

**January 24, 2011**

**The 2011 Flossmoor School District 161 Spelling Bee was held Thursday evening, January 20, at Parker Junior High School in Flossmoor.**

**Students in grades 6, 7, and 8, along with two Spelling Bee winners from each of the District's four elementary schools, competed at the event.**

**The winner of the District Spelling Bee is eighth grade student Evan Runburg. Evan will represent Flossmoor School District 161 at the South Suburban Cook County Regional Spelling Bee at Parker Junior High School on Wednesday, February 2. The winner of the regional Spelling Bee will continue on to compete at the Suburban Cook County Regional Spelling Bee.**

**Congratulations also go to Myles Walker who was the runner-up. Myles is a fourth grade student at Heather Hill School, Flossmoor.**

**Spelling Bee participants were as follows:**

**Eric January and Daniel McGhee, representing Flossmoor Hills School; Marcella Speaks and runner-up Myles Walker representing Heather Hill School; Alessandro Vazquez and Corey Walker representing Serena Hills School; George O'Malley and Joy Woods representing Western Avenue School.**

**Competitors from Parker Junior High School included sixth grade students Melinda Berman, Arminda Cako, and Krystal Dureke, seventh grade students Jessica Barry, Mbella Beseka, Jacqueline Mazique, Leah Moss, Imani Muhammad, and Jordan Penman, and eighth grade students Griffin Wright and Spelling Bee Winner Evan Runburg.**

**Parker Junior High School faculty members who coordinated the District Spelling Bee were Sarah Collins, Suzanne Hayden, Christina Rosean, and Valerie Sims-Rucker.**

