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## Local Schools Make Honor Roll

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The Orinda Union School District recently announced that all five of its schools have been selected by California Business for Education Excellence and Just for the Kids-California as some of the public schools in California to receive the title of "2008 Honor Roll School." Del Rey Elementary, Glorietta Elementary, Orinda Intermediate, Sleepy Hollow Elementary and Wagener Ranch Elementary were all recognized as "2008 Honor Roll Schools". "The Orinda School District is proud of our continued recognition by the business community honoring the outstanding academic achievement of all five of our schools," said Dr. Joe Jaconette, superintendent. "Our school board, faculty, and staff are working diligently to preserve our programs in an era of extreme financial uncertainty."

Moraga's four schools (Camino Pablo, Rheem and Los Perales Elementary schools; Joaquin Moraga Intermediate) also made the list, as did the four elementary schools in Lafayette (Burton Valley, Happy Valley, Springhill and Lafayette Elementary) and Lamorinda's high schools (Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte).

The CBEE/JFTK-CA offers two Honor Roll categories: Star Schools and Scholar Schools. According to CBEE/JFTK-CA, Star Schools "are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency and achievement gap reduction over four years." Scholar Schools, like those in Lamorinda, "are schools that are showing significant academic achievement levels, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population." This year, 214 schools received the Star Schools Award and 697 schools received the Scholar Schools Award.

"We know from the success of these schools that it's possible for all schools and all students in California to reach high levels of academic achievement, to close achievement gaps and to reach 100 percent grade-level proficiency on the California Standards Test," said Jim Lanic, Ph.D., President of CBEE. "Honor Roll schools are on track to do it. By highlighting these schools, recognizing their achievement and giving them a voice we hope other schools can learn from these schools' proven best practices and achieve the same results." For more information, visit [www.cbefoundation.org](http://www.cbefoundation.org).

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