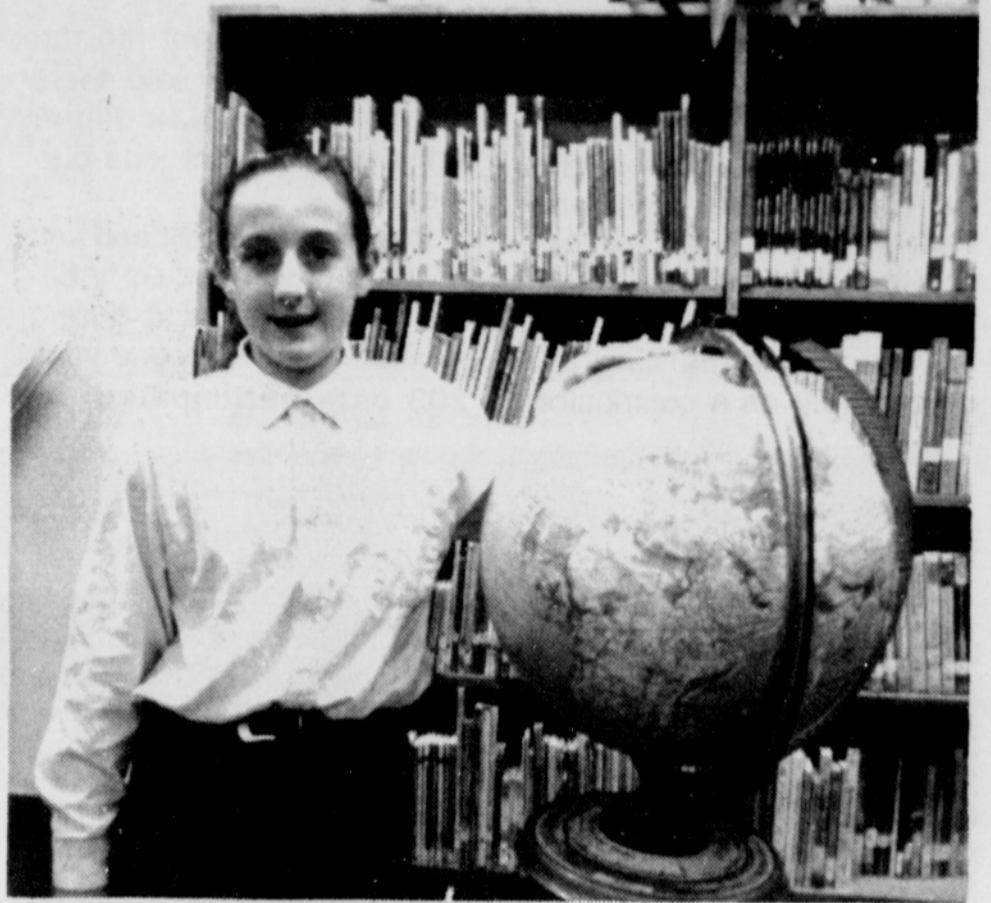


# Banks Elementary student will compete in state Geography Bee

Kara Krutsinger, a sixth grader at Banks Elementary School, placed first among thirteen 4th, 5th and 6th grade students for an opportunity to compete at the statewide level of the National Geography Bee.

The school level competition was all oral; at the state level, Kara will compete in a written exam. The first place winner at state will move on to compete at the national level, with the opportunity to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.

This is the first year Banks Schools have participated in the National Geography Bee. The event is sponsored by National Geographic World and Chrysler Corporation.



Kara Krutsinger will represent Banks Elementary School in a statewide Geography Bee.

# Students name Banks creek, wetland

A creek and wetlands behind Banks Elementary School now have official names, thanks to the efforts of BES fifth graders. All future maps will designate the two waterways as Banks Creek and Whispering Waters Wetlands.

focused on the area this year, with written reports, maps and poetry based on their observations and feelings.

Whispering Water was submitted by Brian Mills.

For their efforts, the two students received sweatshirts with illustrations and the names the board approved.

They also researched information on how to name creeks and wetlands and submitted their suggestions to the Oregon Geographic Names board. The board approved Cheryl Gillson's designation for Banks Creek.

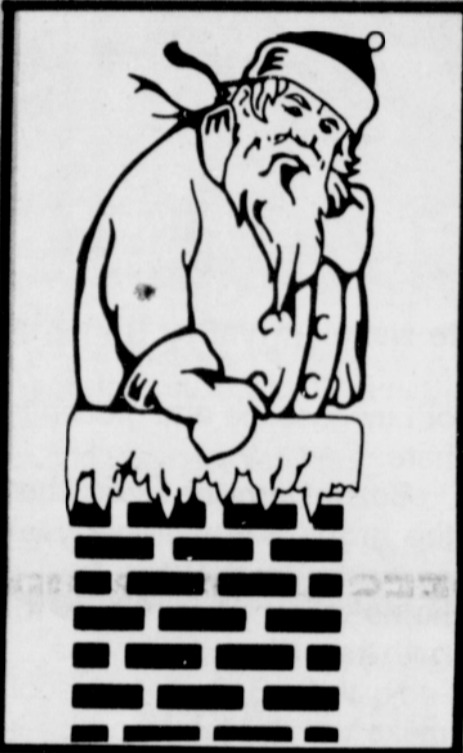
Under the tutelage of teachers Judy Rhodes and Diane Steiger, the students

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