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*To inspire each student to  
extraordinary achievement  
every day*

March 31, 2023

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

March 31 and April 10 may be different days on the calendar, but they share and celebrate a unique combination of vision, hope, faith, compassion and civic engagement.

March 31 is Cesar Chavez Day and April 10 is Dolores Huerta Day. Strong allies in the fight for civil rights, these remarkable leaders co-founded the United Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers labor union. They bravely acted in service to others to improve wages and working conditions, living conditions, and human rights. They tirelessly and successfully fought for social change.

Recognizing the power and importance of civic engagement on behalf of human rights and social reforms, President Barack Obama declared March 31 Cesar Chavez Day. Cesar Chavez is known for his famous quote, "Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read." A fearless leader who was recognized for his tenacity and compassion, Cesar Chavez worked hand in hand with Dolores Huerta over many years.

While working as a school teacher, Dolores Huerta noticed that many students came to school hungry— the children of farmworkers, the very people working to produce our food supply, and yet they often went without themselves.

Dolores decided she could serve a greater purpose, help even more people if she shifted her attention from teaching to advocating. So began her journey.

Together, these compassionate champions were non-violent, purpose-driven, and in service to others. Their efforts were effective and remain models for productive activism today.

I encourage members of our TR community to pause and reflect on the profound and positive influence that these two brave leaders have had on our society. Consider the difference that they made in thousands of lives by using their education, their vision, their passion and energy for a positive purpose. All of us can put our education and energy to work for the greater good. Inspired by these two remarkable leaders, I ask our students to reflect on what ignites their passions and how they can use that drive to make a difference in their communities, today and in the future.

Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for their efforts in service to others, and they experienced a deep satisfaction of knowing the impact they made on generations of Americans. When we put our vision, hope and passion to work to contribute to our community and society, we can all experience that same satisfaction knowing we made an impact, however big or small. Thank you for taking some time to consider the challenges that these two American heroes faced and overcame, all in service to others. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for representing and standing up for those who work on our farms and help to put food on our tables.

March 31 and April 10 may be different days on the calendar, but they share the same meaning and deserve the same respect.

**Around TR**

Spring Break begins Monday, April 3, and continues through Monday, April 10. We hope everyone has a safe and restful break, and we will see you back at school on Tuesday, April 11.

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