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**LEADING WITH CHARACTER IN CALIFORNIA  
2008 California Schools of Character Recognition**

Sacramento, CA – The Center for Youth Citizenship is pleased to announce **Mulberry School** as a 2008 California School of Character. Located in Los Gatos, in Santa Clara County, Mulberry School is a private preschool and elementary (Jr. Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade) school, whose mission is to “provide a safe and creative learning community where the development of the whole child and active parent participation are integral to the day-to-day education experience. Recently recognized as a National Demonstration School Level I for Positive Discipline in the classroom – one of only two officially acknowledged in the nation – Mulberry is transforming the educational environment of its students and their families.”

Sponsored by the Center for Youth Citizenship (CYC) and the Character Education Partnership, the California Schools of Character (CSOC) awards program recognizes schools or districts that demonstrate an outstanding character education initiative that yields positive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic performance. CSOC winners advance to the national level competition as California's nominees. You can learn more about the national competition at [www.character.org](http://www.character.org). (See previous California national winners below).

A formal announcement and presentation will be made **on March 28, 2008 at 9:00am** at Mulberry School (220 Belgatos Road in Los Gatos – see enclosed card for directions and additional information), during their Friday Sing. All interested parties are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by calling (916) 228-2322 or e-mailing [cyc@scoe.net](mailto:cyc@scoe.net) if you are planning to attend.

Mulberry School will also be honored on May 15, 2008 at CYC's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Highest Office: Citizen Community Forum, focusing this year on courage, responsibility and change. Please visit our website at [www.youthcitizenship.org](http://www.youthcitizenship.org) for more information or to obtain tickets.

***Congratulations to Mulberry Elementary!***

**Previous California National Schools of Character Winners**

**2005:** Chaparral Elementary School, *Poway Unified SD*; Harvest Park Middle School, *Pleasanton Unified SD* \* **2004:** Amador Valley High School, *Pleasanton Unified SD*; Pleasanton Unified School District \* **2003:** St Genevieve High School \* **2002:** Lydiksen Elementary School, *Pleasanton Unified SD*; West Hillsborough Elementary School, *Hillsborough City Elementary SD*; The Nueva School \* **2000:** Emperor Elementary School, *Temple City Unified SD*; Excelsior Academy \* **1999:** Youth Opportunities Unlimited, *San Diego Unified SD*