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Press Release

First Grader is the BEE'S KNEES

School Spelling Bee Championship goes to First Grade Student

Gilbert, Arizona, Friday, January 15, 2009: How do you spell I-M-P-R-E-S-S-I-V-E? First Grader, Maahi Ameer could tell you. He was the winner of the first annual San Tan Learning Center Spelling Bee.

San Tan Learning Center, a local Pre-Kindergarten Montessori, and Kindergarten through 5th Grade Public Charter School pulled out all stops to make their first school bee a memorable event. Publisher and Editor, Karen Barr, of Raising Arizona Kids Magazine was invited to MC the event. Formal invitations were sent to the families of the contestants, parents volunteered to judge and pronounce. Even Principal Sippel judged.

Winners of the grade-level spelling bees competed against each other for top honors and the opportunity to advance to the Regional Spelling Bee held in late February, 2010.

The contestants were:

First Grader: Maahi Ameer

Second Grader: Amanda O'Hara

Third Grader: Matt Joanes

Fourth Grader: Matthew Bujor,

Fifth Grader: Kimball Conover

The school was proud to announce that a first grade student took top honors. Maahi Ameer will be representing San Tan Learning Center in the Arizona Regional Spelling Bee. The winner of the Regional Bee will progress to the Arizona State Spelling Bee. The Winner of that Bee will compete in the SCRIPPS National Spelling Bee held in Washington D.C., later this year. In addition to being named the school wide Spelling Bee Champion, Maahi Ameer also received an award certificate and two, 1-year subscriptions to the Encyclopedia Britannica Online; one for himself, and one for his classroom.

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School Spelling Bee Champion, First Grader, Maahi Ameer and Principal Kristofer Sippel.

