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every day*

April 14, 2023

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Welcome back from spring break! I hope everyone had an opportunity to relax and rejuvenate as we head into the last eight weeks of school. It's an incredibly busy time—school celebrations, planning graduations and promotion ceremonies, and administering state academic testing for students.

As a reminder, students in grades 3-8 and grade 11 throughout the state are taking the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, commonly referred to as the CAASPP. Our testing window began March 13 and continues through the end of May. Your child's principal will be able to share specific testing dates with you for your child's school site.

Parents and families, we do not want these tests to make our students anxious, so we ask you to join us in reminding them to do their very best and remember that the results are intended to inform our teaching practices. While your child's teachers use many sources of information to measure their learning, the information gleaned from end-of-year standardized tests helps us, as a district, understand how our students are doing against other students throughout the state in the same grade. It enables us to ensure that we are doing the very best job we can to prepare students for college and careers. The results tell us where your child is doing well, and they tell us where your child might need more help. Once we have this information, we can focus our teaching and supports on these areas.

TR teachers have been administering practice tests to help students understand the types of questions that will be asked and to prepare them for the actual test. Parents can help, too! For example, you can visit: <https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html> to take a practice test with your child. You can find other ways to support your child during testing on the [District website](#). Results will be delivered to students' homes sometime during the summer.

I want to commend our dedicated educators and students who, along with lots of support from home, have worked hard throughout this school year. Our benchmark tests, which are given throughout the year to measure student progress, have shown promising results and we are confident that TR students are well-prepared.

Let's remind our students to do their best on these tests and just like we have done in sports, the arts, and in so many ways, let's show the community and the state what proud TR students can do!

We look forward with anticipation to all that is to come before our work for this school year is complete. I encourage everyone to stay engaged and focus on the wonderful things that are going on in our schools. If you have questions about testing, please talk with your child's teacher.

Around TR!

It's official! The Sacramento County Office of Education has announced that two outstanding Twin Rivers employees have been selected as 2023 Sacramento County Classified School Employees of the Year. Please join me in congratulating Troygah Ahmach, (Clerical and Administrative Services Category) and Antoinette Tanksley, (Food and Nutrition Services Category). Troygah is the Office Manager at Foothill Ranch Middle School and Antoinette is the Café Services Team Leader 1 at Woodlake. A California Department of Education (CDE) committee will now evaluate nominations statewide and recipients of the state awards will be announced in May.

We are #TRUSD Proud and wish Troygah and Antoinette all the best in the California Classified School Employees of the Year process.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez".

Steve Martinez, Ed. D.
Superintendent