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### **La Veta Students Finalists in Art Challenge**

ORANGE, Calif., May 25, 2010– La Veta Elementary school is pleased to announce that several 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade GATE students, under the direction of Mrs. Karin Barone are finalists in the Muzeo Trash Artist Challenge. The TrashARTist challenge is a county-wide celebration of arts and education communicating a message about the importance of recycling and creating a zero waste environment.

The inspiration for this project was the content the students were studying in social studies – California history. Since all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students study California history the group of students, along with Mrs. Barone and two parent helpers, Mrs. Valantine, and Mrs. Carey, created an art project centered on California and its history. The group then stayed after school for several months creating a mural of California made entirely out of recycled/repurposed material, and named their TrashArt “Garbage made Golden.”

Karin Barone stated, “I am so thrilled with what the students were able to accomplish. They worked really hard and collected a lot of items that would’ve otherwise been thrown in the trash, which was used for our mural.”

The project will be on display May 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 -8 p.m. at the Garden Walk in Anaheim, along with all the other challenge finalists from 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Barone, along with La Veta’s principal Dr. Jaymi Abusham, parent Mrs. Valantine and a student representative will attend the awards dinner where they have the chance to win an award based on the projects art design or the recycling/zero waste message.

*The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA*

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