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Kyrene Students Excel in Regional Spelling Bee

Thirty-two children participated in the Maricopa Regional Spelling Bee held Saturday, February 7th at 9:00 a.m. at Kyrene Akimel A-al, 2720 E. Liberty Lane, Phoenix 85048.

The winners were as follows:

- 1st place** – Raymie Humbert, 8th Grade - Kyrene Pueblo Middle School, Chandler
- 2nd place** – Hannah Miao, 5TH Grade - Kyrene del Sureno Elementary, Chandler
- 3rd place** – David Jaffe, 4th Grade - Las Sendas Elementary (Mesa School District)
- 4th place** – Lucas Redshaw, 6th Grade - Kyrene Middle School, Tempe
- 5th place** – Jessica Tueller, 7th Grade - Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School, Phoenix

Regional winners participate in the Arizona State Spelling Bee to be held on March 28, 2009 and top contestants then represent our state at the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. on May 26 – 27, 2009.

Twenty-one students in grades 4 through 8 competed in the Kyrene District Spelling Bee on January 14. Those participants were determined through classroom and then school-wide Spelling Bees held in December, 2008.