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every day*

March 22, 2024

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Recognizing the vast contributions that women have made to build strong communities and a strong nation, President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring March 2-8, 1980, as National Women's History Week.

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation.

Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievement, leadership, courage, strength of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

*President Jimmy Carter's message designating a week in March 1980
as National Women's History Week*

Then, and in further recognition of women's powerful and profound contributions to our nation, in 1987 Congress passed a law designating March as Women's History Month. What began as a week of recognition grew to an annual month-long event dedicated to recognizing the vast achievements that women have made in society.

Being an avid social studies student and teacher, I have always thought it amazing to consider that women in our country did not earn the right to vote until Aug. 18, 1920, when the Nineteenth Amendment to our Constitution was ratified. Generations of women contributed mightily to the creation of our nation and nurtured our communities before they earned the right to vote. While it took quite some time for this right to be honored through our Constitution, it does clearly reinforce the notion that advocacy is a powerful tool in our democracy, an important principle that our teachers impart to our students, our future leaders.

Today, we see the tremendous contributions that women have made and continue to make across science, medicine, community development, government, literature, art, sports, and in education.

Together, let's honor the past, celebrate the present, and commit ourselves to building a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

Around TR!

Some of our TR students will lace up their running shoes and hit the track for the Brian Lewis Invitational Track and Field Meet during Spring Break. The event takes place Tuesday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands High School Sports Complex. Student-athletes (10 teams) from Northern California and Nevada are scheduled to participate. In case you didn't know, Brian Lewis is a Highlands High School graduate who ran the third leg on the gold medal-winning American 4x100 meter relay team at the 2000 Summer Olympics. The celebrated sprinter is now the head track coach at Grant Union High School.

Enjoy your Spring Break. I hope you find time to enjoy the outdoors, gather with friends and family and rejuvenate before returning to a busy and exciting close to the school year. Please, be safe! We will see you on Tuesday, April 2.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified