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Please Pass The Butter....

Cotillion, known as training offered to learn manners and proper social behavior, is part of the curriculum at Heritage Oak's Middle School. These classes are taught by Mr. & Mrs. Klapp, cotillion connoisseurs. Middle School students have completed both sessions of their cotillion class requirements.

During the first session, many students were a bit nervous about having to dance. But once the students arrived into the room and discovered that it was actually quite fun, there was no stopping them. They practiced proper introductions, compliments, and firm handshakes with good eye contact. The young men learned to "tap" in on a dance and escort the young ladies back to their seats. The young ladies learned to gracefully accept the dance and properly thank the young men for the dance.

During the second session, students began their fine dining lessons, which included learning the use of the proper place settings, proper etiquette for using the utensils, and how to present a toast. All of the fine dining lessons were applied to a real setting as students gathered at the Yorba Linda Country club with the young men all decked out in their suits and ties and the young ladies looked absolutely stunning in their beautiful dresses. By the end of the evening, over 135 quite tired 11-14 year olds showed mastery of how to properly cut their food, "dab" their mouths with their napkins, pass the breadbasket to the right, and engage in light conversation at the dining table. The lesson how to put butter on bread was an eye opener to many. The evening ended with a delicate vanilla sundae and a good evening handshake. There are 2 more cotillion sessions: One on April 30th at Heritage Oak and the final "Family Night" session at the Yorba Linda Country Club on May 7th.

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.