

Ontario-Montclair School District

950 West D Street, Ontario, California 91762 • (909) 418-6445 FAX: (909) 459-2542

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Samuel Crowe
Michael C. Flores
Maureen "Moe" Mendoza
Elvia M. Rivas
Alfonso Sanchez

James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
Superintendent

August 13, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Cara Molina, Principal

Telephone: 909-986-1215

#2015-16-02

Ontario-Montclair School District Has New Sports & Science Academy

On Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 4:30 pm on the Sultana MPR west lawn, the Ontario-Montclair School District hosted a special unveiling ceremony to officially introduce Sultana Sports & Science Academy to the community. It is the first academy of its kind in the district.

The purpose in becoming an academy is to increase school pride among students, parents, staff, and community, improve school attendance, increase collaboration and student discussion, create a spirit of inquiry among students where their learning is applicable to real-world experiences, and provide students access to college and career pathways.

At Sultana Sports & Science Academy, students will learn safe, responsible, and respectful behavior expectations and will be engaged in real-world Project-Based Learning (PBL) through the lens of sports and science to enhance their 21st Century collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking skills. Their program offers a holistic approach through rigorous academics, health education, team building, and character development. This will be accomplished in part by the implementation of a new school wide instructional framework that provides students in each grade a unique learning experience; incorporating specific themes of study in the areas of sports and sciences.

Some of the other exciting changes include increased student clubs, sports and science workshops with local colleges and universities, an intramural sports program in addition to the district sports programs, increased partnerships with sports and science organizations, an annual trip for students to visit NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and additional student technology, including three iPad classrooms.

Sultana is excited to partner with the University of La Verne and Chaffey College in this new venture. Throughout the school year, University of La Verne Kinesiology staff will provide

"Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment"

Sultana's teachers with professional development on how to integrate movement in their daily lessons. In addition, ULV kinesiology students will work directly with Sultana students in a series of activities designed to support and enhance science lessons provided in the classroom. Chaffey College student athletes will also spend quality time with Sultana students promoting the important connection and balance between education and athletics.

The Sultana Community was honored to have Dr. Brian Clocksin, ULV Kinesiology Department Chair, and Sheryl Herchenroeder from the Chaffey College Athletics Department, join them at the community celebration and unveiling.

Sultana Sports & Science Academy proudly serves Preschool through 6th grade students, and is located in Ontario, California.