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### **Cerro Villa's Lisa Hedspeth Named Outstanding Contributor to Education**

ORANGE, Calif., December 7, 2009— The Orange County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools, William M. Habermehl, presented Cerro Villa Middle School History teacher Lisa Hedspeth with the Outstanding Contribution to Education (OCTE) award at the monthly board meeting last month.

The OCTE recognizes the contributions of individuals, groups, and organizations whose unique efforts have impacted the education of Orange County students. Awards are presented at the Orange County Board of Education meetings, followed by a reception for honorees and guests.

Hedspeth was honored due to her time and talents supporting education in Orange County. Specifically, she has been involved with "A Walk Through the Constitution," and has been essential in developing this as an annual commemoration for Constitution Day in Orange County which takes place on Sept. 17 each year.

Cerro Villa principal Sue Baden said of Hedspeth, "This is a great validation of the work she has done on this huge project. It's important for teachers to be recognized and honored."

To organize the event Hedspeth collaborated with colleagues, organized students, and involved parents to create original performances by her eighth grader students that are designed to teach students of all ages about the Bill of Rights.

"What's better than kids teaching kids?" said Hedspeth. "I am humbled (by the award). It's the kids. I am just the facilitator. This is really a school award. I am thankful to wake up each day and be a part of the Orange Unified and CV family," she said.

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

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