



On Thursday, April 9th, 2026 Coke County Schools hosted a county-wide Spelling Bee at the district's Innovation Center.

Six elementary schools participated in this year's contest including Centerview Elementary, Edgemont Elementary, Grassy Fork Elementary, Parrottsville Elementary, Northwest Elementary, and Smoky Mountain Elementary. A total of 43 students competed for the coveted title of a Spelling Bee Champion.

The top 5 students received awards from the Parrottsville Ruitan Club while cash prizes were awarded to the winner and runner-up from donations by area businesses.

This year, both the winner, Chris Gorrell, and the runner-up, Valen White, were students at Edgemont Elementary.

We extend our congratulations to all of our students and to the parents and teachers for making this event possible. Congratulations Chris (pic below) and Valen!

