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Farragut to Hold Dedication Ceremony

for School's New Computer Lab

(CULVER CITY, Calif.) -- On Monday, Nov. 26, Farragut Elementary School will
officially dedicate the

school's new Computer Lab, which was made possible by a \$36,500 grant from Symantec
Corporation and another \$24,300 raised by Farragut parents.

The event will begin at 8:45 a.m. with a schoolwide assembly honoring Symantec,
which will be followed

by a 9:15 a.m. dedication ceremony that will include parents, teachers, students,
Board of Education members,

Superintendent Myrna Rivera Coté and more.

"This is a tremendously exciting event for our students," said Principal Barbara
Brown. "We all know

technology is growing by leaps and bounds, and this generous grant has enabled us
to make sure that Farragut's

students have the latest and greatest learning tools available to them."

Through the grant, Farragut was able to purchase 34 new iMac computers, a wide
range of software and new computer tables for use in its computer lab.

Said fifth-grade student Kayla Victor, "We love the new computers because they have
flat screens. They also

go much faster than our old computers. We have our own passwords and memory sticks
so we get to do a lot of

projects."

All Farragut students have computer time once a week with the instruction of their
teacher and an instructional aide. This year, teachers and the principal have
devised a sequential curriculum for students kindergarten through
fifth grade.

With each student receiving a unique login ID, password and 4th and 5th graders who
provide their own memory sticks, the computer screen is specially tailored for
their grade level each time a student logs in. The use of the memory sticks also
allows students to work

from both school and home since all of their projects are saved to the portable
device. The computer lab also comes

equipped with a projector, which teachers can use as a visual aid to help students
follow their lesson plans.

"The students are really excited about the new computers," said instructional aide
Andrea Harnack. "It's

important that students are up-to-date with technology."

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