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Crescent Elementary Wins Awards at Math Field Day

ORANGE, Calif., May 27, 2010– Crescent Elementary School's 4th, 5th and 6th grade math teams competed last weekend in the Orange County Math Field Day held at El Modena High School. Crescent competed against 22 other schools from all over Orange County. Their 4th grade team took first place in Mathematical Reasoning, and both 4th and 5th grade teams were awarded third place ribbons in two other events.

Crescent Elementary School principal Randi Leach said, "The students and teachers were wonderful ambassadors for our school and the Orange Unified School District."

Jami Shields, 5th grade GATE teacher, and Barbara Buckett, 6th grade GATE teacher, were Crescent's math team coaches and volunteered numerous hours to help prepare the students for the competition.

Mrs. Shields attributed the students' success to a collaborative spirit. She said, "The students enjoyed the teamwork and a dynamics of working together, competing and collaborating on something that was academically challenging."

Ms. Buckett added, "We also had great parental support. They encouraged their children to do their best, brought snacks, lunches and provided transportation."

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