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## **PLANO ISD CONGRATULATES SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

**PLANO, TX, January 26, 2022** – Plano ISD held its annual elementary and middle school spelling bees. The top speller from each elementary campus competed at the district bee on Tuesday, January 18. The top 3 spellers from each middle school competed on Thursday, January 20. Winners of Plano ISD's district bee advance to the Collin County spelling bee, and winners from that competition advance to the Dallas Regional Spelling Bee. Winners at the regional bee will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee which will take place in June 2022.

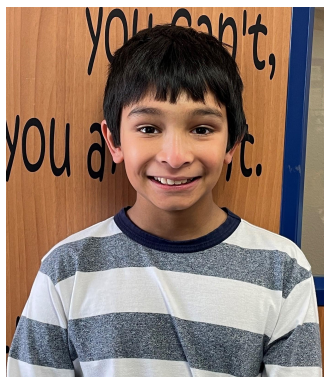
Plano ISD spelling bee winners are:

### **Elementary (13 rounds)**

1<sup>st</sup> - Aakash Unnikrishnan, Hunt Elementary School

2<sup>nd</sup> - Diya Nair, Mathews Elementary School

3<sup>rd</sup> - Fathima Ahamad - Bethany Elementary School



***Pictured: Aakash Unnikrishnan, Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion***

**Middle School (17 rounds)**

1<sup>st</sup> - Dhroov Bharatia, Wilson Middle School

2<sup>nd</sup> - Faris Zafar, Rice Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> - Aakash Arulkumaran, Murphy Middle School



***Pictured: Dhroov Bharatia, Middle School Spelling Bee Champion***

In 2021, Plano ISD student Dhroov Bharatia won the Dallas Regional spelling bee and advanced to the Scripps National Spelling Bee where he earned a 4th place finish.

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**About Plano Independent School District**

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) ([www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 7,000 staff members who serve more than 50,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.