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OUSD Middle School Leadership Camp a Success

ORANGE, Calif., August 4, 2010– Something brand new and exciting is happening in Orange Unified School District student leadership. Cerro Villa, Yorba and Santiago Middle Schools hosted their first annual OUSD Middle School Leadership Camp on August 2nd and 3rd at Cerro Villa. This year's theme, "Lead Like a Hero," was attended by eighty-five 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in the Leadership class at their respective schools.

The students participated in workshops and teambuilding exercises with the goal of creating school spirit on their campuses. Students were challenged to brainstorm ideas on how to involve staff and the student body into the culture of their schools. In addition, ASB High School Presidents and members throughout OUSD were guest speakers and provided practical suggestions.

Lisa Hedspeth, Cerro Villa Middle School Activities Director, stated, "The purpose of our District wide Camp is to begin unifying our middle schools and enhance that vertical teaming with our High Schools in OUSD. We love being a part of Orange and we are one team. These are the kids that want to make a difference in their school communities."

This program was also facilitated by Elena Dull, Yorba Middle School Activities Director and Lauren Gonzales, Santiago Charter Middle School Activities Director.

"We believe that having a strong Student Leadership Program can help our schools succeed," said Ms. Hedspeth.

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

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