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ORANGE COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Sarah P., a seventh grade Heritage Oak student, competed on February 22nd in the written round of the Orange County Spelling Bee. Sarah won the Heritage Oak Middle School competition to earn the rights to compete. There were over 130 students from private and public schools across Orange County participating. Approximately 40 students met the challenge of correctly spelling 15 out of 20 words to move on to the oral round. Sarah correctly answered an impressive 18 out of 20 words. The oral round will be held this Saturday, February 27th at 9:00a.m The competition will be held at the Orange County Department of Education office in Costa Mesa. We wish Sarah the best of luck. The winner of the oral round will move on to the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeking a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are part of its 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.