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Top Spellers Headed for County Spelling Championships

Top spellers from area schools will compete in Stanislaus County Spelling Championships in November. The **Elementary Spelling Championship**, for children in grades 4-6, is slated for **Nov. 5, 2014** at Gregori High School, 3701 Pirrone Road, Modesto. The **Junior High Spelling Championship**, for those in grades 7-8, is scheduled for **Nov. 19, 2014** at the Petersen Event Center, 720 12th Street, Modesto. Sponsored by the Stanislaus County Office of Education, both events are open to the public and begin promptly at 5 p.m.

Schools or districts participating in this year's Elementary Spelling Championship include: Chatom, Denair, Empire, Hart-Ransom, Hughson, Keyes, Modesto City, Newman-Crows Landing, Oakdale, Our Lady of Fatima, Paradise, Patterson, Riverbank, Stanislaus Union, Sacred Heart, Turlock, Valley Home and Waterford.

Junior high spelling contenders consist of students from the following schools: Blaker-Kinser, Cesar Chavez, Cardozo, Dutcher, Glick, Hart-Ransom Charter, Hickman, Mountain View, Oakdale, Our Lady of Fatima, Paradise, Patterson, Prescott, Riverbank Language Academy, Ross, Sacred Heart, Spratling and Turlock.

The top two spellers in the Elementary Spelling Championship will represent Stanislaus County at the state competition in Stockton on April 18, 2015. The top two spellers in the Junior High Spelling Championship will represent Stanislaus County at the state competition in San Rafael on May 2, 2015. The third place speller in each event will serve as an alternate.

Note: There will be an opportunity for media to take photographs at any time during either spelling championship. Both competitions will run from 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (approximately). The spelling championships are sponsored by the Stanislaus County Office of Education.