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Santiago Charter Middle School Science Olympiad Team Presents at Nixon Library

ORANGE, Calif., March 21, 2011– For the second consecutive year, Santiago Middle School was invited to commemorate the Girl Scout's Birthday at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library.

Embracing the theme "Celebrating Differences," Santiago Middle School showcased three of over seventeen nationalities represented on campus. Students explained the significance of artifacts from India, Vietnam, and France; taught Bollywood-style dancing; and created masks for Mardi Gras. "Our strength is in our diversity," commented Yatri Shukla, the coach for the Science Olympiad and Academic Pentathlon teams at Santiago.

Principal Mary Henry points to a campus culture that encourages and supports diversity as a key factor in Santiago's academic success. "At Santiago Middle School we have the most creative electives program which allows our students to experience three languages, music, industrial arts, advanced technology, and home-economics."

Guest speakers included Dr. P.K. Shukla from Chapman University, who lectured on tolerance, and Jean Pierre Isbouts, renowned speaker and author of books about world religions, who spoke about the diversity of religion.

Groups who also performed are Braille Institute's Johnny Mercer Children's Choir, Celtic Gold Academy of Irish Dance, Award Winning Flautist, Singer and Song Writer, Carlos Reynosa and Susanne Stewart, who performed and demonstrated Cherokee Native American Dance.

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

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