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## **Anaheim Hills Elementary School Teachers Awarded Grants**

ORANGE, Calif., October 25, 2010—Anaheim Hills Elementary School was recently awarded two teacher grants that will support science curriculum and create a performing arts opportunity for students. Pam Verdone and Delia Hawley, both first grade teachers, applied for the grants.

Mrs. Verdone was awarded a \$2,000 grant from Target under the category of Arts and Culture. Her grant titled, “Opera Made Elementary,” will give students an opportunity to design an opera from preproduction though postproduction. First grade students will perform the opera while students from other grade levels will support the production. The outcome is to create awareness for the arts. Monies will go toward costumes, set design, DVDs, and microphones.

Mrs. Hawley was awarded an \$828 grant from the Education Foundation for Orange County Schools which is sponsored by SchoolsFirst Credit Union. Her grant titled, “Animal Groups, Needs and Teeth,” will support the first grade California State Science Standard of recognizing animal needs and their types of teeth. Monies will go toward the purchase of taxidermy animals, skeletons, and teeth for hands-on science lessons.

In this economic climate of limited resources, grant opportunities are becoming more valuable. Mrs. Verdone encourages her colleagues to apply for grants. She said, “They should try it. The application process is often short, usually only one page. There is a lot of money out there.”

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

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