

# Unified Sports Came to Orange in 2016!



# The kids practiced and practiced...



They also helped make our team banner!



# And It Paid Off... The Games were Great!



# Everyone had a wonderful time!



# A “prize-worthy” performance by all the athletes!



# The impact lasts beyond the games!

Thoughts from the athletes...

Athlete 1

Students At THS

Athlete 2

Madeline Maus  
Grade 4  
Turkey Hill School

# For the athlete's families as well...

“It was such a great experience for both CJ and Merina! Both participated for different reasons and I can't say enough about it!! I hope you are able to keep this wonderful program in Orange. CJ had so much fun and was comfortable participating in sports in this environment whereas he isn't in other environments. He is looking forward to participating again. Merina loved helping other children succeed and have fun. I feel it was such a good experience for her.”

- Cindy Visnic

**“This was an absolutely amazing experience for Payton and our entire family. It got Payton involved and exposed to sports in which he otherwise might not have participated. It gave him confidence and social exposure. Standing watching him brought tears to my eyes as I saw how proud and involved he was.”**

- Sara Gesner

I would love to see the program offered again. As a mom of a special needs daughter it is difficult to find programs willing to accommodate needs of these children. Madeline clearly enjoyed being part of a group that accepted her and her abilities. She enjoyed her Monday's at Peck and continues to talk about the event that was held on Saturday as the best day of her life. I really hope she can be part of this again in the future.

- Sintia Maus

“Jack had a terrible experience trying soccer in a traditional league. I was scared that would turn him away from sports, altogether, but he tried again with Unified Sports and loved it. The instructors and student mentors took the time to explain concepts and model proper techniques in a way that Jack could understand and enjoy. Though he was still in an integrated atmosphere at the Tournament, it was the first time I watched him participate with his peers and really, truly, “fit in”. The program and Tournament were turning points for our family. I am more keenly aware of Jack’s abilities, rather than his disabilities. Thank you so much for this gift!”

- Christine Green

***“The reciprocal benefit has been priceless. And truly, they both learn from each other.’***

- ***Anonymous***

*“It was an awesome experience for my children, they truly loved being a part of the TEAM!!!”*

- *Jason Kirck*

**“Today was the kind of day I’ve been hoping for; Small (that’s what I call him on FB) had fun and was a part of a team where he was encouraged and accepted. Can’t ask for too much more than that!”**

- **Jennette Young**

# And even into our classrooms...

**“I think the Unified Sports Program is an amazing opportunity for everyone involved to be part of something really special. Unified Sports allows children to participate in team sports in a comfortable, accepting and positive environment. Unfortunately, this is not always the case with other organized sports. It was amazing to see the relationships that were built between all of the kids involved after just a month of practice. At the event on Saturday I was so touched to see so many acts of kindness, genuine smiles and such a sense of community ... and on top of it all the kids got their bodies moving!”**

- Dedra Leaply

“The program was truly amazing. I enjoyed every moment from the bus rides to practice and finally the big day. Four of my students were involved and the bonds this created are so strong. They were excited every Monday. Being there last Saturday was one of my best days as an educator. Watching the kids and adults interact so positively was heartwarming. Parents could not thank us enough. Please sign me up for next year!”

- Kathy Battles

# Be part of our team!



**T**ogether  
**E**veryone  
**A**chieves  
**M**ore

