

# Milwaukee Public Schools 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals

Grades 3-5

Saturday, April 15, 2023

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

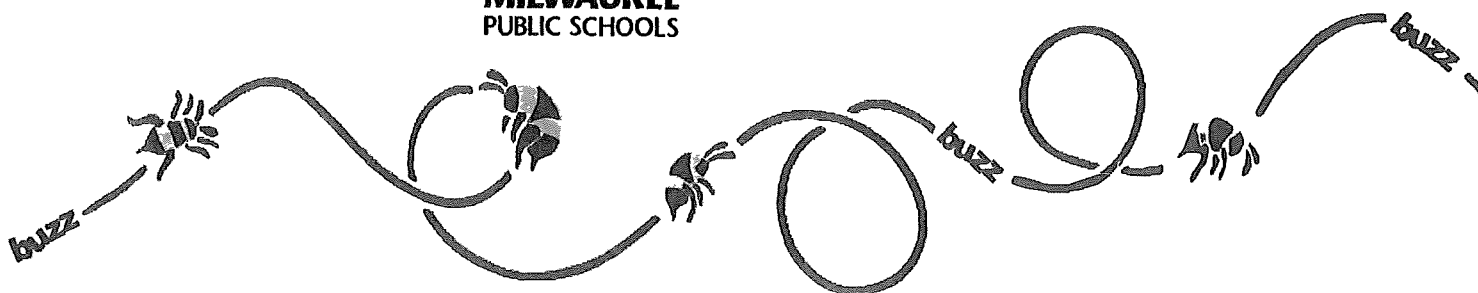
Harold S. Vincent High School



*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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## PROGRAM

### *Emcee*

**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
Recognition of T-shirt Design Contest Winners and Runner-Up	Ms. Jennifer Mims-Howell
Special Recognition	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 3	Pronouncers Mr. Maurice Turner, Instructional Leadership Director, MPS Ms. Mary Jo Ola, TMJ4 News Team Ms. Jaimie Tezak, Instructional Literacy Coach, MPS
Awards Recognitions Grade 3	TMJ4 News Team
<i>Break (10 minutes)</i>	<i>Schools please bring grade 4 finalists to the stage area</i>
Districtwide Final Round Grade 4	Pronouncers: Mr. Maurice Turner, Instructional Leadership Director, MPS Ms. Sarah McGrew, TMJ4 News Team Ms. Jaimie Tezak, Instructional Literacy Coach, MPS
Awards Recognitions Grade 4	TMJ4 News Team
<i>Break (10 minutes)</i>	<i>Schools please bring grade 5 finalists to the stage area</i>
Districtwide Final Round Grade 5	Pronouncers: Mr. Maurice Turner, Instructional Leadership Director, MPS Ms. Julia Fello, TMJ4 News Team Ms. Jaimie Tezak, Instructional Literacy Coach, MPS
Awards Recognitions Grade 5	TMJ4 News Team
Closing Remarks	Ms. Jennifer Mims-Howell



*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*

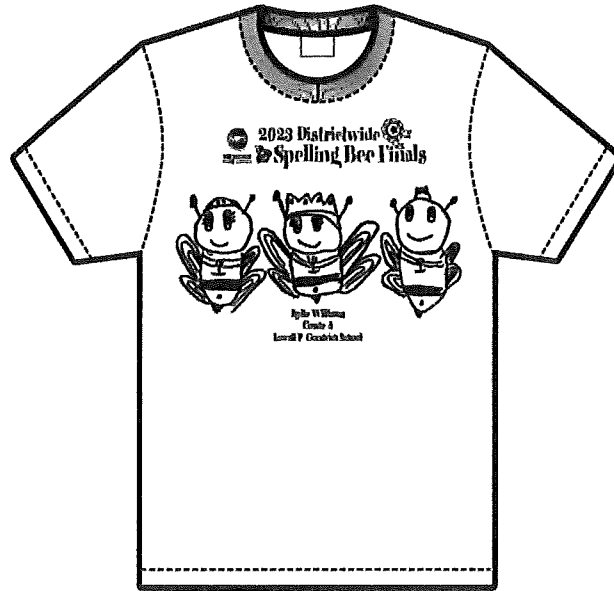
### **MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals Participating Schools**

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

Thank you to the students, staff, principals, school contacts/liaisons, and families at each participating school. Thank you for sharing your time and talent to help prepare your students/children for the MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals. Thank you for nurturing within each student/child who is present a love of words, reading, knowledge, and academic achievement. Thank you for encouraging them to let their stellar spelling skills shine brightly for all to see and celebrate!

