

Connections

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Sharing news and information about the students, staff, families and communities of the Twin Rivers Unified School District

A year to remember

As the sun sets on our first year as a unified district, I find myself in awe of the accomplishments of our students and staff. While blending four districts into one has been an enormous undertaking, our talented and committed staff have taken the transition challenges in stride and continued to serve our amazing students throughout Twin Rivers.

This issue of Connections celebrates the work of our classified staff, those support personnel who do whatever it takes to create our positive learning environments. I hope you'll take a moment to read about each of our district Classified Employees of the Year as they are truly inspiring. In fact, five of the six classified employees chosen by Sacramento County this year are Twin Rivers' staff.

During the 2008-2009 school year our students have also achieved so much. A State Football Championship, strong showings in the Academic Decathlon, Spelling Bee, and History Day competitions and participation in new district-wide soccer, basketball, and chess competitions are just a few of the many highlights. I am so proud of all of our students, and I encourage you to read about our graduates in our special Connections edition on college bound seniors. The stories are incredible.

It is with gratitude to our staff, our families, and our community that I say farewell to our first school year. Thank you for creating our new district and for all you do to inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day.

Frank Porter,
Superintendent



Summer School

June 15-July 16, 2009

First Day of School

August 12, 2009

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Twin Rivers Unified School District is proud to announce that Kim Bosworth, Louie Cervantez, Sue Dean, Isabella Maranon, Phitsamay Sosanavongsa and Sandy Westerberg have been selected as our Classified Employees of the Year for 2009. Between them they have nearly 80 years of exemplary service to students in the north area, and perform important functions critical to our schools and the success of our students.



Kim Bosworth is the nutrition services cafeteria manager at Hillsdale Elementary School. She's also a straight A student at American River College. Bosworth is taking 13 units this semester. She hasn't decided on a major, but hopes to get her associate's degree next spring. With her busy schedule, Bosworth still finds time to stay involved at Hillsdale. She's on the school site council and is also a seven year member of the Hillsdale PTA.



Sue Dean could be in a classroom, but the credentialed teacher feels more at home in the library. In fact, she's the library media technician at Babcock Elementary School. Dean has been there 16 years. Dean is also the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) treasurer and the PTA counselor for all the former North Sacramento School District schools. For the past 26 years, she has also been involved with the Third District PTA (Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba and Solano).

Louie Cervantez, a school custodian for 14 years in the north area, says he has nothing but love and respect for all the students and staff he has worked with over the years. Cervantez is the head custodian at Garden Valley Elementary School. He arrives early, 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. "I really enjoy my job," says Cervantez. "It's fun working with the kids and staff. They're all very nice. I'm here for them and they know that. I know most of the kids by name and a lot of them, along with teachers, are congratulating me about the selection as one of the classified employees of the year."





Isabella Maranon still remembers the day she drove her first school bus in the district. It was Oct. 26, 1998. There was a fight on the bus and Maranon had to pull over and call police services. She became a bus driver to be closer to her children. Now Maranon is the person who trains the drivers. She's a state certified school bus instructor. Maranon attended the CHP (California Highway Patrol) Academy to get certified. During the past two years she has personally trained 27 drivers in the district.

Phitsamay Sosanavongsa has a heavy caseload, and that doesn't include work on her master's degree in educational counseling at the University of La Verne. Sosanavongsa is the guidance resource technician at Highlands Academy of Arts & Design. Students are constantly in and out of her office for a variety of services, everything from information about scholarships to testing. Sosanavongsa has a bachelor's degree in child development and wants to be a school counselor.



Sandy Westerberg is a child welfare attendance/student services secretary. She handles a variety of responsibilities, everything from compiling data to making contacts with parents and the various agencies that support those in need. Westerberg's relationship with the district began 17 years ago as a volunteer at Pioneer Elementary School where her two children were enrolled. After a year of volunteer work she was hired as a paraeducator. Westerberg went from paraeducator to child welfare and attendance assistant. She has also worked in educational services as a textbook coordinator.



Congratulations to all of our 2009 Classified Employees of the Year

Pam Edgington, Adult Education Program
Shelly Wilson, W.A. Allison Elementary
Sarah McDevitt, Aero Haven Elementary
Sue Dean, D.W. Babcock Elementary
Marshall Redmon, Michael J. Castori Elementary
Juanita Reyes, Creative Connections Arts Academy
Anita Dupzyk, Del Paso Heights Elementary
Candy Dixon, Dry Creek Elementary
M.C. Stallworth, Fairbanks Elementary
Diana Kazeil, Foothill Farms Junior High
Margaret Caudill, Foothill High School
Vanessa Spence, Foothill Oaks Elementary
Arlene Kozub, Frontier Elementary
Louie Cervantez, Garden Valley Elementary
Nicole Williams, Grant High School
Luz Buell, Hagginwood Elementary
Phitsamay Sosanavongsa, HAAD
Louise Romo, Hillsdale Elementary
Jerry Bush, Harmon Johnson Elementary
Debbie Maggenti, F.C. Joyce Elementary
Jerry Schreindl, Keema High School
Mary Correa, MLK, Jr. Technology Academy
Rosemary Barnett, Kohler Elementary
Linda Reeder, Larchmont Elementary
Mark Marson, Madison Elementary
Gloria Flemons, Morey Avenue ECD
Margaret Anderson, Noralto Elementary
Lana Koblik, North Avenue Elementary
Reyna Carranza, Northwood Elementary
Leslie Adlesperger, Norwood Junior High
Dyshay McKinnon, NOVA CDS
Suzette Wingo, Oakdale Elementary
Renee Villarreal, Orchard Elementary
Lucy Montoya, Pacific Career and Technology
Mary Hennecke, Pioneer Elementary
Teresa Talbert, Regency Park Elementary
Lisa Gutierrez, Ridgepoint
Stephani Wilkinson, Rio Linda Elementary
Deanna Trammell, Rio Linda High
Terrance Grant, Rio Linda Junior High
Carol Seward, Rio Tierra Junior High
Victoria Bradley, Robinson CDS
Rick Como, Sierra View Elementary
Hokulani Iona, Smythe Academy, K-6
Janet Pineda, Smythe Academy, 7-8
Juana Licon, Hazel Strauch Elementary
Cassandra Anderson, Village Elementary
Shirley Turner, Vineland Preschool/Pathways
Darryl Banks, Vista Nueva Career & Technology
Kayla Compton, Westside Campus of WPCS
Karen Seydel, Woodlake Elementary
Rita Loureiro, Woodridge Elementary
Sandy Westerberg, Student Services
Karen Landon, CAA
Joe Calhoun/Maria Reyes, Facilities
Kim Bosworth, Nutrition Services
Isabella Maranon, Transportation

