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OUSD honors teachers and staff in May

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Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic presented teachers with challenges never previously experienced in schools, the Orinda Union School District board of trustees resolved to proclaim May 11 as the California day of the teacher. In its resolution adopted on April 20, the board recognized teachers for their innovation and creativity, for giving of their time far beyond the school day to prepare outstanding lessons, collaborate with colleagues, assess student work and provide feedback to students, as they provide encouragement, support, and care. The resolution states that "our teachers have helped to produce the thinkers, scientists, artists, inventors, technicians and engineers who have led our state to become one of the largest economies in the world."

The theme of the 40th annual California Day of the Teacher is "California educators: at the heart of communities, powering our future."

The board also proclaimed May 15 through 21 as classified school employee week, in recognition of the vital role of classified school employees in ensuring the well-being of the district and its students. The resolution provides that the board encourages activities to recognize and honor classified employees during the designated week and throughout the school year.

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