

October 4, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your third, fourth, or fifth grader is invited to participate in the 2023-2024

WordMasters Challenge. This is a competition consisting of three analogy-solving meets held throughout the year. Prior to each meet, the students are provided with a list of 25 challenging vocabulary words that will appear in the Challenge Test analogies. Excellence in the competition will require both a mastery of the word meanings and thoughtful reasoning about word relationships. The exact dates of the meets will be announced later, but the general schedule is as follows. The meets will take place during the school day, but most studying will need to be done outside of the school day.

Challenge Meet #1: November 6-November 28

Challenge Meet #2: January 29-February 16

Challenge Meet #3: April 1-April 19

We hope that many students will take this opportunity to engage in vocabulary enrichment, critical thinking, and friendly competition! If your child is up for the challenge, please return this permission form by Friday, October 13. We will then enroll them as a participant in the national **WordMasters Challenge**. The expectation is that enrolled students will commit to participating in this challenge for the entire school year.

Thank you,

Karla Paulson and Terri Connell, Gifted Education Teachers

WordMasters Challenge Permission Form (Due on Friday, October 13, 2023)

My child has permission to participate in the 2023-2024 **WordMasters Challenge**.

Student: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____