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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

May 5, 2023

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Traditionally, May is a month full of celebrations, and our TR community is thrilled to participate in all the many recognitions that put a spotlight on the wonderful people who devote their careers to serving our students.

From nutrition service workers who make sure that our children receive nutritious meals in support of their health and learning, to administrators who pour their hearts into leadership on behalf of their teams and our students, to our teachers who give all they have to ensure that each student achieves to their full potential, there are many groups of professionals in education whom we take time to celebrate this month.

Among them:

May 1	School Principals/Administrators Day
May 1-5	School Nutrition Employee Week
May 5	School Lunch Hero Day
May 8-12	National Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9	National Teacher Appreciation Day
May 10	California Day of the Teacher
May 10	National School Nurse Day
May 14-20	National Police Week
May 15	National Peace Officers Memorial Day
May 18	National Speech Pathologist Day
May 21-27	Classified School Employee Week
May 21-27	Confidential Employee Appreciation Week

May is also Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and we want to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements in our communities.

Classroom Heroes – Two TR Teachers Take Top Honors

It brings me great joy to announce that two exceptional TR educators—a second grade teacher and a high school science teacher—have been selected as Twin Rivers Unified School District Teachers of the Year for 2023-2024. Revered by her colleagues, Rebecca Jones, Elementary Teacher of the Year, is a CORE literacy team leader at Woodlake where she has taught for 12 years. She is passionate about the work she leads across academics and social-emotional supports to help students achieve their best.

Rebecca is a ray of sunshine whose kindness and spirit for teamwork help her create and sustain positive relationships among adults and students.

Kyle McDaniel, Secondary Teacher of the Year, has been at Grant Union High School for nearly ten years. Science is his specialty and student success his passion. As the science department co-chair at Grant and an AP biology, anatomy and physiology teacher, Kyle is certainly busy. Yet, he is not too busy to find time to serve as a mentor-teacher for students in the teacher credentialing program at Sacramento State. Working with our TR students and future teacher students demonstrates Kyle's enduring commitment to invest in the future.

If you see Rebecca or Kyle, be sure to give them a high five! They are education superheroes and we are so proud of them. And I am sure that both Rebecca and Kyle would say that they are proud to represent the hundreds of remarkable people working every day to serve our students. So in their honor, take a moment to consider some of the people in our schools who have a positive impact on your life, and when you see them, thank them. From nutrition workers and administrators, counselors and custodians, they all work as a team to make our schools great.

A Special Message to Seniors

To all our seniors and their families, it's not too late to check in with a counselor, teacher or principal at your school to make sure that all your paperwork is in order to graduate. We are excited for you to reach this incredible milestone and we do not want anything to interfere with your graduation celebration. Seniors, if you have any questions or concerns, please see someone at your school for assistance.

With warm regards,

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

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