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extraordinary achievement
every day*

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To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

We know that student learning is increased when they have joyful connections with one another through healthy activities at school. That is why I am exceptionally proud that TR offers after-school sports programs for our TK-8 students. Free, on-campus, so they are convenient for students and families, and highly popular with our kids, these programs are a great success. And so are our young TR athletes!

TR Student Athlete Champs

In January and February, TR elementary and K-8 soccer teams competed in three Saturday game days at Grant Union High School, Foothill High School, Highlands High School, and Garden Valley Elementary School and a final tournament which was held at Grant.

Even with schedule changes caused by multiple storms this winter, we had a whopping 1,841 students come out to play, and more than 4,550 family and community supporters came out to cheer them on. Our champions were Castori (1st-3rd grade), Castori (4th-6th grade) and Pioneer (7th-8th grade). It was exciting to see so many families and students enjoying our new sports complexes and having a great time on the weekends.

While we have nearly 2,000 students participating in these after-school sports programs, there is always room for more!

So, what's next for after-school athletics? I hope you're ready to play ball! The wait is finally over! Sign-ups for elementary and TK-8 basketball, golf, and tennis are now open! After school practices began in February and basketball games are scheduled for March and April. We look forward to seeing all of our student-athletes this spring season!

To sign-up to play, free of charge, and for more information, visit bit.ly/3xpVAsu.

Families, please review our spring sports season offerings and encourage your child(ren) to pick a sport that interests them and come out and give it a try. They do not need to have experience to participate. There is no cost to join a team, and everyone plays! The kids have a great time learning about the sports, meeting new friends, and connecting as part of a team.

Successes on the Field and in the Classroom

Finally, I want to express how wonderful it is to see the results of our hard work come to fruition. Our K-8 students are engaged in the Trimester 2 Benchmarks for ELA and math. Benchmark assessments take place four times per year at the secondary grades and three times per year in our elementary grades. Benchmark assessments tell us how students are progressing in relation to grade level standards for that point in time. These assessments help us understand exactly where we need to focus with students leading up to testing. Early results indicate our students and teachers are very focused and making gains that approach pre-pandemic levels. As a whole, we want to see all our students return to and surpass pre-pandemic performance levels and we intend to support every student to reach these goals.

I must thank our outstanding staff, supportive families, a supportive community, but most importantly, our amazing students, for their hard work and diligence! We have more work to do, but the benchmark results reaffirm that we are on the right path, and we have so much of which we can be proud!

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