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Little Steps toward a Big Cause

Students at Heritage Oak Private Education, along with those from other institutions within the Meritas International Family of Schools, will be walking to make a difference at the worldwide Adopt-a-Village Walk-a-thon. It is expected that over 10,000 students will participate in this collaborative, charitable effort which will take place on Wednesday, September 26th at each Meritas Campus. Proceeds from the event will be donated to provide aid to an underprivileged village in Monterey, Mexico. The walk-a-thon is part of the student-led Adopt-a-Village initiative which allows all Meritas schools to work collaboratively toward a goal of fostering a meaningful relationship with this village while providing its citizens with the essentials needed to address their immediate and long-term needs.

All Heritage Oak children and staff have been invited to fundraise and participate in the walk-a-thon in order to achieve the school's \$10,000 fundraising goal. Heritage Oak's event will take place on its new athletic field during the regular physical education classes.

About Heritage Oak

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.

About the Meritas Family of Schools

Meritas LLC is a global family of unique and distinctive schools. Each school member is a student-centric community sharing certain core values as well as the privileges and opportunities of belonging to a worldwide network, whilst enjoying a high degree of local governance and the special characteristics arising from its unique settings, traditions, history, and culture.

Meritas schools are academically aggressive and strive for excellence for their students and their learning communities. They define and share "best practices" and are always seeking to improve. They are unrelentingly engaged in inspiring every student to achieve his or her full potential, and toward that end, they offer a wide array of learning and growth experiences both in and outside the classroom, at home and abroad. In this context, every opportunity is given to student, regardless of aptitude, to graduate successfully and thrive at university.