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Three OUSD Schools Selected for the Orange County Technology Showcase

ORANGE, Calif., January 25, 2010–The Orange Unified School District is celebrating three district schools that were selected by the Orange County Department of Education as representatives for the 2010 Orange County Computer Using Educators ("CUE") Annual Student Technology Showcase this past Saturday. The event took place at St. John Lutheran School in Orange.

Teachers and students from McPherson Magnet, Fairhaven Elementary School and Villa Park Elementary School were selected based on how they innovatively use technology in the classroom. These teachers and students collaborated on a presentation showing the creative ways in which teaching and learning takes place. The public was invited to attend. The teachers, their schools and projects are as follows:

Judy Denenny, McPherson Magnet: Book Browser: Book Browser is a McPherson student created website displayed on Blackboard for all OUSD 6th grade students to voice their opinions and to share their interests and ideas about reading. McPherson 6th grade students are committed to the idea of encouraging all students to read more.

Mary Catherine Doyle, Fairhaven Elementary: Smart-e Alphabet: Smart-e Alphabet is a highly interactive project which improves students' skills in written and spoken English and leads to beginning reading, by taking advantage of their fearless approach to technology. Students use kinesthetic, auditory and visual modalities to integrate their understanding of letters and sounds.

Scott Williams, Villa Park Elementary: Science Live! Science Live is a student produced and hosted news show about science. Students utilize a green screen to project a background of their choice which given the appearance that they could be anywhere. This brings science from the textbook and onto their TV.

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

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