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Teacher Created Materials to Celebrate 35th Anniversary and Year of the Teacher with Volunteer Projects at Westmont Elementary School

Activities include a Dr. Seuss literacy fair, planting a garden, and painting a mural

WESTMINSTER, California, Feb. 17, 2012 – In celebration of its 35 years of service to teachers and to acknowledge 2012 as the Year of the Teacher, approximately 100 volunteers from Teacher Created Materials, an educational publishing company, plan to lend their teaching, reading, painting and gardening talents to Westminster’s Westmont Elementary School in the Ocean View School District.

The activities planned for the school include preparing a garden for planting on Saturday, February 25, and a volunteer day for the entire company on Friday, March 2 that will include having a Dr. Seuss literacy picnic and fair, along with painting a mural. Additionally, students will plant seeds for edible produce in the garden that will be used as experiential science and nutrition-related learning projects in the classroom.

Company editors will be paired with teachers to help make the literacy activity meaningful for each grade level. Theodor Geisel was the real name of Dr. Seuss, creator of the Cat in the Hat and other characters featured in popular children’s literature.

Westmont Elementary School, located at 8251 Heil Avenue in Westminster, serves grades K-6 and has received a GreatSchools Rating of 5 out of 10, according to its performance on state standardized tests. The company selected the school based upon its needs and importance to the community it serves.

“We are delighted to mark our 35th year in business and to acknowledge the Year of the Teacher by devoting our energies to the deserving students and faculty at Westmont Elementary School,” said Corinne Burton, the president of Huntington Beach-based Teacher Created Materials.

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"We are impressed by the school's goals to have its students become self-actualized learners, skilled communicators, problem-solvers and socially conscientious citizens and hope that our efforts will in a small way help further them," she said.

"In these tight budgetary times, it is exciting to partner with Teacher Created Materials, a company dedicated to supporting service learning and academic success in local schools. The students of Westmont will benefit for years to come from their involvement with this project," stated Carol Furman, Westmont Elementary Principal.

Dr. Loose, District Superintendent added, "We applaud this effort which serves as an example of the District's desire to form strong alliances and partnerships with our community."

OneOC, formerly Volunteer Center Orange County, which is committed to accelerating nonprofit success through volunteer, training, consulting and business services, was retained by Teacher Created Materials to manage this employee volunteer project.

About Teacher Created Materials

Teacher Created Materials is one of the most recognized names in educational publishing. For 35 years, TCM's award-winning resources have been used by educators in all 50 states and 99 countries. Offering a broad range of innovative curriculum resources, TCM's products support reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, science, technology, early childhood, and professional development for Grades PreK-12. All of TCM's resources and professional development trainings reflect the latest research, best classroom practices, and achievement-oriented methodologies. The practical and teacher-friendly solutions created by Teacher Created Materials help teachers do what they do best – reach, teach, and inspire students everywhere.

About OneOC

OneOC, formerly Volunteer Center Orange County, is a nonprofit 501c3 organization committed to accelerating nonprofit success through volunteer, training, consulting and business services. Serving Orange County, California, OneOC provides support and solutions to more than 650 nonprofit organizations and community initiatives each year. Building on a 52-year history of mobilizing volunteer action, the organization announced its new name on September 15, 2010 to signal the expansion of its integrated service offerings to help nonprofits become as effective and efficient about their mission as they are passionate. OneOC is affiliated with Points of Lights Institute and HandsOn Network, enabling participation in national community service initiatives and connection to a larger movement of change. For more information, visit www.OneOC.org.