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Bone Detective Meets Palmyra Elementary Fifth-Graders

ORANGE, Calif., November 3, 2010— The Orange Unified School District announced that Palmyra Elementary School fifth grade students from Mrs. Jamie Knecht's were treated today to a presentation by accomplished forensic anthropologist Diane France at the Beckman Science Center in Irvine. Only 240 fifth-graders in Orange Country were invited to the event.

France spoke about how she unravels mysteries and crimes by studying bones. Over the past 20 years, France's work has helped law enforcement agencies solve crimes and identify victims of mass disasters.

The fifth-grade students also participated in a hands-on-activity of dissecting fried chicken legs with their fingers to better understand forensic anthropology.

France is the director of the Laboratory for Human Identification at Colorado State University and a certified expert by the American Board of Forensic Anthropology. She has published several articles related to forensic anthropology and was featured in the book *Bone Detective: The Story of Forensic Anthropologist Diane France*.

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

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