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OUSD Schools Grow Green with Tree Giveaway

ORANGE, Calif., July 22, 2010– A number of Orange Unified School District schools recently participated in Village Nurseries' "Helping Our Local Communities Grow Green" tree giveaway. Village Nurseries, a specialty grower for landscape professionals, had a surplus of large trees in inventory and supplied six to twelve foot trees, mulch, stakes and snacks for volunteers. Each school was responsible for prepping the holes and organizing families to plant the trees.

OUSD schools that participated in the giveaway included Nohl Canyon Elementary, Jordan Elementary, Imperial Elementary, Canyon Rim Elementary and McPherson Magnet.

Dominique Polchow, Nohl Canyon principal said, "This was a great opportunity to get families involved with our school. We were very pleased with the turnout. Each family chose an area to plant. It was a wonderful event. The families and students took great pride in beautifying our campus."

"Our school is older and needed sprucing up," explained McPherson principal Jeanne Bentley. "The Grow Green program was ideal. Like all schools, we consider family involvement essential for student success. The program was the perfect family fun event."

The tree giveaway program ended with the school year. However, they are now preparing for the 2010-2011 school year and hopes even more schools will get involved.

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

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