



Communications Office
Media Advisory
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Monday – December 12

Columbine Victim’s Story Inspires New Generation of Students

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America. Foothill Ranch Middle School will host Rachel’s Challenge, an assembly and character education program that is designed to inspire, equip, and empower every student to create a permanent positive culture change in the school and community by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

Where: 5001 Diablo Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842

When: School Assemblies – 9 to 10 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Student Training – 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Parent and Community Event – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For information contact Principal Roxanne Mitchell at 916.566.3440 or 916.275.7155.

Thursday – December 15

Intergenerational Buddies Create a Holiday Tradition

Eskaton Community seniors will be visiting Kohler Elementary students to decorate gingerbread houses together as part of a program that partners Eskaton with classrooms in the Twin Rivers Unified School District. Now in its third year, there are 16 programs operating at classrooms in six schools throughout the North Highlands neighborhood. Students also visit Eskaton Carmichael and FountainWood throughout the year to read and interact with their senior "buddies."

Where: 4004 Bruce Way, North Highlands, CA 95660

When: 12 noon to 1 p.m.

For more information contact Teacher Bobbi Donovan at 916.566.1850.

“Stampede to Space” Art Show

The first Foothill Ranch Middle School Celebration of the Arts "Stampede to Space" features artworks created from 5th/6th/7th and 8th grade beginning art and 8th grade advanced art.

Where: 5001 Diablo Drive, Sacramento, CA 95843

When: Art exhibition is from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Stampede Studio, Room 20

Band and choir concert is from 7 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria

For more information contact Art Teacher Denise Retter at 916.716.7571.

Friday – December 16

Teacher and Students Surprised by Community Generosity

Woodlake teacher Lisa Liss notices many of her students this year are extremely needy and wearing old, torn, and ill-fitting uniforms. She created a flyer and sent it out to family and friends requesting that they "adopt" a student and provide them with 2 school uniforms and a small gift. Within 3 days, all of Liss' students were adopted. Many of the sponsors will attend the gift-giving day.

Where: 700 Southgate Road, Sacramento, CA 95815

When: 9 a.m.

For more information contact Woodlake Teacher Lisa Liss at 916.566.2755

Annual Twin Rivers Police Department Open House

Each year, the TRPD invites community members and TRUSD staff and students to an open house at their headquarters across the street from Grant Union High School. Participants will have the opportunity to tour the facility and learn about the role and responsibilities of the team.

Where: 1333 Grand Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838

When: 1 to 7 p.m.

Please contact Officer William Cho, 916.275.0401, for additional information

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The Twin Rivers Unified School District was created in July 2008, merging four North Sacramento area school districts to serve 28,000 Preschool through 12th grade students. In the first three years, graduation rates, attendance rates, and enrollment have increased dramatically.