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*To inspire each student to  
extraordinary achievement  
every day*

March 8, 2024

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Artistic expression is both joyful and inspirational. Whether painting, dancing, singing or playing an instrument, artist expression is a form of communication that nurtures individual creativity while bringing pleasure to others. TR is proud to offer a rich portfolio of visual and performing arts courses for our students at all grade levels, allowing them to explore their talents and interests while growing their unique creative voice.

If you, like me, enjoy the arts, then you are in store for a remarkable experience at the 2024 Festival of the Arts. Mark your calendar and join us on Wednesday, March 13 (5 to 7:30 p.m. student art exhibit; 6 to 7:30 p.m. student performances), for this annual and spectacular event where 644 TK-12th grade students will share their artistic voices with the community. Since 2014, this event has grown to feature students from all grade levels at one combined event. It will be held [@theGrounds](#), a location that allows us to accommodate the growing number of talented TR students and their delighted audience.

Plan to spend time perusing the 1,300 pieces of original student art on display. Enjoy the 644 music and dance performers who will showcase incredible talent and demonstrate that artistic expression in an ensemble is both a commitment to personal creativity and group collaboration. Being part of an ensemble of any kind teaches discipline, respect, empathy and gratitude for fellow performers.

**New This Year**

We are thrilled to feature our newest programs including the Foothill High School Dance Troupe, Foothill Mariachi Ensemble, and the Smythe Drumline. Also this year, our elementary bands will join together allowing 264 student musicians from nine elementary schools to experience performing in a major ensemble. This will no doubt be an experience that our student musicians will remember with fondness and pride and will hopefully encourage them to continue their arts learning journey.

This annual event has grown every year to feature more and more student artists and to allow our students to study and enjoy one another's artistic work. Imagine how wonderful it is for our younger learners to watch the high school performances and dream about the days ahead as they progress through the wonderful TR arts programs that are growing their skills, their passion and their unique voices.

I hope that you will share the word with family and friends and throughout the TR community that this year's [Festival of the Arts](#) will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy all forms of visual and performing arts and celebrate and encourage our young artists to continue nurturing and sharing their artistic expression.

*"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way – things I had no words for." Georgia O'Keeffe*

**Around TR!**

Congratulations to the 186 outstanding K-6 students who participated in our first District Math Bowl event! It was a thrilling showcase of young mathematical talent putting their skills to the test. Pioneer Elementary emerged as the overall champions, clinching victory with both the highest number of participants and an impressive cumulative score. This triumph is a testament to the dedication and hard work of not just the students, but also the tireless efforts of our teachers, administration and support staff who guided and supported them every step of the way.

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