The 2017-2018 Elk Grove Unified School District Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, November 30, 2017. Forty-eight (48) third through eighth grade students, each representing his/her school site, participated in this year’s competition. Participants first took a written test followed by the more traditional oral competition. All participants represented their schools well, and Elk Grove Unified School District can be proud of these young spellers.

After 11 rounds of spelling, our district champion this year is Matthew Agustin, an eighth grade student from Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School. Matthew has participated in the District Spelling Bee for the past three years, and his perseverance was rewarded when he was crowned champion this year! The winning word was “reciprocate.” This year’s runner-up is J Lana, a sixth grade student from Arlene Hein Elementary School. Congratulations to both Matthew and J!

Mr. Bob Roe, Director of PreK-6 Education, did an outstanding job as our word pronouncer. EGUSD retired principals Rebecca Davis, Leanne Teuber, and Judy Hunt-Brown volunteered as judges. LaRae Blomquist, EGUSD 7-12 ELA Program Specialist, also served as a judge.