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Portola Middle School Unveils Mural

ORANGE, Calif., June 9, 2010– A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last night at Portola Middle School celebrating its new mural. Student artists Daniel Tran, NJ C Yazon and Alexandra Flores gave speeches about their designs and principal Debbie Backstrom and Art Teacher Rick Blake explained the project.

According to Mr. Blake, last year the art classes designed a sixty foot mural depicting the Portola Expedition. This year, the art classes designed and painted a mural called, "Creativity: Math, Science and Art".

The student body voted on the best student designs and incorporated those concepts, along with the ideas of creative thinkers, on another sixty foot wall. The students learned about creative thinkers through their studies of a number of historical figures from Aristotle to Einstein. They also focused on Mathematics and Scientific concepts as well as artists that connected these subjects together.

Mr. Blake said, "The murals balance each other out in between the buildings and really brighten up the school. The students are very proud and know these murals will be a shining glimpse into the incredible creative talent we have here in this middle school."

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

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