



## TWAIN HARTE SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter for the week of August 29th

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**September 5**      **Labor Day Holiday, no school**  
**September 7**      **School Pictures, watch for the Lifetouch order form!**  
                         **Minimum day dismissal, 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 1:35 p.m.**

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We are excited about the new year and all of the great things we've got in store. Our first few days have gone smoothly thanks to all the hard work the teachers and office staff have put into preparing for them. It was great to see all the smiling faces and shiny new shoes on our students on the first day!

If you are new to Twain Harte School, I will write this weekly newsletter that will include important information about the goings on around school and upcoming events. We send this out as both a hard copy with your students, and email a copy to the address we have on file.

I'd like to welcome our newest Braves! Rick Hennes joins us as our new, part time superintendent. Mr. Hennes has had many years' experience as a school administrator and educational leader and we're thrilled to have him bring his knowledge and experience to Twain Harte!

In addition to Mr. Hennes we're pleased to have Mrs. Gnipp join us as our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade special Education teacher, and Mr. Gray as our full-time TK-8 Music teacher! We're sure that Mrs. Gnipp and Mr. Gray will be great additions to the Twain Harte Family!

If you've visited the school this week, you likely have noticed that we are in the midst of a fire alarm upgrade project. We were hoping to have the job completed before school began, but unfortunately we still have the contractors working on in. The construction crew has shifted to coming after students leave, so there will be no danger to them. We are also working with the fire department to make sure we stay compliant as we transition to a new, more modern system that will connect all the buildings on campus under one system. This is an important project that will allow us to ensure our students are safe, and will also bring us up to current code, which is important for future projects we have slated.

If you live up the hill, you've undoubtedly had to deal with traffic delays due to tree removal activities. Unfortunately, our school buses are having to deal with those same traffic issues. Because the traffic delays are unpredictable, sometimes we'll have no delay, and other times the bus may be many minutes behind schedule due to being held up in traffic. We thank you for your patience as we all work through this challenging schedule.

Go Braves!

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