June 4, 2021

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Summer is just around the corner, and I hope that you will find some time to relax, reconnect with friends, reunite with family who you have missed seeing during the pandemic, and rejuvenate.

It has been a long journey since last March 13 when we first heard what seemed like rumors that the state may “shut down” due to the pandemic. Things turned upside down, and the road to reopening has been full of challenges. Yet, together we persevered.

This summer, I plan to enjoy several good books, listen to different forms of music, enjoy cooking, spend time outdoors, play games with my family and friends over for BBQs and some laughs. What will you do? Whatever activities you choose to enjoy, I hope they create some great memories; memories that you can share with your class when you return to school next year.

While you are enjoying summer, please know that we will be doing all that is necessary to make sure that our schools are ready to go on Aug. 17, the day we plan to welcome staff and students back to school full-time, in-person, and five days a week. Mark your calendars, if you have not already, and plan to join us for a most-celebratory welcome back to school.

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- In case you haven’t heard, our very own Rhima Blenkhorn has been selected as a 2021 California Classified School Employee. Rhima is the Café Team Lead at Orchard Elementary; a District employee for 13 years. Rhima was selected as a 2021 Sacramento County Classified Employee of the Year in March and went on to compete in the Food and Nutrition Services category at the state level. She is one of nine school employees statewide selected by the California Department of Education (CDE) to receive this well-deserved recognition. Up to two of the nine will be eligible to be nominated for the national Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award. The winner of that honor will be announced by the U.S. Department of Education in 2022.

- Our Summer Professional Development catalog was released in April and has many offerings focusing on topics such as Blended Learning, how to use data to close the gaps in learning loss, Social Emotional Learning and more. To view the Summer 2021 Professional Development Catalog click HERE. All Summer 2021 Professional Development learning opportunities are listed in Professional Growth. Log in now to see what’s new and to register. If you have any questions regarding Summer Professional Development, please contact Jamie Manalo, ext. 33328, Phone: 566-1756 or email Jamie.Manalo@twinriversusd.org.
We are also pleased to offer a week of professional development exclusively for classified staff. Join us the week of July 12-16 and learn about Systems Thinking, Trauma Informed, Zones of Regulation and more. Click here to view the catalog. Log onto Professional Growth now to register. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Manalo, ext. 33328, Phone: 566-1756 or email Jamie.Manalo@twinriversusd.org.

- Graduations have been awesome! Click HERE for photos and to view a replay of the live streams.

Enjoy your summer, everyone! Take care and stay safe.

With warm regards,

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

Every Student, Every Day. Leaving No One Behind!