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Rod Kelley Parent Club Celebrates National Teacher Day, Encourages Everyone to Thank a Teacher

GILROY, April 28, 2009 – In honor of National Teacher Day on Tuesday, May 5 the Parent Club from Rod Kelley Elementary School encourages Gilroyans, especially Rod Kelley families, to thank a teacher.

"Few other professionals touch as many lives as teachers do," says Irene Kachel, president of RKPC. "And often times they are underappreciated. This is a perfect time to simply say thank you."

Teachers at Rod Kelley Elementary School and in communities across the nation will be in the spotlight on National Teacher Day, as students, parents, school administrators and the general public show appreciation for the difficult and often thankless job they perform.

At Rod Kelley the celebration will last the week of May 4-8 and include treats, a luncheon and other appreciation activities for the teachers *and* staff.

"We believe we all have to work together to make our schools even better," said Kachel. "That means everyone in the community -- parents, business owners, retirees, other workers, local government, and yes students – must work together to provide a good future for the next generation."

Each year Rod Kelley teachers focus on a theme for the students. Last year it was reading, which increased the school's API scores by 30 points. While the emphasis on reading continues, this year's theme is Building Effective Schools Together (BEST), a school-wide positive behavior support system.

The goal of BEST is to create a positive learning environment by communicating behavior expectations (both in class and during recess) to the students, and emphasizing positive reinforcement while minimizing negative behavior.

"Rod Kelley has some of the finest teachers around so the potential is limitless," says Rod Kelley principal. "I am certain that the tireless efforts of our teachers and staff will not only show up on test scores but in the type of citizens our students become."

The Rod Kelley Parent Club's mission is to enhance the education, welfare and activities of Rod Kelley students through a partnership of students, parents and educators. For more information call (408) 847-7101 ext. 8759, email RK.Parents@gusd.k12.ca.us or visit www.RodKelley.com.

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