

*Grade 7 Student Kate Bird
Represents Wolfville School at Regional Spelling Bee*



Any way you spell it, Kate Bird has a way with words!

We were proud to have Kate represent Wolfville School at the 2012 Chronicle Herald Regional Spelling Bee. She attended the event along with 41 other students from mainland Nova Scotia, all of whom were there to show off their spelling and literacy skills.

The competition, which was open to students in grades 4 through 8, took place in Halifax on February 25, 2012. In preparation for the event, Kate had a demanding training schedule. With the support of her volunteer coach, Heather Leeman, she studied word lists provided for the competition. Each list included 75 to 100 words, and there were lists from several languages including Old English, Arabic, Latin, Dutch, German, Spanish, New English, Italian, French and Greek. For each word, participants needed to learn the spelling, as well as the word origin, definition, part of speech and usage in a sentence.

Kate won the honour of representing Wolfville School at the Regional Competition by winning a mini spelling bee of students against teachers that was held at a school assembly. In Halifax, Kate placed in the top half of the group of 42 students – an impressive achievement for a first-time competitor.

Congratulations Kate!