

## Zophia Dadlez wins Saint Paul Public Schools spelling bee

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Zophia Dadlez, a sixth grade student at L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion School, won the Saint Paul Public Schools 2011 spelling bee at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. After 28 rounds, she earned first place by correctly spelling apocalyptic, an adjective meaning foreboding imminent disaster or final doom. William Yang, an eighth grade student at Farnsworth Aerospace PreK-8 Magnet, is the second place winner and Elijah Armstrong, a fourth grade student at EXPO for Excellence Elementary Magnet, is the third place winner. Thirty eight students had earned a spot in the districtwide contest by winning spelling bees at their schools.

"In the computer age of spell check, spelling bees are a



great reminder that a good knowledge of spelling helps students increase vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage and a love of words that will help them better communicate in all of their subjects and all their lives," said Ashley Cannaday, program manager of SPPS Gifted Services.

Dadlez and Yang, the top two winners in the SPPS competition, will advance to the regional spelling bee on March 12, 2011, at the Minnesota History Center. Winners from regional spelling bees advance to the Scripps National Bee in Washington D.C. June 1-2, 2011.

The SPPS spelling bee will be broadcast on Saint Paul Cable Channel 16 at 9 am and 4:30 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011; Friday, Feb. 25, 2011; Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011; Wednesday, March 2, 2011; Friday, March 4, 2011; and Sunday, March 6, 2011.

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