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OUSD Teachers Awarded Mini-Grants

ORANGE, Calif., December 16, 2009–The Orange Unified School District is celebrating teachers who recently received mini-grants. The Rotary Club of Orange funded \$7,200 of mini-grants and the Orange Education Foundation funded an additional \$3,000 of mini-grants. The Foundation has partnered with the Rotary with their mini-grant program for the past nine years. The mini-grants are given to teachers who have found an "Innovative Way" to teach a subject or subjects for projects that are not ordinarily funded through the school district. The mini-grants are offered to all teachers in grades K-6. This year, the mini-grant awards will be given to 19 teachers at 10 schools. The mini-grant funds will touch over 11,000 students. The teachers listed below were recipients of the first round of grants. The final round is slated for January 14, 2010:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant Amnt.</u>
Kathy Lundberg	California Elem.	"Look To the Stars"	\$ 376
Sharon Cecchi	Crescent Elem.	"Colonial Day"	\$600
Richard O'Connor	Crescent Elem.	"Good Morning Everyone"	\$600
John Mc Carthy	Handy Elem.	"What's Your Speed?"	\$600
Susan Mullins	Imperial Elem.	"School Garden Beautification"	\$400
Sarah Dalton	Imperial Elem.	"Multi-Sensory Living Systems"	\$500
Jeanne Matson	Prospect Elem.	"Prospect Times Newspaper"	\$500
Lynn Okamura	Running Springs Elem.	"Family Artifacts"	\$510

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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