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## **Saving the Earth One Cell Phone at a Time: Villa Park High School's Tri-Club Ecology Drive!**

ORANGE, Calif., March 30, 2011—The Orange Unified School District is pleased to announce that Villa Park High School held a Tri-Club Ecology Drive last week, in which three Spartan campus organizations came together as one to make a difference in a meaningful way. Interact Club, Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) and TV Media conducted a huge school-wide recycling event.

Students and teachers were asked to protect the environment by bringing in used cell phones and ink cartridges for recycling. By the end of Recycling Week, VPHS had collected over 27 kilos of cell phones and cartridges. The Interact Club also involved the Villa Park Rotary in the drive.

All VPHS fourth period classes held a competition to see who could bring in the most by weight. The top five classes received pizza and ice cream. The results were as follows:

- First Place: Mr. Chevront
- Second Place: Coach Cross
- Third Place: Coach Lee
- Fourth Place: Ms. Corbett
- Fifth Place: Coach Ancich

Dr. Bartrom-Olsen, Faculty Advisor for the event, sees the drive as going far beyond that single week. She said, "Recycling really harmful small items which can otherwise be easily discarded, is more than a one-time effort. What we want to do is build lifelong habits of ecological awareness in young people."

If anyone in the community would like to contribute toward the effort, please feel free to drop off bags or boxes of cell phones at the VPHS front office, attention Dr. Bartrom-Olsen.

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

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