

## Oak Hill Community School Students Win Highest Honors in WordMaster's Challenge:

Three students from Oak Hill recently won highest honors in this year's WordMaster's Challenge, a national language arts competition entered by over 230,000 students annually. The challenge consists of three separate meets held at intervals during the school year.

Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the Challenge, fifth grade students Kaitlin Buls, Leah Grunke, and Molly Parries all earned perfect scores in the year's first meet held in December. In the entire country, only 189 fifth graders earned perfect scores. Other students at Oak Hill who achieved outstanding results were fifth graders Leah Adelman, Braden Altena, Kaelyn Angell, Tia Arnzen, Emily Dorn, and Jaime Fairbanks and sixth graders Elena Hafner and Emily Peterson. The students were coached by teachers Fay Bolin, Deb Hoye, and Kris Nei.

The WordMaster's Challenge is an exercise in critical thinking which encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting and challenging new words. It then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing logical relationships. Working to solve problems using vocabulary helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. The program is open to students in grades 3-8 as well as high school. Congratulations Oak Hill students on your excellent work!