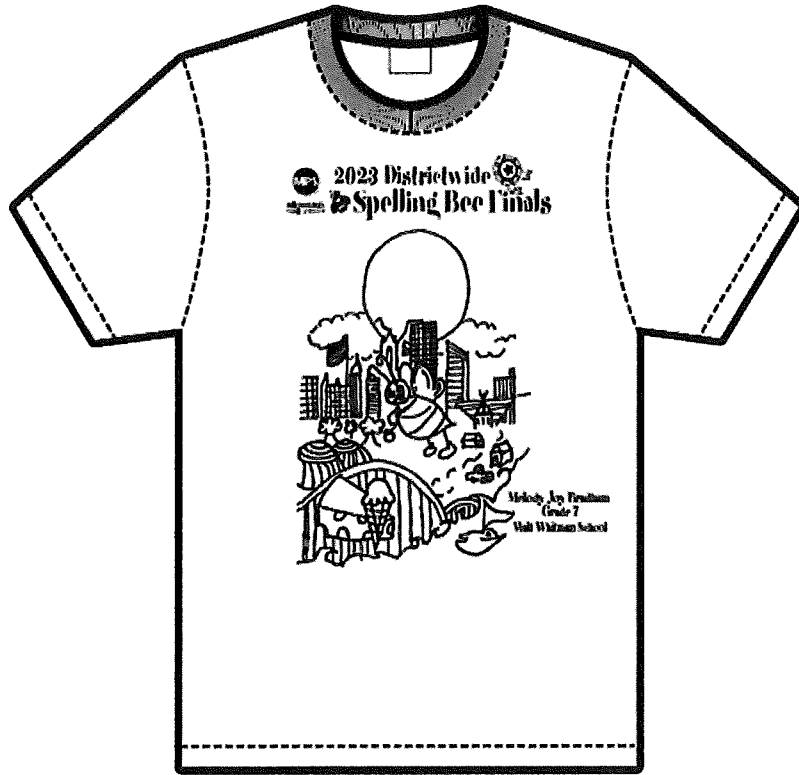


Milwaukee Public Schools 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals
Grades 6–8

Saturday, April 22, 2023

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

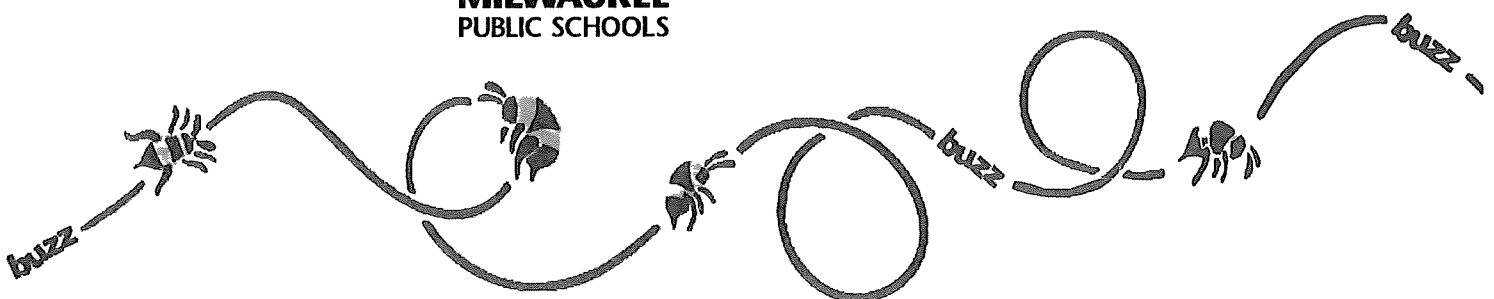
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Melody Joy Bradham, Grade 7, Walt Whitman School
MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee T-Shirt Design Contest Winner, Grades 6–8
Mrs. Carla Van Lieshout, Art Teacher



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MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals

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Ms. Jennifer Mims-Howell, MPS Chief Academic Officer

Welcome	Ms. Jennifer Mims-Howell, Chief, MPS Office of Academics
Greetings	Dr. Keith P. Posley, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools
Remarks	Dr. Robert Peterson, President, Milwaukee Board of School Directors The Honorable Cavalier Johnson, Mayor, City of Milwaukee
Special Recognitions	Ms. Jennifer Mims-Howell
Procession of Spelling Bee Champions	Spelling Bee Mascot and Spelling Bee Finalists and Alternates <i>(Please remain seated)</i>
Districtwide Final Round Grade 6	Pronouncers: Dr. Toni Dinkins, Regional Superintendent–East Region MPS Ms. Andrea Williams, TMJ4 News Team Mr. Travis Pinter, Senior Director of Specialized Services, MPS
Awards Recognitions Grade 6	TMJ4 News Team
<i>Break (10 minutes)</i>	<i>Schools please bring grade 7 finalists to the stage area</i>
Districtwide Final Round Grade 7	Pronouncers: Dr. Toni Dinkins, Regional Superintendent–East Region, MPS Ms. Carole Meekins, TMJ4 News Team Mr. Travis Pinter, Senior Director of Specialized Services, MPS
Awards Recognitions Grade 7	TMJ4 News Team
<i>Break (10 minutes)</i>	<i>Schools please bring grade 8 finalists to the stage area</i>
Districtwide Final Round Grade 8	Pronouncers: Dr. Toni Dinkins, Regional Superintendent–East Region, MPS Mr. Shaun Gallagher, TMJ4 News Team Mr. Travis Pinter, Senior Director of Specialized Services, MPS
Awards Recognitions Grade 8	TMJ4 News Team
Closing Remarks	Ms. Jennifer Mims-Howell



