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## DISTRICT HOLDS ANNUAL SPELLING CONTEST

Students from across the Greater Albany Public School District participated in the annual District Spelling Contest, which was held on Wednesday, May 10 at Calapooia Middle School. The school library, site of the competition, was also filled with parents and teachers from across the district, supporting their spellers.

There were three divisions competing at the local school level. Division I is grades 1 - 5; Division II is grades 6 - 8; and Division III is grades 9 -12. Each winner received a certificate and was recognized at a School Board meeting.

Winners were:

Elementary - Division I:

1st Place: Brynna Gritter Kenneke, Grade 5, North Albany Elementary  
2nd Place: Logan Falotico, Grade 4, Liberty Elementary  
3rd Place: Michael Franzwa, Grade 5, North Albany Elementary

Middle School - Division II:

1st Place: Paige Rogers, Grade 7, Memorial Middle School  
2nd Place: Azlynn Warren, Grade 7, Calapooia Middle School  
3rd Place: Dru Huddleston, Grade 6, Memorial Middle School

High School - Division III:

1st Place: Stephni DeMello, Grade 11, Albany Options School  
2nd Place: Nathaniel Hering, Grade 10, South Albany High School

Statewide, the spelling contest is held at three levels - local school district, county, and state. GAPS winners will go onto compete at the next levels. The winners from each division will represent Greater Albany Public School district at a regional spelling contest held at Calapooia Middle School on Wednesday, May 24.

This year's district level contest and regional (county) contest are coordinated by district teachers and staff, volunteering their time to continue the annual competition.