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Media Advisory

Orengo Elementary School Celebrates Ten Years of Orca Live!

Student-run broadcast has provided 168 students with invaluable experience anchoring, directing, mixing and filming

May 15, 2014, Hillsboro, OR – Today, Orengo Elementary School will celebrate ten years of its student-run television broadcast, *Orca Live!* Students from past crews will be returning to the school to anchor the special show, which will also feature clips from previous seasons.

The show began in November 2004, thanks to the vision of the school's principal and generous grant funds from Intel and other sources. Throughout the years, Orca Live has received tremendous support from Orengo's Booster Club, the Hillsboro Schools Foundation, Nike, Synopsys, and Orengo staff.

Teachers Tom Bunker and Mike Futter began the program together, and even though Mr. Bunker retired in 2011, he still helps out as a volunteer.

Students direct and anchor the broadcasts, work the mixer board, audio board, and camera for their shows, which air every other week. Typical broadcasts include a focus on grade-level learning as well as photographs from throughout the school. Though the students have also tackled special projects like commercial parodies, detective dramas and silent films; they even had the chance to interview Miranda Cosgrove when she was in town to perform at the Washington County Fair in 2012.

One hundred sixty eight students have been part of the Orca Live crew over the past ten years, including 20 pairs of siblings. Participating in Orca Live has provided students with a very unique experience, taught them valuable technical skills, increased their public speaking skills, and overall has been a bright spot in their educational careers.

Please join current and former students to help celebrate all they've accomplished over the last ten years. Their special broadcast will begin at 9:30am in the school's art room.

Media may arrive at 9am and are asked to check in at the main office (22550 NW Birch St., Hillsboro).

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