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COWHERD HEROES GET SPECIAL VISIT FROM IDITAROD CHAMP

Students Studying Iditarod Bring Lessons to Life with OJ, the Siberian Husky

(Aurora)- It is called 'the last great race on Earth', and students at Cowherd Middle School are first in line to learn all of its intricacies!

The 7th grade **Hero Team** at Cowherd Middle School are in the midst of studying the 2010 Iditarod during its two-week run via an interdisciplinary unit created just for the highly-acclaimed dog sled race.

Using the internet and published reports, each student will follow a musher in the race and complete such activities as gathering data, graphing data, creating trading cards, and mapping the race from Anchorage, in south central Alaska, to Nome on the western Bering Sea coast.

The highlight of the unit will be a personal visit to the school from the Siberian Husky Club of America on Friday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Iditarod expert, Carol Preble, will present a highly enjoyable program on the history of the Iditarod. A special "guest star" making a personal appearance is "OJ," a champion Siberian husky who has actually participated in the Iditarod.

Cowherd Middle School is located at 441 N. Farnsworth Avenue in Aurora.