

Twin Rivers Unified School District eNews

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Late Start Wednesday Begins

Working collaboratively, our teacher and district leadership teams have begun the process of creating school environments dedicated to providing powerful, engaging, and inspiring opportunities for students each day. We have made some changes to our school calendars and schedules to help us create these types of school environments.

Late Wednesdays are one of these changes - each week, teachers will meet together with their site leaders to receive professional development and training, share ideas, and review student testing data. Late Start Wednesday is a research-based initiative and is supported by teachers and administrators. In fact, the teacher's union gave its support during the negotiating process. You can view a copy of the Presidential Side Letter on our district web site at www.twinriversusd.org/employment/labor_relations/

Additional information about Late Start Wednesdays, including Frequently Asked Questions, a map of childcare options, and a research paper discussing the benefits can be reviewed on our web site at: www.twinriversusd.org.

Today was the first Late Start Wednesday for our elementary sites, and each site offered limited supervision for families that needed assistance. Initial reports indicate that less than 20 students at each campus took advantage of the service. Meanwhile, teachers and principals met and worked together on school programs, teaching methods, and ways to increase student achievement.

Twin Rivers Families and Friends,
Thanks to our dedicated teachers and staff, we're getting off to a great start. Throughout the summer, our staff worked hard to ensure that our buses were painted, contracts were merged, schools were modernized and maintained, and professional development opportunities and training were created. While there are still many challenges to be faced, we are unified today and ready to tackle anything in the way of bringing the best education possible to north area students.

Castori Rededication

Our district will celebrate the completion of a series of modernization projects in the former North Sacramento SD schools with a tour and rededication of the last school, Castori Elementary. Please join us on Tuesday, September 16th at Castori for tours beginning at 5:30 p.m., a rededication at 6:30 p.m., and our district Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00

Highlands 50th!

The Highlands Alumni Association will sponsor a 50th Celebration Gala and Open House on Saturday, September 20th from 3-8 p.m. at the Highlands campus. The association is looking for volunteers for the event and help in getting the word out. For more information, email Phil Olson at pgo111@sbcglobal.net or visit the alumni association web site at: <http://www.highlandshighalumni.com/>

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New Web Site!

If you haven't visited our Twin Rivers web site in a while, please drop in and visit. After a series of meetings with a task force group this past spring, our technology, communications and other department staff worked to bring a [new, colorful web presence](#) to our district. It is still a work in progress, and we are adding new content each day. We also have an online suggestion box on our site to collect as many great ideas as possible.

We will be hosting additional meetings in the afternoon and evening of September 10th for our teacher and family level web sites. If you would like to join us, please call Carmela Dominguez, 566-1600 ext. 1270

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p.m. Castori Elementary is located at 1801 South Avenue in Sacramento. For more information about the event, please call Charlene Van Allen at 916-566-1765.

National Interest in our schools

Twin Rivers Unified School District is the subject of an interactive documentary project of the National School Board Association and the American School Board Journal chronicling our Twin Rivers journey.

The project will feature articles, documents, podcasts, Internet seminars and an interactive blog that will illustrate the formation of our district and its effect on schools and the community.

For more information about the project, visit the National School Board Association at www.nsba.org/natwinrivers

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