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## **OUSD School Age Care Participates in “Lights on Afterschool!”**

ORANGE, Calif., October 20, 2010– Today, October 21, 2010, the Orange Unified School District School Age Care (SAC) program will join the Afterschool Alliance, Lights On Afterschool! celebrated nationwide to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities. In America today, 1 in 4 youth, 15.1 million children, are alone and unsupervised after school. Nationwide, over 8.4 million K-12 children participate in afterschool programs.

OUSD School Age Care program will celebrate Lights On Afterschool! with a “Bring Your Child to Work Day.” Over 1,600 children throughout the District’s SAC programs will make small paper cut-outs of themselves that their parents will bring to work for the day. Included on their paper cut-out child will be a message to their parents thanking them for placing them in a safe and stimulating before and afterschool program.

Lights On Afterschool! was launched in October 2000 with celebrations in more than 1,200 communities nationwide. Last year, over 1 million Americans celebrated Lights On Afterschool! This project of the Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to quality, affordable afterschool programs.

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

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