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Orange High School Strives to Donate and Save Lives-Pennies for Patients

ORANGE, Calif., March 1, 2010– Early this morning Orange High School kicked off its annual Pennies for Patients drive benefitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with an all school assembly. Monies raised will help research scientists and doctors find a cure for Leukemia.

ASB President Juan Echevarria hosted the event which included performances by OHS cheer, band, dance and others. In addition, Orange High School students heard testimonials from Leukemia survivors who benefitted from their generous donations of the past. Also, OHS 1945 graduate and 1947 Tournament of Roses Queen Norma Jeane Christopher, 82, was a special guest for the day. She encouraged the students by saying, "I am so proud of Orange High School. Once a Panther, always a Panther."

Orange High School principal S.K. Johnson told the students, "It's not about you. It is about helping those less fortunate than us. Let's give up that soda or that candy bar for the next three weeks and help find a cure for Leukemia!"

Under the slogan, "Get crazy, get loud, give money, give now," students from OHS will be collecting donations throughout the community for the next three weeks with a goal of raising \$30,000. Orange High School has participated in the campaign for a number of years. Last year OHS students collected \$27,000 good for 5th best in the nation.

Echevarria also encouraged students to give as donation buckets were passed throughout the assembly area. When tallied, OHS students had raised over \$500 with the freshman class chipping in the most.

For more information or to make a donation please contact Orange High School at 714-977-6211.

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

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