

# Press Release

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## **Solana Beach School District Students Receive High Honors**

*In the recent WordMasters Challenge™ Skyline School 5th grade team placed second in the nation!*

**Wordsmiths at** - Skyline School competed in a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 125,000 students annually. The WordMasters Challenge™ is a competition that encourages students to move beyond grammar, punctuation, spelling, and other language mechanics towards thinking both analytically and metaphorically to understand complex themes. The fifth grade team from Skyline School scored an impressive 194 points out of the possible 200 in the second of three meets this year, launching the team as second in the nation!

Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge™, fifth graders Reid Foster, Collin Mack, Keegan Moran, and Annika Van Betten each earned a perfect score of 20 on their challenge. Nationally, only 29 fifth graders achieved this result. Competing students from Skyline School who achieved outstanding results in the meet also include fifth graders Riley Blake, Maya Brisard, Grady Carter, Sol Gilbert, Archer Hage, Lucy Marsden, Phoebe Rollinson, Finley Sand, Sam Scheidler, and Michael Won.



The WordMasters Challenge™ consists of exercises in critical thinking that first encourage students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words, then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Working together to unpack these comparisons, Skyline School students championed their collective understanding of the concepts to yield higher ranking placements in the competition.

Although most vocabulary enrichment and analogy-solving programs are designed for use by high school students, WordMasters Challenge™ materials have been specifically created for younger students in grades three through eight. SBSB students are inspired by the world around them, curious about new ideas, and eager to deploy their gifts to the world.

### **ABOUT THE SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Solana Beach School District, nestled on the north coast of San Diego County, serves approximately 2,800 students. Instruction is rich, varied and innovative. Our emphasis is on core standards instruction provided through a continuous progressive curriculum. District schools consistently rank at or near the top in district, county and state accountability measures. Our students and schools have received numerous awards and have been recognized at county, state and national levels for a variety of accomplishments. Working together, our mission focuses on providing a safe space where learners find their voice, share their gifts, and advance the world. Unified is our district, centered on inspiring wonder and discovery in learning and life.