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FBI Honors Crescent Elementary School Students

ORANGE, Calif., October 28, 2011 - Competing in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Online Surfing (FBI-SOS) national online competition last May, five Crescent Elementary 3rd graders won the national award by producing the highest scores in the nation. This free program, developed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Nova Southeastern University, teaches cyber citizenship and how to recognize and react to online dangers. The goal of this program is to ensure that students can recognize and avoid potential dangers associated with the Internet. After an introductory lesson, students participated in a scavenger hunt by reviewing and collecting information from specific websites aimed at promoting online safety and cyber citizenship. They also took web-based quizzes to reinforce their knowledge.

Diane Gonzalez, FBI Community Relations, presented the following Crescent top performers, now 4th graders, with a certificate and other prizes at an Awards Assembly.

- Ethan Nguyen (Top Score)
- Mark Grujic
- Sergio Barretto
- Xavier Pineda
- Ryan Kien

In addition, Mrs. Gonzalez presented a mini FBI plaque mounted on marble to Ms. Natalie DePalma, the top performers' 3rd grade teacher from last year. Mrs. Gonzalez also presented the national trophy for Crescent to school principal, Randi Leach.

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

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