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Portola Middle School Teacher Awarded Grant

ORANGE, Calif., December 10, 2010—Kim Nguyen, Portola Middle School science teacher, was recently awarded a \$1,000 grant that will help support the school's 7th grade science curriculum.

Ms. Nguyen, who has taught at Portola for nine years, was awarded the grant from FEDCO as part of their Teacher Grant Fund through the Orange County Community Foundation. This grant will give students an opportunity to continue the yearly lab exercise of frog dissection. "The kids look forward to this every year," said Ms. Nguyen. She added, "This experience connects learning to real-world application in that it helps students relate to the human body and the similarities to other living things."

Monies will go toward the purchasing of materials for the lab including frogs, trays, pins, storage bins and gloves.

Ms. Nguyen, who wrote the grant collaboratively with fellow Portola science teacher Ashlie Hallenbeck, has received this FEDCO grant for the past three years and encourages other teachers to apply for it as well. She said, "It is only a two page application and the process is quite simple."

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

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