

Dear Twin Peaks Charter Academy Community,

It is always a bit of a melancholy feeling when a school empties for the summer. It is also an opportunity to get to work and plan for the following school year. I'm very grateful I had the chance to begin my tenure seven weeks before the year ended. I've had hundreds of conversations and really learned our story, where we are as a school, and where we need to go in the future. **In short, our main priority is to increase student enrollment. To that end we must address a few areas of concern: Academic Achievement and Student Discipline. This summer, my Leadership Team and Teacher Leaders are going to develop clear action steps that we will implement and communicate to you in the fall. Another area that we will revamp and improve is communication, to you, our parents.

One significant change that I can share with you now is the adoption of a revised calendar.

- Removal of Early Release Days, which creates almost 3 more days of instruction.
- Professional Development and Teacher Work Days at Quarter/Semester Breaks which creates 27 five day weeks of normal routines, rather than 21.
- No changes to SVVSD Breaks or Start/End Dates.
- 6 days, rather than 11 days for parents to search for daycare or alternative settings.

**One final plug! Do you have friends, neighbors or even acquaintances looking for something else for their child's education? Maybe they don't even know they are looking for rigorous Core Knowledge, Classical Education and Character building? Maybe they are looking for a school where teachers teach rather than handing students an iPad or a Chromebook in lieu of foundational basics? I know just the place, TPCA! Have them give us a call as we'll be accepting enrollments in most grades throughout the summer.

Sincerely,

Joseph Mehsling
Director

Dear Parents of Twin Peaks Charter Academy,

Thank you for an amazing year. I appreciate all the support I received throughout the year. Whether it was a friendly reminder about a tradition, information about what was really happening in a classroom, or if it was an email with kind words of affirmation, I appreciate all the communication. As we now have our leadership team established, I look forward to unlocking the potential we have as a school. We have an extremely talented core of students and teachers, and with things in place, we will become the school of choice within the district in a short amount of time.

Thank you as well to the teachers who will not be joining us in the fall.

- Ms. Zeck will be leaving us to attend Graduate school at the School of Mines. She will be studying Geology.
- Ms. Balster had her baby in March, and now with two kids, decided she wanted a shorter commute so she will be working five minutes from her home at New Vision Charter School in Loveland.
- Ms. Hamrick will be switching fields and will be working at CU-Boulder in the IT department.
- Ms. Roser is pursuing working with high risk students to help them get back on track.
- Ms. Whiteman, our French/Literature teacher will not be returning next year. We wish her the best.
- Mr. McNutt's family is expecting a second child and will be returning to teaching at New Vision as well.

Again, thank you for everything. This is an honor I do not take lightly, and I am grateful for the opportunity.

Yours truly,

David Yu
Secondary Principal

Dear TPCA Community,

We have come to the end of another incredible year at Twin Peaks Charter Academy. It has been my privilege to work with students, parents, teachers, staff, and community members to further the Twin Peaks mission of providing an academically rigorous education in an encouraging environment. Although there have been many changes this year, our commitment to this mission has held steady and guided our work. I would like to thank each of you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We would not be able to offer such a rich education without your dedication and partnership! It is my strong belief that one hallmark of an excellent school is a commitment to continuous improvement. To that end, Twin Peaks leaders, faculty, and staff are already planning for the 2016-17 school year. We will be ready to welcome you back in August for another excellent year!

I would also like to recognize several staff members who are moving on to new adventures as well as some internal shifts.

Mrs. Marilyn Putrah

After 12 years at Twin Peaks Marilyn is retiring. Marilyn has loved working at TPCA, both as Secretary and as Registrar, and will miss the day-to-day happenings and her colleagues. Her husband is also retiring and they are looking forward to more time for hobbies and volunteering.

Mrs. Adriana Solc

Although we are sad to say goodbye to Marilyn we are happy to announce that Adriana Solc will be taking over as K-12 registrar. Adriana brings excellent skills and experience with her to this new position and is excited for the opportunity.

Ms. Diana Dolinar

Diana Dolinar, 5th grade teacher, is getting married this May and moving to Oregon to be with her husband who works for the BLM. Diana has been at TPCA for 8 years and will be missed by students, parents, and her colleagues. Congratulations, Diana, on this new adventure!

