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OUSD Teachers Awarded CTAP Grants

ORANGE, Calif., March 28, 2011– The Orange County Department of Education announced recently the 2011 CTAP Educational Technology Grant winners. The Orange Unified School District was awarded three CTAP grants. The grants awarded ranged from \$3,000 to \$7,000. CTAP stands for California Technology Assistance Project. The mission of CTAP is to provide assistance in integrating technology into teaching and learning. The following are OUSD grantees and a description of their projects:

Orange High School	Yorba Middle School	McPherson Magnet
Jackie Francoeur	Rosina Talamantes	Glen Warren
Jeff Ricupito		
Laura Herbert		
Barbara Sataki		

Orange High School: “Blogging and Glogging for Earth (BG4E)”: By participating in Blogging and Glogging for Earth (BG4E) activities, students will increase scientific literacy and appreciate the need for knowledge and understanding of science in the 21st Century. In this project, students will research and learn earth science content by creating multimedia, digital posters called Glogs, and expressing their informed opinions about societal concepts by writing password-protected blog entries. Grant funding will provide 12 netbooks and 2 digital cameras for students to “blog and glog.”

Yorba Middle School: “Stimulus – Responder: Immediate Feedback Motivates Students & Drives Instruction”: This project will meet the needs of approximately 70 seventh and eighth grade English Language Learners (ELLs) master Written and Oral Language Conventions. By using SMART response systems, students will interact with the target language, use current, hand-held technology and make individual contributions toward their English Language proficiency and exhibit a range of functional and critical thinking skills. Each student will directly participate in providing the teacher with an immediate formative assessment, allowing the teacher to make immediate modifications during instructional minutes and the ability to modify long- range pacing guides.

McPherson Magnet: “Passion Based Learning Project”: This project inspires students to pursue, create, and share information about non-fiction areas of personal interest using wireless network connected iPod touch units. Building on the English Language Arts standards, students will demonstrate mastery of 21st Century skills information literacy, media literacy, and ICT literacy by accessing and evaluating information efficiently and effectively, building on an ethical and legal information use foundation.

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

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