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**2012 Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee Contest Results**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Rodeo, produced by The Park of east Texas, Inc., completed the Spelling Bee on Saturday. Over 75 schools registered for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Rodeo with 1200 students participating in 14 competitive events. The Second and Third Grade Spelling Bes emphasize the importance of word knowledge at an early age.

The Second Grade Spelling Bee was conducted with Field Sutton, from KYTX CBS-19 as the pronouncer.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Caleb Cain, Lindale College Street Elementary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrett Lin, All Saints Episcopal School, Tyler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlie Lu, TISD Jack Elementary School, Tyler

The Third Grade Spelling Bee was conducted with Jennifer Kielman from KETK NBC 56 as the pronouncer.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Eyan Absar, All Saints Episcopal School, Tyler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joshua Baker, TACHE (Tyler Area Christian Home Educators), Tyler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Connor Cockrell, Lindale College Street Elementary

All winners are recognized at the Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration at the conclusion of the 2011 Academic Rodeo on February 24th.

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