The 2019-2020 Elk Grove Unified School District Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, December 3, 2019. Forty-six (46) 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 16 rounds of spelling, our district champion this year is Ogemdi Fox, an eighth-grade student from Elizabeth Pinkerton Middle School. The winning word was “cantilever.” This year’s runner-up is Pratham Rangwala, a seventh-grade student from Toby Johnson Middle School. Congratulations to both Ogemdi and Pratham!

Ms. LaRae Blomquist, EGUSD 7-12 ELA Program Specialist, served as the Spelling Bee master of ceremony. Mr. Bob Roe, retired Director of PreK-6 Education, did an outstanding job as our word pronouncer. Serving as judges were EGUSD K-6 ELA Program Specialist Patty Tong, and EGUSD 7-12 ELA Instructional Coaches: Michelle Templeton, and Aaron Schlegel.