The Pediatric Exercise and Genomics Research Center (PERC) Community Outreach and Education Program led by Dr. Zaldivar welcomed 126 5th grade scholars from Martin Elementary School September 23rd, 2019 to the PERC laboratories at the UCI School of Medicine. Our young scholars were engaged in activities and learned about pediatric exercise research and healthy habits and lifestyle. Ms. Su, 5th grade teacher at Martin Elementary, Santa Ana Unified School District wrote, “thank you so much for allowing our 5th graders to visit PERC. The activities you provided are engaging and gave insights into the world of medical research. After the field trip, I asked several students about their experiences and received all positive feedback! Some of the kids have said that they want to become scientists and doctors. I really hope they also take to heart all the information about physical exercise and healthy food habits and pass the information onto their families as well.”

This event is one out of 50 PERC Community Outreach and Education Program events planned for this year. During the 2018-2019 school year, PERC educated 5000 community members in different parts of the county.

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