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Local High School Partners with Police Department for Informational Parent Meeting

Tucson, AZ - Canyon del Oro High School, in partnership with the Oro Valley Police Department will be hosting a "Get to Know Our Dorados Night" on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 PM in the MPR (multi-purpose room). This event will feature a motivational and educational presentation by R5 productions about the effects of drug/alcohol abuse, bullying, self-esteem, and other teenage pressures. In addition to the presentation, the event will feature a prescription take back table, where community members can safely and securely dispose of unused or expired medicines. Throughout the day of November 4, R5 Productions will make several presentations to the students and staff at the school as well; similar to the one slated to be presented to parents in the evening but geared towards teenagers.

In addition to the assemblies during the day, several students at CDO have been identified by the staff as having positive influence over their peers and these students have been asked to lead discussions in break out groups. These discussions are intended to have the students take a proverbial look at themselves and reexamine what they are doing in their lives so they may help themselves to succeed.

"This event is expected to be incredibly beneficial to our community, it will serve to educate and inspire the CDO parents and students about the importance of making good choices in many aspects of their lives," said Oro Valley Police and CDO School Resource Officer, Shawn Benjamin. "The support that we have received from the community has been truly inspirational in itself. Though it sounds cliché, we literally could not have done this without the help of the CDO community, these students are lucky to have such great people helping to improve their future," she added.

"As a principal, I am very proud to say that this was not an idea brought to us by our staff, but by a student who has seen the presentations and who himself was inspired to share this experience with his peers. This speaks volumes to both the high-quality characteristics of our Dorados as well as the expected effectiveness of the presentation," said Marcia Volpe, Principal, CDO High School. "It is also important that we recognize the support we have received from the Oro Valley Police Department, especially from our School Resource Police Officers, Shawn Benjamin and Dan Horetski. Their tireless efforts to raise funds and promote the event were essential in this process and must not be overlooked."

This event is being held without cost to the District, many community organizations have contributed to the cause. Sponsors include; the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police, North Tucson Firefighters Local 3832 (Golder Ranch Fire Department); the Oro Valley Optimist Club, the Rotary Club of Oro Valley, and the CDO Parent Teacher Organization. In addition to the community contributions, several CDO student organizations and departments have thrown their support behind the event. These groups include; the Student Government, the Track and Field Club, Boys Basketball and Football Teams, the Site Council, and the Counseling Department.

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CDO is located at 25 W. Calle Concordia in Oro Valley. It is one of the 22 schools and special programs that make up the Amphitheater School District which serves the educational needs of over 15,000 students covering 110 square miles of Northwest Tucson and Oro Valley.

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