*Leilani Canales, Grade 4, Academy of Accelerated Learning
 MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals T-Shirt Design Contest Winner Grades 3–5
 Ms Morgan Rosenberg, Art Teacher*

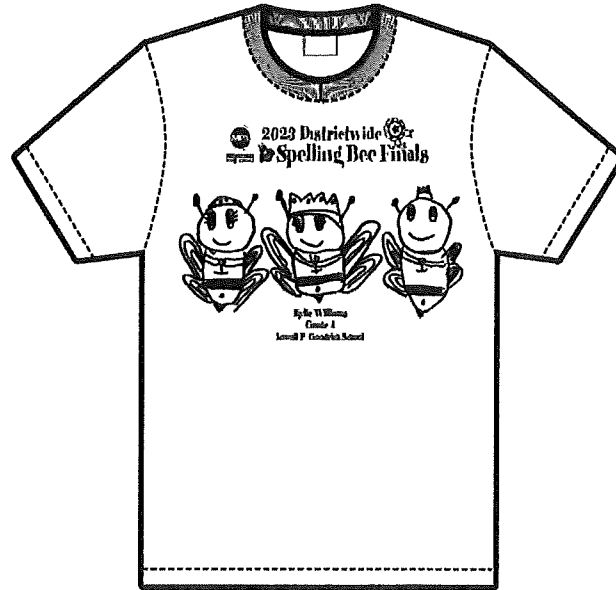
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| Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes (ALBA) | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School |
| Bay View Montessori School | Lincoln Center of the Arts |
| Mary McLeod Bethune Academy | Lowell International Elementary School |
| Browning School | Manitoba School |
| William Cullen Bryant School | Maple Tree School |
| Cass Street School | Maryland Avenue Montessori School |
| Samuel Clemens School | Milwaukee German Immersion School |
| Congress School | Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts |
| Craig Montessori School | Ninety-Fifth Street School |
| Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy | Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion |
| Fairview School | Escuela Vieau |
| Forest Home Avenue School | Wedgewood Park International School |
| Hartford Avenue University School | Westside Academy |
| Humboldt Park School | Walt Whitman School |

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*“We are not a team because we work together.
 We are a team because we respect, trust, and care for each other.”*

Teamwork Quote via Gecko&Fly



Kylie Williams, Grade 4, Goodrich School
MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee T-Shirt Design Contest Runner-Up
Mx. Posey Knight, Art Teacher

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Spelling Bee Finals Slideshow Team and Multilingual Greeters

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MPS Duplicating Services



MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals Participants

Grade 3 Finalists and Alternates

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Samuel Clemens School	Gionni Northern	Jelonni Northern
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Humboldt Park School	Mila Elger	Kamal Abdullahi
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School	Airiell Hicks	
Lowell International Elementary School	Samadhi Henri	Aaliyah Rodriguez
Manitoba School	Adelaida Marquez	
Maple Tree School	Timani Wilson	Amir White
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Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion	Amtul Noor	Jaxyn Brown
Escuela Vieau	Hannaley Lopez-Renteria	Betsabeth Fonseca-Flores
Westside Academy	Maelynn Butler	Morgan Walker
Walt Whitman School	Lorenzo Bahena	Benjamin Laudon

Grade 4 Finalists and Alternates

Mary McLeod Bethune Academy	Josiah Franklin	Kawlawla Htoo
Browning School	Aubrey Carson	Jayvon Thomas
William Cullen Bryant School	Devin Williams	Carmelo Harvey
Samuel Clemens School	Gabriel Jones	Camylle Williams
Congress School	My'Lhaniee Clements	Joziyah Buford
Craig Montessori School	Stephen Nwosu	Toni Brown
Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy	Julian Madrigal	Khant Phone Aung
Fairview School	Dahlia Swanson	Caleb Wilder
Forest Home Avenue School	Leila Wilson	Sabryna Moore
Hartford Avenue University School	Autumn Wright	Amerikah Wolford
Humboldt Park School	Henry Cung	Julian Ponce
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School	Jaiden Willis	
Lowell International Elementary School	Aiden Polivka	Nay Reh
Maple Tree School	Amira Thor-Montgomery	D'Royall Knox
Maryland Avenue Montessori School	Elisabet Ahmad	Amina Hilton
Milwaukee German Immersion School	Eugene Jordan	Harper Vanderberg

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Ninety-Fifth Street School
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Neko Bras

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Grade 5 Finalists and Alternates

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Browning School
William Cullen Bryant School
Cass Street School
Samuel Clemens School
Congress School
Craig Montessori School
Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy
Forest Home Avenue School
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Zora Tralongo
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Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy
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Humboldt Park School
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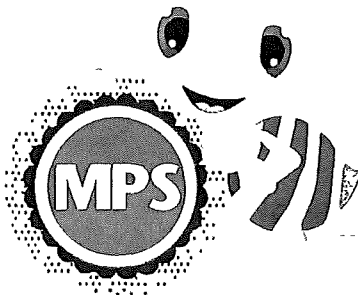
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Mary McLeod Bethune Academy	Ler B Htoo	Nine Nine Htoo
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Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts	Serenity Bounds	Memphis Pena
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Escuela Vieau	Sebastian Trejo	Exziel Rivera
Wedgewood Park International School	Sowmya Vipparthi	Bryan Martinez
Walt Whitman School	Jackson Walls	Brook Lynn Perez

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Lincoln Center of the Arts	Gabriela Ahuacate	Lennox Toney
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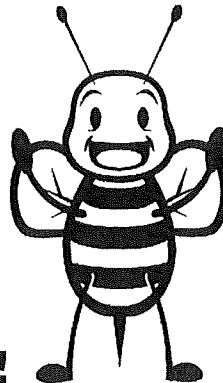
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