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Bennie Smith Named Outstanding Customer Service Award Winner

ORANGE, Calif., March 21, 2011—The Orange Unified School District is proud to announce Bennie Smith, Attendance/Health Clerk, Prospect Elementary School, has been named recipient of the Outstanding Customer Service Employee Award for the month of March.

Elena Rodriguez, Principal at Prospect Elementary, had this to say about Mrs. Smith, “She gives of herself each and every time a student comes to the office. Students know that if they have a need she will fulfill it to the best of her ability. She is always ready to shower love and acceptance over any child who comes in. Her infectious smile and positive attitude brings joy to all of those who come in contact with her.”

Mrs. Smith has worked in OUSD for thirteen years. She worked for ten years as an Instructional Assistant at La Veta Elementary School and later spent two years there as an Attendance/Health Clerk before moving to Prospect three years ago. She said of the recognition, “I was surprised, honored and humbled by this award. This is a community here at Prospect and all of us work really well together. No one can do it alone and I am proud of my co-workers and the work we do together.”

She was recognized at the Board of Education’s most recent meeting by Board President Mr. Rick Ledesma. In attendance were her husband Byron, sons Jared and Joshua along with daughter-in-law Katie; all of whom are El Modena High School graduates.

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

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