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## HERITAGE OAK SCHOOL AND FAMILIES OPENS THEIR DOORS TO AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH KOREAN STUDENTS

Heritage Oak opened its doors to 5 Korean students exchange students who are being hosted by Heritage Oak families. The objective of the 60 day exchange program for the 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade students is for the new students to immerse themselves in English and have an opportunity to experience daily life, both academic and socially, with children their own age. “It is a great opportunity for both the exchange student and the host family” says Mrs. Cygan, Heritage Oak’s Executive Director “since it gives both sides exposure to a different way of life they may not all be too familiar with”. One of the students’ daily assignments is to write in English in their diaries. Already, one of the students has declared that this experience “is by far the best ever”.

Already this week, several of the exchange students have joined their Heritage Oak counterparts and embarked on a science field trip to Catalina Island where they have spent the past three days learning about Oceanography and other marine themed lessons.

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 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.