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Russell ES Student Wins System Spelling Bee



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Kushagra Biswas, fifth-grader at Russell Elementary School, won the Houston County Board of Education 2012 Spelling Bee today. He was the top speller out of 28 contestants, winning the Bee after about two hours with the correct spelling of the final word “macadamia.” Matthew Amerson, sixth-grader at Northside Middle School, won runner-up.

Kushagra (pictured on the right) and Matthew will both next compete at the District 6 Spelling Bee at Fort Valley State University on Feb. 25, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Keerti Soundappan, 5th grade student at David A. Perdue Elementary, will serve as the alternate.

The local Bee has been sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) through the local Houston Association of Educators for 51 years. GAE also sponsors the District and State Bees. The winner and runner up of the District Bee will advance to the GAE State Spelling Bee, which will be held at Georgia State University in Atlanta on Mar. 16, 2012, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Rhonda Moulder, assistant principal at David A. Perdue Elementary and David A. Perdue Primary, served as the system event organizer. She followed the State Spelling Bee Procedures, Rules and Regulations. Amy Myers, speech and language pathologist at Eagle Springs Elementary, was the caller. For more information, contact Nancy Richardson, Coordinator of Reading and Language Arts, at 478-988-6200, ext. 10236, or Moulder at 478-988-6350, ext. 35398.

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Kushagra is pictured with his principal, Keith Lauritsen.

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