*“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*

**MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals Acknowledgments**

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- MPS Office of the Chief of Staff:
- Equity, Access, and Inclusion; Black and Latino Male Achievement; Gender Identity and Inclusion; Restorative Practices
- MPS Office of School Administration:
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- MPS Office of Human Resources
- TMJ4
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- Dunn's Sporting Goods
- Office Depot 124th and Burleigh
- Party City Brown Deer
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Spelling Bee Finals Pronouncers and Judges' Table
- Spelling Bee Finals Volunteers April 14, 15, 21, and 22
- Spelling Bee Finals Slideshow Team and Multilingual Greeters
- Spelling Bee Finals MPS and TMJ4 Technical Support Teams
- MPS Duplicating Services



## MPS 2023 Districtwide Spelling Bee Finals Participants

### Grade 3 Finalists and Alternates

Bay View Montessori School	Benjamin Keto	Wolfgang Schenkelberg
Mary McLeod Bethune Academy	Aung Kyaw Lin	Cherish Jones
Browning School	Nadia Kirby	Tramela Lee
William Cullen Bryant School	Aaliyah Malachi	Royalty Glass
Samuel Clemens School	Gionni Northern	Jelonni Northern
Congress School	Kiari Morgan	Francesca Gillespie
Craig Montessori School	Elijah Holley	Rayven Hunt
Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy	Christian Rigden	Eliana Cannizarro
Forest Home Avenue School	Raymond Mitchell	Jadille Canseco
Hartford Avenue University School	Nuurdin Hussein	Chad Roy-Johnson
Humboldt Park School	Mila Elger	Kamal Abdullahi
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School	Airiel Hicks	
Lowell International Elementary School	Samadhi Henri	Aaliyah Rodriguez
Manitoba School	Adelaida Marquez	
Maple Tree School	Timani Wilson	Amir White
Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts	Calvin Nguyen	Riley Scherg
Ninety-Fifth Street School	Alex Jenkins	Brielle Nelson
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	Joziah 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	Sabiyana 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

Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts	Alexandra Rosario	Zyahna Jackson
Ninety-Fifth Street School	Grace Witczak	Matthew Clark
Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion	Reece Sharon	Karam Ataya
Escuela Vieau	Yareli Montenegro	Jordany Irizarry
Walt Whitman School	Neko Bras	Stefan Ceko

#### Grade 5 Finalists and Alternates

Mary McLeod Bethune Academy	Johnny Thein	Dominique Smith
Browning School	Gabrielle Hampton	Isaiah Watkins
William Cullen Bryant School	Masiyah Glass	Walter Baker
Cass Street School	Kennedy Holton	Kennedy Hughes
Samuel Clemens School	Ma'Laiya Smith	Khadijha Whiteside-Smith
Congress School	Amari Ross	Laila LaSalle-Williams
Craig Montessori School	Alaa Poe	Princeton Smith
Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy	Skylar Howard	Lula Simonton
Forest Home Avenue School	Yancy Cruz	Natalia Valdivia
Hartford Avenue University School	Alessandra Rodriguez	Arianna Whittington
Humboldt Park School	Joseph Lanaghan	Sophie Herrick
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School	Shaniyah Parker	Robyn Collins
Lowell International Elementary School	Snigdha Vipparthi	Christian Lara
Maple Tree School	D'Anthony Knox	Zanthy Tyce
Maryland Avenue Montessori School	Vivienne Parente de Costa	Milli Koster
Milwaukee German Immersion School	Ben Dames	Nicholas Signatur
Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts	Allison Martinez Hernandez	Zora Tralongo
Ninety-Fifth Street School	Arielle Harris	Nolan Yang
Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion	Samairaah Hasan	Etta Brigden
Escuela Vieau	Ulysses Martinez	Yolihuani Hernandez-Barillas
Walt Whitman School	Braden Manske	Chloe Carr

#### Grade 6 Finalists and Alternates

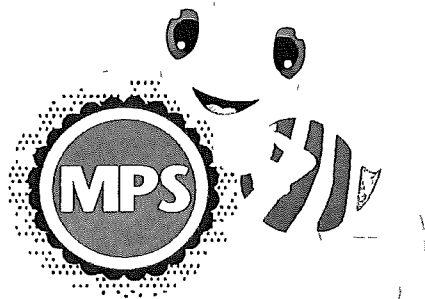
ALBA	William Gonzalez-Morales	Gianna Hernandez
Mary McLeod Bethune Academy	Valida Chang	Aja King
Congress School	Michael Allison	Mariah Owens
Craig Montessori School	Jordan Jasper	Jayden Bowie
Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy	Julianna Piraino	Noah Wagner
Hartford Avenue University School	Jarvay Arnold	Isaiah Watson
Humboldt Park School	Sophia Vasquez	Nuralom Rafiq Alam
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School	Adonnis Clark	
Lincoln Center of the Arts	Kaden Humphrey	
Manitoba School	Sitisarah Shamsuddin	
Maryland Avenue Montessori School	Zoe Farmer	Victoria Quirk
Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts	Thaliana Urban	Najma Ali
Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion	Naychi Moe	Joshua Munoz
Escuela Vieau	Jeremiah Valadez	Nelijah Ramirez
Wedgewood Park International School	Joshua Bawizauk	Jordan Tucker
Walt Whitman School	Branjie Fernandez	Azra Turkan

