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Kindergarten Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program in the Ontario-Montclair School District

The award-winning Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) has made a commitment to launch a Kindergarten Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program at Montera Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year.

The Ontario-Montclair School District is proud to prepare students for the future and to ensure students have the skills needed for modern jobs. Biliteracy education is extremely important, and many studies show the positive effects it can have on students' educations and careers. Students who graduate from immersion programs can communicate in multiple languages and understand multiple perspectives. Currently, OMSD has dual immersion programs classes provided at Central Language Academy, Euclid Elementary School and is now adding Montera Elementary School.

"The world is constantly changing, and with that includes changes in our communities, families, and jobs. It is becoming increasingly more important for children to be bilingual. The Ontario-Montclair School District has recognized that need and is tackling that problem head-on with a Kindergarten Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program", stated Board President Elvia M. Rivas.

The dual language immersion program has been designed to educate kindergarten students in Mandarin. The benefits of the program, supported by sound research, include promoting bilingualism and bi-literacy, academic achievement, and multi-cultural competence for all students.

Families with children entering kindergarten should call 909-418-6514 or email mandarin@omsd.net for more information. Two parent information nights have been scheduled for March 18 and March 19, 2019.

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