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ANAHEIM CITY SCHOOL HOSTS MOSQUITO INVASION Benito Juarez Elementary Students to Participate in Mosquito Education Program & Demonstrations

Anaheim, CA— Mosquito control experts from across the country will be visiting Benito Juarez Elementary School to offer students an unforgettable interactive science experience. More than twenty mosquito professionals from the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) will conduct experiments and presentations as part of a mosquito education program on Tuesday, March 22nd at the Anaheim City School from 8:30am to 12:00pm.

AMCA volunteers will share their knowledge and professional experiences with 4th and 5th graders at the school by conducting hands-on science experiments and activities. Topics include mosquito biology, life cycle, mosquito surveillance and control with an emphasis on what students can do to protect themselves from mosquito bites and diseases such as West Nile virus. Touch tables, displays, and games will help students learn about these fascinating insects using scientific educational equipment, observing live specimens and interacting with AMCA volunteers one-on-one.

Students will take with them a new appreciation for the public health significance of mosquitoes and free goodie bags filled with fun giveaways and activities.

WHAT: *Live interview opportunities* with experts, scientists, and academics on insects, mosquito control, mosquito-borne disease, and containment strategies from throughout the United States.

Photo opportunities with great visuals, hands-on examples, including live and preserved bug demonstrations. The hands-on area will have displays on Mosquito Life Cycles (with live samples of each stage) and other displays on mosquito breeding, and different methods of control.

Potential story angles on how young people can help control mosquitoes and West Nile Virus.

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WHEN: Tuesday, March 22 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: Interviews and visuals available on campus
Benito Juarez Elementary School
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ABOUT AMCA:

The American Mosquito Control Association is an international, non-profit association of over 1,700 scientists and mosquito control professionals dedicated to enhancing health and quality of life through the suppression of mosquitoes and other vectors of public health importance.

AMCA Encourages You to Remember the 3 D's to Mosquito Prevention:

- DUMP and DRAIN: Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes can breed
- DUSK and DAWN: Stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active
- DEFEND: Prevent mosquito bites by wearing approved insect repellents