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**BAY AREA PARENTS CHOOSE ALMADEN COUNTRY SCHOOL
“BEST OF THE BEST” FOR BAY AREA PARENT MAGAZINE**

AUGUST 14, 2009 — Almaden Country School was voted a Gold Medal Winner for “Best Preschool” and “Best Private Grade School” by Silicon Valley parents for Bay Area Parent magazine. More than 3,000 Bay Area parents voted for their favorites in 30 different categories and Almaden Country school swept the gold category for preschool and private grade school.

“It’s an honor to win both the preschool and grade school awards in Bay Area Parent,” says Ole Jorgenson, head of school. “And, it’s such a wonderful affirmation from our parents. It shows their excitement about our faculty and philosophy. ACS has been the best-kept secret in south San José for years — we’re eager to get the word out!”

Almaden Country School is in its 27th year of discovering the gifts in every child. The highly regarded south San Jose independent school offers programs for students from 4 years of age through 8th grade. Its teaching philosophy is based on the knowledge that each child has unique capabilities and talents.

ACS, which has more than 400 students, offers Personal Learning Plans for each student; a Character & Competence program for developing strong, ethical leaders; small class sizes; a broad and challenging curriculum; and passionate teachers who share a genuine love of children.

“Our sons have been attending ACS since preschool and we are extremely pleased with the developmental approach to learning that is core to the school’s philosophy. The learning environment is safe, which encourages children to challenge themselves without the risk of being judged,” says Maria Pavlick-Larsen, ACS parent. “Although the school is non-sectarian, our family also enjoys a great sense of community that comes from the

high level of participation of so many like-minded parents. The school is simply a wonderful foundation for future success no matter how you measure it: academically or socially.”

Almaden Country School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In 2009, the school received the highest accreditation of a six-year term.