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## HERITAGE OAK'S MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Recently, Heritage Oak's Middle School boys' basketball team traveled to Henderson, Nevada to play in an international, middle school boys' basketball tournament. The tournament featured teams from Texas, Nevada, Florida, Mexico and Switzerland.

All schools participating, in addition to Heritage Oak, are part of the Meritas International Family of Independent Schools which currently consists of seven independent schools, five in the US, one in Switzerland and one in Mexico. Middle school boys and girls sports teams compete against each other in annual tournaments to determine which school will win the Meritas Cup. The focus of these tournaments is not just about competition, but also about developing relationships with students at other schools. The Heritage Oak boys made new friends while touring the Hoover Dam and attending a UNLV basketball game. On the plane ride home, all the boys were already planning the next trip. Proof that everyone had a great time!

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