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Principal to Kiss a Yak for Pennies for Patients

ORANGE, Calif., February 11, 2010—Have you ever wanted to see a principal kiss a yak named Flower? Well, Palmyra Elementary School principal Connie Smith is proposing to do just that if her students can raise at least \$2,500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the next three weeks.

Every year, schools throughout the Orange Unified School District, the state, and nation come together over a three week period to collect loose change for the Pennies for Patients campaign. Palmyra Elementary has participated for a number of years but now students have added motivation to collect money.

Smith polled students on what would encourage them to reach the \$2,500 goal. She said, "Our student council advisors asked the students and they said it would be funny if I kissed a yak." Lucky for Smith that OUSD has a yak. "Patti Williams from Orange High School's Agriculture Science Department has a yak and will transport Flower over here to Palmyra for us," said Smith.

An assembly has been scheduled for March 3rd in anticipation of Smith having to deliver on her promise. Smith, who has kissed a pig for a student reading incentive program at her former elementary school, said, "This should spark some added interest in collecting money for Pennies for Patients."

For those interested in donating, Palmyra Elementary School is located at 1325 E. Palmyra Ave., in the city of Orange. Their phone number is 714-997-6207.

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

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