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Oxford Preparatory Academy School's *A Garden in Every School*® Dedication

Chino –Oxford Preparatory Academy School students had the opportunity to cultivate a curriculum-based school garden thanks to a water-wise “*Garden in Every School*” program sponsored by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), Lewis Group of Companies, Chino Basin Water Conservation District, the Cucamonga Valley and Monte Vista Water Districts, the San Antonio and Fontana Water Companies, and the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Upland, Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga. The garden offers curriculum connections aligned with the state standards celebrating California’s multicultural diversity by incorporating plants used for food, fiber, shelter, medicinal, and other purposes, by indigenous people of California, and those who have made the state their home.

“The purpose of the *Garden in Every School* program is to educate the school family and community about wise-water usage through a garden landscape, featuring drought-tolerant plants and efficient irrigation methods,” stated IEUA’s Board Member Steven J. Elie. “The grant to Oxford is valued at more than \$4,500 in materials, including plants, soil, bark, irrigation supplies, garden tools and curriculum materials,” continued Elie.

“A school garden is a wonderful teaching tool – it brings science, math, nature and art to life, and it gets children excited about learning,” commented Chino Basin Water Conservation District Board President Kati Parker.

On Monday, October 24, 2011, students, staff and parents will celebrate the dedication of their garden beginning at 8:00 a.m.

What: Garden in Every School Dedication
When: Monday, October 24, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.
Where: Oxford Preparatory Academy
5862 C Street, Chino 91710

There will be an opportunity for interviews and photos. For more information contact Sondra Elrod at 909.993.1747.