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PRESS RELEASE! Recap Event 2017



Los Angeles County Scripps Regional Spelling Bee

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 2:00pm

Hosted by Walter Reed Middle School, Friends Of Reed and PTSA

Walter Reed Middle School Auditorium

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After months of preparation and competition at their local schools, more than 25,000 students from over 125 public, private, magnet, and religious schools in Los Angeles had the opportunity to advance to the LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCRIPPS REGIONAL SPELLING BEE as the last step before the national competition. Hosted by Friends Of Reed and the PTSA at Walter Reed Middle School on Sunday, March 12, 2017, the local school winners assembled for a competition to name the top champion in Los Angeles County and earn the opportunity to advance to the National Scripps Spelling Bee competition hosted in Washington DC, May 28-June 1, 2017.

Trophies were awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners in the 2017 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCRIPPS REGIONAL SPELLING BEE. The 2017 contest lasted 6 ½ hours and 19 rounds with 398 words. Our CHAMPION was Jennifer Lau, an 8th grader from Calle Mayor Middle School, who won with the correct spelling of the word **ursine**. This word is from Latin (with a near-homonym hircine). It is an adjective which means: of, relating to or characteristic of a bear. Other notable finalist and elimination words included: **barratry, mouldier, muishond, Beetek, keelson, Grundyism, pickelhaube, and apparatchik**. We encourage you to look them up!

2017 Competition Finalists after 19 rounds:

1 st	Jennifer Lau	(8 th Grade)	Calle Mayor Middle School	CHAMPION
2 nd	Navneeth Murali	(5 th Grade)	Victor Elementary School	Finalist
3 rd	Sanjay Srikanth	(7 th Grade)	Arroyo Seco Junior High	Finalist

National Competition info can be found at www.spellingbee.com. You can also find a list of Past National Champions at <http://spellingbee.com/champions-and-their-winning-words>

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Congratulations to our outstanding participants. We are so proud of you all and we look forward to seeing you next year!

THANK YOU to the non-profit organizations, PTSA and Friends Of Reed for hosting an outstanding event. Sponsors interested in enhancing the prizes and recognition of all our school champions are encouraged to donate product, make prize contributions, and offer financial assistance for future events. If you have a warm lead for an event sponsor, please contact: RNN@reedms.com or 818-487-7600 Rm106. INFO: Debbie Vodhanel, Sun Coe-Rosenblat, and Carol Kiernan-Convey, L.A. County Regional Spelling Bee Coordinators.



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Historical Info:

2016 Competition Finalists after 15 rounds:

1 st	Cooper Komatsu	(8 th Grade)	Culver City Middle School	CHAMPION (2015 winner)
2 nd	Dina Miranda	(5 th Grade)	Gant Elementary School	Finalist
3 rd	Tyler Wilson	(3 rd Grade)	Germaine Charter Academy	Finalist

The 2016 contest lasted six hours and 15 rounds with 344 words. Cooper Komatsu won the competition for the second year in a row, placing 11th in the National Bee 2015 and 7th in the National Bee 2016. Our Champion won with the correct spelling of the word **gudgeon**. Originally Greek, this word passed from Latin to French before becoming English. It is a noun which means: any of numerous spiny-finned fishes, usually having a broad depressed head and large mouth, and occurring chiefly in shallow coastal waters. Other notable finalist and elimination words included: **affidavit, feloniously, singspiration, gnathonic, froufrou, gourami and mercerize**

2015 Competition Finalists after 21 rounds:

1 st	Cooper Komatsu	(7 th Grade)	Culver City Middle School	CHAMPION
2 nd	Jennifer Lau	(6 th Grade)	Calle Mayor Middle School	Finalist
3 rd	Jonathan Baron	(7 th Grade)	Chatsworth Hills Academy	Finalist

The 2015 contest lasted 21 rounds with 372 words. Our Champion won with the correct spelling of the word **carillon**. This word came from French, which formed it from a Latin word. It is a noun, which means: a set of fixed bells pitched in chromatic series of at least two octaves and sounded by hammers controlled by a keyboard. Notable elimination words included: **agglomerate, voortrekker, gymkhana, and occlusal**.

2014 Competition finalists after 23 Rounds:

1 st	Timothy Lau	(8 th Grade)	Calle Mayor Middle School	CHAMPION
2 nd	Cooper Komatsu	(6 th Grade)	Culver City Middle School	Finalist
3 rd	Alexis Cho	(7 th Grade)	Pinecrest School Canyon Country	Finalist

The 2014 contest lasted 23 rounds with a total of 361 words. The winning word was **ventricose**. This word is from Latin, an adjective, which means: distended; inflated; especially: markedly swollen on one side. Notable elimination words included: **decastich, chresard, and geanticline**.

2013 Competition lasted six (6) hours, 21 rounds with 406 words.

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