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### H.O.P.E. Reaches Out to Our Troops

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of Heritage Oak, in collaboration with Boy Scout Troup #202, sent 5 boxes of school supplies for the Iraqi children and care packages and letters for the soldiers of the 424<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company of Galax, Virginia. Heritage Oak graduate, Sgt. Sean Purciel, is serving with this reserve unit in Iraq. Students donated school supplies and care package items, and wrote letters of appreciation to the soldiers. The Zimmermans were instrumental in preparing and delivering care packages from the Boy Scouts and contributing to postage costs of the project.

Below is a sample letter of what was written to the soldiers:

5 October, 2005

Dear Soldiers of the 424<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company:

Please accept these care packages for your troops. This was a combined effort between Boy Scout Troop 202 from Chino United Methodist Church and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class from Heritage Oak Private School in Yorba Linda. We truly appreciate all you are doing, and all the sacrifices you are making for our country. We are praying for a successful completion to your mission and a safe return home. I know that your tour is almost over, but please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you.

Kind Regards,

Lara Governale, Heritage Oak Private School

Mark and Laurie Zimmerman, Boy Scout Troop #202

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeing a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are just part of a program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.