Campus Garden Vandalized

Last month, the Orangevale Campus garden was vandalized, and plants were dug up and taken.

Local residents heard through the Orangevale community Facebook page, and reached out to the school. Total Landscape Concepts will be providing consult and materials. Palmer Real Estate donated a $100 ACE gift card for whatever is needed for the garden.

It warms everyone’s hearts that there was this response from the Orangevale community.

Sound System

A recent purchase was made to support the students when performing at assemblies and other events.

Two microphones, that pick-up sound without the individual or group having to be right up to the mouth piece, work in conjunction with the campus’ speaker system and will certainly be appreciated by the audience, as well.

The two units were purchased, and a generous discount given to the school, from Encore Music in Auburn.

Dr. Montessori Said...

“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.”

By Christina Marsh Franklin (Channel Islands teacher)

Dr. Montessori saw the classroom as only one part of the elementary child’s learning experience. The classroom is designed to be a limited environment where students work on specific skills, and therefore must be set up so that the student can work independently towards mastery of those skills.

As students move through the elementary years, however, their need for experiences in the broader community and world increases. Many Montessori schools enable students to plan “Going Out” excursions to learn about the world outside the classroom, which also teaches them something about themselves and their character in the process. In schools that opt for adult-planned “field trips” instead, the locations are chosen carefully to meet the same goals by connecting student experiences to curricular content, and which encourage them to step outside their comfort zones. This is particularly true for “Bonding” and “Milestone” trips, which often take place outdoors. The length and frequency of these larger trips increases as students move through the elementary and middle school years, and are an irreplaceable experience.