

Verona Area School District

Elementary students earn perfect score in WordMasters Challenge

Over 100 Sugar Creek students participate in program each year

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Two Sugar Creek Elementary School students achieved a perfect score in the last of three meets in the 2024-25 WordMasters Challenge, a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 125,000 students annually.

Competing in the very difficult Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge, fourth grader Joshua Wirtz and fifth grader Isaac Gorrell each earned a perfect score of 20 on the recent challenge. Only 47 fourth graders and 84 fifth graders achieved this result nationally, according to a news release.

Other students who achieved outstanding results in the meet include fourth grader Alice Wiseman and fifth grader Mack Sargent. Students were coached in preparation for the WordMasters Challenge by Sugar Creek staff member Jamie Schultz.

The WordMasters Challenge is an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words (considerably harder than grade level) and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Working to solve analogies helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically.

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Council OKs new public works facility on Whalen Road

MCC brings the heart of Nashville to Wisconsin

Final 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' performances are this weekend

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VACT presents 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

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Construction set to begin on Legion Street, Westlawn Avenue

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Wonderland Tea Party returns for a third year of whimsical fun

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School board dissolves HGD committee, talks next steps

Verona Police Department incident report: June 30 through July 6

'Stuff the Bus' runs through Aug. 15

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VACT wins Outstanding Achievement award at AACTFest

Puppeteers of America to host regional festival in Verona

Verona's Hayes honored by Wisconsin School Music Association

Community Events Calendar: July 18-26

Though most vocabulary enrichment and analogy-solving programs are designed for use by high school students, WordMasters Challenge materials have been specifically designed for younger students in grades three through eight. They are particularly well-suited for children who are motivated by the challenge of learning new words and enjoy the logical puzzles posed by analogies.

The WordMasters Challenge program is administered by a company based in New Jersey that is dedicated to inspiring high achievement in American schools. More information is available online at wordmasterschallenge.com.

WordMasters is one of several academic activities, including Continental Math League, that Sugar Creek offers.

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