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Meigan Clark of Middlebury Wins Statewide Spelling Bee

MONTPELIER – Meigan Clark bested 41 other students from across Vermont to win the Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 16, 2011. Clark, a sixth grader from Mary Hogan School in Middlebury, will now compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. in June, competing against top spellers from every other state in the nation.

The winning word was “scurrilous,” which means “containing low obscenities or coarse abuse.”

Samantha Storz of Kirby, a student at the Stevens School of Peacham, came in second.

The bee was sponsored by the Vermont Department of Education, Vermont Principals’ Association, Vermont Humanities Council, St. Michael’s College, Burlington Free Press, FairPoint Communications and Dunkin Donuts. The bee was held at the McCarthy Arts Center at St. Michael’s College in Colchester.

In addition to advancing to the national spelling bee, Clark received a trophy, a Net Book donated by Dunkin Donuts and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., donated by FairPoint Communications, Saint Michael’s College and Dunkin Donuts. In addition, Storz received a plaque and all students received a medallion for advancing to the state level. All of the students who compete in the national spelling bee will receive cash prizes ranging from \$50 to the \$12,000 championship prize. For more information on the national bee, visit www.spellingbee.com.

Elementary and middle school students (through grade 8) under the age of 16 were eligible to participate in this competition. Students from across Vermont who participated in the bee have already competed in their regional bees this winter.

Adam Sullivan of the Burlington Free Press served as pronouncer for the event. Linda Wrazen of the Vermont Humanities Council presented the awards.

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See the next page for a list of participants.

2011 Vermont State Spelling Bee Participants

School	First Name	Last Name
Albany Community School	Gratia	Rowell
Albert D Lawton Intermediate School	Kathleen	Young
Barnard Academy	Julia	Gouvin-Moffat
Blue Mountain Union School	Lauren	Lamberton
Bridport Central School	Joanna	Barrett
Brighton Elementary School	Coopere	Densmore
Camels Hump Middle School	Jonathan	Fisher
Charlotte Central School	Abigail	Postlewaite
Christ The King School	Sophia	Moore-Smith
Craftsbury Academy	Mael	Lescouezec
Crossett Brook Middle School	Evan	Ostler
Danville School	Merlin	Gil
Edmunds Middle School	Isaiah	Mindich
Flood Brook Union 20 Elementary School	Raye	Cleary
Hartland Elementary School	Georgia	Sparks
Harwood Union Middle/high School	Nina	Sklar
Lyndon Town School	Lucinda	Storz
Main Street Middle School	Laura	Cassetty
Mary Hogan School	Meigan	Clark
Mater Christi School	Marisa	Sylvester
Mill River Union High School	Elijah	Burch
Milton Elementary School	Ryan	Joseph
Missisquoi Valley Union Middle School	Judah	Ward
Mt Anthony Union Middle School	Connor	Tilley
Newfane Elementary School	William	Jagiello
Peacham Elementary School	Jason	Kimball
Proctor Junior Senior High School	Tessie	McDonnell
Richford Junior Senior High School	Andrew	Czelatka
Riverside School	Rilan	Cobb
Rumney Memorial School	Savannah	Yates
Rutland Intermediate School	Ryan	French
Shelburne Community School	Isabel	Jorgensen
South Royalton School	Emily	Ballou
St. Mary School	Noah	Viner
Stevens School Of Peacham	Samantha	Storz
Stockbridge Central School	Abigail	Levy
Stowe Middle High School	Grace	Palmer
Swanton Central School	Jenna	Bourdeau
Wallingford Elementary School	Sabrina	Zaloudek
Waterford Elementary School	Brooke	Smith
Williston Central School	Janina	Cuneo
Woodstock Union Middle School	Lauren	French