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GOLDEN BELL AWARD FOR MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM

Murrieta Valley Unified School District received a prestigious Golden Bell Award for the district's School Readiness Programs from the California School Boards Association at an awards luncheon in San Diego on Dec. 5. The Golden Bell Awards promote excellence in education by recognizing outstanding programs in school districts and county offices of education throughout California.

Scheer congratulated Family Services Director Kate Hamaker on the Golden Bell award saying, "Thanks to your efforts, our School Readiness programs provide children with a quality preschool experience that will lead to their future academic success."

The district offers a State Preschool Program funded by the California State Department of Education for children of families who meet the State's income qualification guidelines and a parent-pay Kindergarten Readiness Program. School Readiness programs are available at Buchanan, E. Hale Curran, Lisa J. Mails, Rail Ranch, Tovashal and Murrieta Elementary.

The goal of the School Readiness Programs are to provide high quality, age appropriate activities that promote the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of children in a safe, nurturing environment.

"Golden Bell Awards reflect the depth and breadth of education programs necessary to address students' changing needs," said CSBA President Paula S. Campbell. "Our school leaders are making a difference every day in the lives of our students, and the recipients of this award have demonstrated exactly that." CSBA is a nonprofit association representing nearly 1,000 K-12 school districts and county offices of education throughout California.

For more information, go to the district website, www.murrieta.k12.ca.us or contact Media and Communication Specialist Karen Parris at (951) 696-1600 ext. 1022.

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