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HILLDALE'S JOHANSSON RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Daly City, CA, June 17, 2009 – Emily Johansson, a second grade student at the academically-accelerated Hilldale School, was recently honored at a statewide awards ceremony for gifted children held by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) for her academic performance and promise.

Emily Johansson was invited to this awards ceremony sponsored by CTY based on an exceptional performance on a rigorous, above-grade-level test given to second through eighth grade Talent Search participants. Johansson took the SCAT, an above-level test scaled for younger students.

Since 1979, CTY has sought the most academically able elementary- and middle school students each year and encouraged their enrollment in CTY's annual Talent Search. Students enrolled in the Talent Search go on to test through the fall and spring.

The results of these tests give families a better idea of a child's academic talents, particularly in comparison to the thousands of other academically talented students in the Talent Search. Students can also earn recognition at CTY's awards ceremonies, and their test scores may qualify them for CTY's summer programs and distance education courses.

In 2007-08 alone, over 63,000 students from 19 states and the District of Columbia participated in the Talent Searches offered through CTY. About 30% of the 2nd and 6th graders who tested this winter earned an invitation to CTY's Awards Ceremony, and about 25% of the 7th and 8th grade testers earned an invitation to an Awards Ceremony.

For more information about the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, please visit www.cty.jhu.edu.

Hilldale is an academically accelerated, family-oriented, Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade private preparatory school nestled against San Bruno Mountain in Daly City. For more information, please visit www.hilldaleschool.org.

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