Mrs. Holly Williamson

After three years at TPCA Holly has accepted a position in Loveland close to where she lives. We will miss Holly and wish her luck with her new position!

Mrs. Sarah Targgart

Sarah Targgart will also be leaving TPCA at the end of this school year. Sarah and her husband are expecting their first child and she is looking forward to staying home to be a mother. Best of luck with this new chapter, Sarah!

Ms. Stephanie Jarvis

After 6 years as a second grade teacher Ms. Stephanie Jarvis is relocating to New England. After 15 years in Colorado Stephanie is looking forward to being closer to family and the ocean.

Mrs. Leandra Casanueva

After 14 years as a first grade teacher we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Leandra Casanueva will be joining the third grade team. Leandra will be an excellent addition to the third grade team and brings with her an excellent skill set and a wealth of experience.

Ms. Jenna DeVary

Ms. Jenna DeVary will be joining the second grade team for the 2016-17 school year. Ms. DeVary is excited for this new opportunity!

Mrs. Leslie George

Leslie George, 4 grade Instructional Assistant and active parent volunteer, will not be returning next year. We wish Leslie the best of luck.

Ms. Marci Fischer

After one year as a Special Education para Marci is leaving to go back to school to get her teaching degree. She has enjoyed being at TPCA and working with all of the students she had the privilege to be with. She has been a valued member of the Special Education team this year and she will be missed.

Ms. Kately Mosher

Kately is moving on in her post graduate college program to be a School Counselor. Kately has loved working with TPCA students and teachers. She will be missed by the Special Education team!

Mrs. Jeanette Torres

Due to staffing reorganization Jeannie Torres, volunteer coordinator, will not be returning next year. We appreciate all of Jeannie's work this year and wish her good luck!

Please join me in thanking all of these staff members for their contributions to TPCA and wishing them good luck!

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Teal Maxwell Richards
Dean of Academics

TPCA Community,

It has been a great year and it is hard to believe how quickly it has passed and come to an end. I would like to commend you for your commitment to the character, mission, and vision of Twin Peaks. This was a very busy year and you, as partners in education, played a great role in making it a success! Although it can be a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how amazing our community is. I want to once again say thank you to our parents and staff for their commitment of time and energy every day toward creating an environment in which our students thrive! We started our year with the Six Pillars Pledge and I want to end our year reiterating what it means to be a Twin Peaks Charter Academy Timberwolf.

I am a Twin Peaks student and I have great expectations for myself.

I will be RESPONSIBLE by being in charge of what I say and do, by accepting the consequences of my actions, and by being accountable for my own learning.

I will be RESPECTFUL by having polite consideration for myself, others, property, and those in authority.

I will be a good CITIZEN by learning about our democratic system and doing my share.

I will practice FAIRNESS by treating people equally and being impartial.

I will strive to be TRUSTWORTHY by being someone who people can count on.

I will be CARING by being kind, considerate, sensitive and giving.

I am a Twin Peaks student and I accept the challenge to be the BEST THAT I CAN BE!

Go Timberwolves,

Doug Bean, Dean of Students-Interim Elementary Principal
Twin Peaks Charter Academy

Hello Twin Peaks Family,

This year has been a huge transition in my professional career. I am extremely pleased at the outcome of a lot of hard work from our leadership team as we morphed into what will be a solid group going forward. I want to take the time to thank the teachers, students, and parents for working together in my main areas of focus, which were PARCC/CMAS testing and scheduling of classes for next year. I'm happy to say that we distributed schedules to students at the beginning of May and we have met with most of our students who had issues to get them resolved prior to our summer break. There will be minor adjustments to schedules throughout the summer as I work to balance out classes. All students will receive a new copy of their schedule in August. We do this again as the new schedules will have locker numbers and combinations on them.

I am looking forward to great things from all of our students and staff as we begin a new year where the kindergartners will be the class of 2029! I hope that everyone has a fantastic summer and that the students return with a passion for success. I know that I will. Happy summer!

Sincerely,

Brad Agee
Dean of IT