### Grade 7 Finalists and Alternates

ALBA	Juan Flores Valtierra	Diego PARRALES Rendon
Mary McLeod Bethune Academy	Ler B Htoo	Nine Nine Htoo
Congress School	Mylah Monk	Arianna Lockhart
Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy	Yhaisa Acevedo	Maliyah Rosa
Hartford Avenue University School	Mikiyah Butler	Joshua Legister
Humboldt Park School	Rachel Lar	Chloe Rivera Walz
Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School	Dasani Anderson	Deandre Jones
Lincoln Center of the Arts	Joshua Pulliam	Amir Robinson
Manitoba School	Johan Kast Ramirez	
Maryland Avenue Montessori School	Thea Ahmad	Josephine Follstad
Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts	Serenity Bounds	Memphis Pena
Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion	Jayanni Harris	Mohamed Yasem
		Mohamed Abdullah
Escuela Vieau	Sebastian Trejo	Exziel Rivera
Wedgewood Park International School	Sowmya Vipparthi	Bryan Martinez
Walt Whitman School	Jackson Walls	Brook Lynn Perez

### Grade 8 Finalists and Alternates

ALBA	Diego Correa-Aquilera	Christine Gonzalez-Martinez
Mary McLeod Bethune Academy	Eh Yaw Moo	Varianna Jones
Congress School	Keenan Vance	
Jeremiah Curtin Leadership Academy	Jayvir Rajasansi	Daniel Anderson
Hartford Avenue University School	Antonio Rodriguez	Adrian Laurent
Humboldt Park School	Peace Peter	Adam Her
Lincoln Center of the Arts	Gabriela Ahuacate	Lennox Toney
Manitoba School	Eh Ku Soe Paw	
Maryland Avenue Montessori School	Kyree Dunn	Leyna Fehr
Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts	Aisha Ali	Henry Sheahan
Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion	Larry McCain	
Escuela Vieau	Pedro Hernandez	Jaelayns Rivera
Wedgewood Park International School	Gathan Anderson	Ethan Finner



## Participating Schools' Principals and Spelling Bee Liaisons

### **ALBA (Academia de Lenguaje y Bellas Artes)**

Brenda Martinez, Teacher Leader  
Veronica Ramirez, Liaison

### **Bay View Montessori School**

Heidi Panosh, Principal  
Kate Dubinski, Liaison

### **Mary McLeod Bethune Academy**

Kasango Kalumbula, Principal  
Monica Epps, Liaison  
Alicia Andrews, Liaison

### **Browning School**

Raymond Unanka, Principal  
Marsha Kroeger, Liaison

### **William Cullen Bryant School**

Tiffany Hollowell, Principal  
Andrea Mansur, Liaison  
Andrea Anderson, Liaison

### **Cass Street School**

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### **Samuel Clemens School**

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### **Congress School**

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Brittany Johnson, Liaison

### **Lowell International Elementary School**

Theresa Christensen, Principal  
Amrit Kaur, Liaison

### **Manitoba School**

Rhoda Jones-Goodwin, Principal  
Cynthia "Cyndee" Kennedy

### **Maple Tree School**

Richard Watkins, Principal  
Amy Snell, Liaison

### **Maryland Avenue Montessori School**

Joseph Di Carlo, Principal  
Jenni Hofschulte, Liaison  
Lai King Moy, Liaison

### **Milwaukee German Immersion School**

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**Fairview School**

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**Humboldt Park School**

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**Victory K8 and Milwaukee Italian Immersion**

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Julia Mercado, Liaison  
Tara Plank, Liaison

**Escuela Vieau**

Marko Radmanovic, Principal  
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**Wedgewood Park International School**

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Megan Kuczmariski, Liaison  
Erin Flood-Harrison, Liaison

**Westside Academy**

Renee Drane, Principal

**Walt Whitman Academy**

Deb Clemens, Principal  
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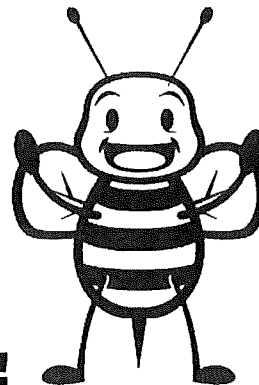
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