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Alameda County Spelling Bee

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On Saturday, March 27, the Alameda County Office of Education held the County Spelling Bee Championships at Cull Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley. Locally, Amrith Krishnan, a sixth grader at Mission San Jose Elementary School in Fremont, placed third.

"We are very proud of Amrith's efforts and he has much to be proud of in this competition," said MSJE Principal Bonnie Curtis.

Thirty-nine students participated in the elementary division, with Karl Keck, a sixth grader at Claremont Middle School in Oakland placing first and earning the title of "Alameda County Spelling Bee Champion." He correctly spelled "assiduous" to break a tie and "circumference" for the win. Keck will advance to the State Spelling Bee along with second-place finisher, Bryan Zheng, a sixth grader at American Indian Public Charter School in Oakland.

Amrith who missed on the uncommon word "corybantic," and fourth place finisher Jamie Ng, a fourth grader at Green Elementary in Dublin will receive trophies.

"I'm pretty pleased with how I did and had a lot of fun taking part in the County Spelling Bee," said Amrith. "I already recognized many of the words, from reading books, which I enjoy."

The State Championships for elementary school students will take place Saturday, May 15 at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park.

Editor's Note:

Amrith was contacted by the Alameda County Office of Education and extended an invitation to participate in the State Spelling Bee competition May 15, as first place winner, Karl Keck, is unable to attend. Amrith gladly accepted.



(left to right) Top four finishers: Karl Keck, Bryan Zheng, Amrith Krishnan and Jamie Ng.