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School Spelling Bee Winners

Our annual spelling bee looked just a bit different this year, but some things were exactly the same: that nail-biting feeling everyone, including the audience, gets as a difficult word is called, the excellent performance by all the students in the bee, and the tense excitement of the final rounds. Students participating in the bee sat far apart, and only one parent per contestant was allowed inside the gym. Fellow classmates and parents at home watched the bee via Zoom. The first place winner of the upper school bee will progress to the regional competition, scheduled for early March. This year, the regional competition will be a virtual event.



Congratulations to our winners!

Lower School (left)

1st place (left) **Naaman Ballentine**, 5th

2nd place (center) **Abby Watson**, 5th

3rd place (right) **Clarissa Stanley**, 4th

Upper School (right)

1st place (left) **Paisley Chilton**, 6th
Paisley will continue to the regional spelling bee in March.

2nd place (center) **Caleb Edwards**, 8th

3rd place (right) **Morgan Marteny**, 8th



Above left: Kim Kirkman, master of ceremonies, welcomes attendees as lower school students await their words behind her. Below left: Parents sit socially distanced as they watch their children. Above right: Nancy Cockerham, event organizer, cleaned the microphone between each of the students every round of both bees. A fun fact about this is that her step-counter showed she walked almost three miles as she went back and forth cleaning the microphone!

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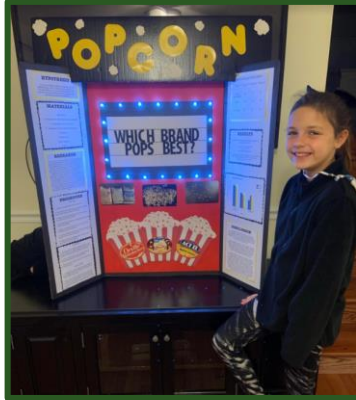
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Science Fair Winners

We are pleased to present our school science fair winners! These students will continue to the regional competition, which will be virtually held in the near future.



Maya Kern, 4th grade - Does the shape of the balloon affect the speed of a balloon powered car?



Lyla Stanley, 4th grade (center) - Which brand of popcorn pops best?



Samantha Flinchum, 6th, How does eye color affect peripheral vision?



Laney Robertson, 6th, Effects of UV rays on various fabrics



Abigail Bowen (left), 6th, How do face masks affect reading body language; **Joe Bevard** (right), 6th, Which charcoal heats faster?



Morgan Shipley— 6th Effectiveness of Speed Reading



Jay Hoerter, 6th, Chemical rockets



Krista Morrison, 7th, Determining bounce heights on a trampoline



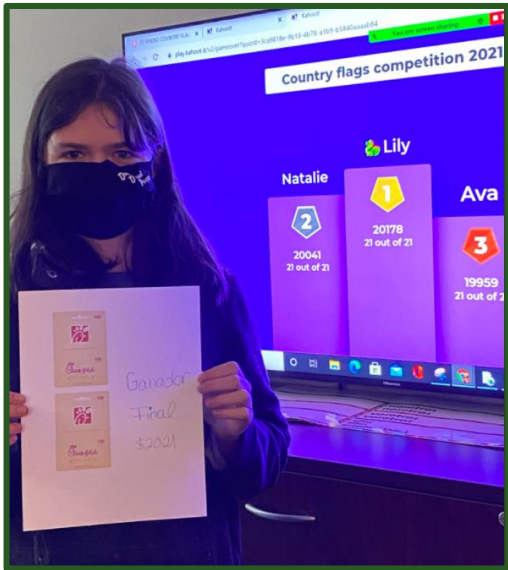
Addison Mickey, 7th, Temperatures most effective for solar panels



Cheyenne Rogers, 9th, Mental Health of Students During Covid-19

Spanish Speaking Countries Flags Contest

MCA's Spanish teacher, Senora Jennifer Baker, held a flag recognition contest. Students in grades 6-8 taking Spanish as a middle school elective, along with high school students taking Spanish as their foreign language of choice, all participated in the contest, which quizzed the students on recognizing the flags of the twenty-one Spanish speaking countries of the world. Seventh grade student **Lily Thomas** was the overall grand prize winner, receiving \$30 of Chick-fil-a gift cards, and most importantly, bragging rights for a whole year!



Lily Thomas, 7th grade, grand prize winner



Ava Utt, 10th grade, runner up



Abigail Hodges, 10th grade, runner up



Emily Hoge, 10th grade, runner up



Addisen Key, 9th grade, runner up



Jack Claxton, 8th grade, runner up