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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 will be holding 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, and Principal Cara Molina is very excited to share how the new academy will positively impact students.

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.

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

Some of the 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 technology for students including three iPad classrooms.

Students in Mrs. Gillum's 6th grade class shared observations with their teacher about their experience during the transition to the new academy during the 2014-2015 school year. They

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noticed more students being safe, responsible, and respectful and not playing any mean games at recess, a beautiful campus with new murals, benches, gardens, and walkways, a new PTO that helps them earn money for a better school, and school-wide events that provide fun activities for students and the whole family.

Board President Maureen “Moe” Mendoza stated, “The Sultana Sports & Science Academy is yet another fantastic opportunity for Ontario-Montclair students and families. OMSD continues to expand our unique programs offerings which provide a variety of choices while still providing a world-class education”.

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