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## Heritage Oak Retreat for New Middle School Students

Students new to Heritage Oak's Middle School recently attended a one-day orientation session at the Yorba Linda Country Club. This annual event combines activities and instruction for all incoming sixth grade students and new seventh and eighth grade students. The day's schedule included a "get acquainted" activity and a surprise team-building activity that resulted in the creation of a beautiful butterfly that will remain on display throughout the school year. Students also performed skits that related to life in Middle School, showing both the serious and silly sides of the situations being presented. Following a period of free swim and a wonderful pool-side luncheon, students returned to participate in an activity that challenged them physically and mentally. The day's final activity found the children writing their personal goals for the first semester of the school year.

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 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 Nation's most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.