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Yes She Did! Principal Kisses a Yak for Pennies for Patients

ORANGE, Calif., March 4, 2010—A promise is a promise and Palmyra Elementary School principal Connie Smith made good on her promise to her students and staff yesterday by kissing a yak after they raised \$2,558.70 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients campaign.

In front of a jam packed assembly, Smith kissed Flower, the yak from the Orange High School Future Farmers of America program. Smith, who has kissed a pig for a student reading incentive program at her former elementary school, can now add another animal to her stable.

The students roared with screams of displeasure when Smith first kissed Flower's horns. She then playfully kissed her on the head but that was not the promise that she made and her students knew it. Finally, Smith kept her word and planted one on Flower's lips much to the pleasure of the students.

"I don't know if I'll ever promise to do that again," she told her students. Smith added, "You all did an outstanding job. I want to thank the student council for this community service project and all the students and staff who donated money."

Mrs. Linda Weathers' first grade class raised the most money with over \$200 collected for cancer research.

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

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