

FSA 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Kelly Dodd won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 2008 Fulton County Spelling Bee at River Eves Elementary School in Roswell on Thursday evening, January 24. Congratulations to Kelly, her teacher Mr. Hudgins and Language Art Department Head Mr. Wright.

#### FSA SPELLER WINS BY "CONSENSUS"

The 64 spellers representing elementary schools and middle schools from all over Fulton County had dwindled to two, Bert Sanders representing Autrey Mill Middle School and Kelly Dodd representing Fulton Science Academy Middle School. The tension mounted as the new rules for only two contestants were explained to the crowd and then the battle began. On the second round Bert faltered on the word consensus and Kelly took the lead by spelling it correctly.

Kelly Dodd, of Johns Creek, sealed her victory with the word toboggan to become the winner of the 2008 Fulton County Spelling Bee at River Eves Elementary School in Roswell on Thursday evening, January 24. "I knew I had spelled consensus right when I saw Mr. Hudgins' (her language arts teacher at FSA) face in the back of the room," said Kelly. "It was such a relief and felt great to win!"

The top 6 spellers in the competition will now advance to the district Spelling Bee on February 23 at the old Milton High School in Alpharetta. The winners of the district competition will advance to the State.



Photo: Kelly Dodd, the winner of the 2008 Fulton County Spelling Bee representing Fulton Science Academy Middle School is pictured with her Language Arts Teacher, John Hudgins, on the left, and Language Arts Department Chair, James Wright, on the right.