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OUSD Participates in Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Relief by Collecting "Gently Worn" Shoes

ORANGE, Calif., March 29, 2011—The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce that McPherson Magnet School is hosting a community-wide "Gently Worn" Shoe Drive event this Saturday, April 2nd, from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm to benefit the people of Japan. The public is invited to participate. In the meantime, some OUSD schools are accepting shoe donations this week.

OUSD schools participating and collecting shoes this week include:

McPherson Magnet School: 333 S. Prospect Street, Orange
El Modena High School: 3920 Spring Street, Orange
Santiago Middle School: 515 N. Rancho Santiago, Orange
Panorama Elementary School: 10512 Crawford Canyon, Santa Ana
Serrano Elementary School: 17741 Serrano, Avenue, Villa Park
Villa Park Elementary School: 10551 Center Drive, Villa Park

Currently, Japan has a significant need for shoes, specifically work and tennis shoes. However, all types of shoes will be accepted and everyone is encouraged to participate in this community-wide shoe drive to benefit the people of Japan.

Last year the OUSD community collected over 8,000 pairs of shoes in a similar shoe drive effort for victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

For information please contact Charity Balliger, McPherson parent volunteer, through email at: cballiger@gmail.com.

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

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