



APS Annual Spelling Bee



Left to Right: Josie Christensen (First Place Winner), Austin Davenport (Second Place), Danielle Duponcheel

Arnold Public Schools hosted another annual school spelling bee with contestants aging from 4th grade to 8th grade. They first started out with quite a few kids participating but slowly knocked down the numbers after each round.

After a long and difficult process, there was only two contestants left and they were both fighting for first place title. The two contestants left were Josie Christensen and Austin Davenport. After spelling yet another two more words, it was confirmed that Josie Christensen was the new Arnold Public School champion speller!

Before the spelling bee took place, younger classes hosted their own spelling bee within their classroom. Kindergarten through

Custer County Spelling Bee

After Arnold hosted their school spelling bee, the kids who qualified then moved onto the Custer County spelling bee. In this spelling bee, APS students compete against students from around the county. There were six schools involved with a total of 61 kids. The schools in the county they were competing against were Ansley, Anselmo-Merna, Callaway, Sargent

and Broken-Bow. The students from Arnold who qualified were Paisley Witthuhn, Delanie Weinman, Josie Christensen, Serenity Borah, Austin Davenport, Hudson Vickers, Walter Bierman, Danielle Duponcheel, Addison Dalrymple, Berklee Preston and Elijah Cool.

In the first round, all of the contestants had to do a 25-word written test. In the second round,

their tests would be corrected and they would start cutting people out. By the time the third round started, they cut the entire group to half of what they started with. After the third round, they took a break to continue correcting the tests the students just completed. The difficulty level really stepped up during the fourth round.

The fifth round was the first