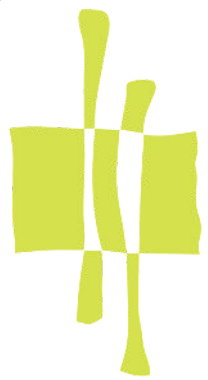




# A little bragging...



## UNIQUE ORIGIN STORY

An energetic group of parents founded Two Rivers in 2004 with 150 students with four ideals at the forefront: project-based learning that is rigorous and joyful, social-emotional learning, a full complement of specials, and a diverse community.



## COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY

In response to COVID burdens, Two Rivers created the "Neighbor in Need" fundraising campaign, which raised nearly \$100,000 to supply emergency food and other resources to families.



## IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIPS

In order to foster stellar learning opportunities, Two Rivers has deep ties with local businesses, non-profits, and public offices including NoMa BID, Capitol Hill Community Foundation, NorthBay Adventure Camp, and members of City Council.



## REIGNING CHAMPIONS

The Two Rivers Sharks have been league champions in co-ed soccer (in their inaugural year), girls and boys volleyball, and girls and boys basketball. The girls basketball team is currently back-to-back champs!



## STUDENT ACTIVISM

Seventh graders created works of performance poetry as a climax to their module on resistance and resilience. Congresswoman DeLauro (D-CT) honored the students and their teachers by pronouncing the booklet, *The Power of Student Voices*, into the Congressional Record.



## TOWERING ARTS PROGRAM

Two Rivers has a go-go band (Tidal Wave), an elementary school chorus that performed on the National Mall, and an annual middle school musical (in its 14th year of performing).



## JOURNEY TOWARDS ANTIRACISM

All staff engage in year-long, small group conversations to surface personal implicit bias and systemic inequity around race and other lines of difference. Anchor texts have included *Street Data*, *Unconscious Bias in Schools*, *Blindspot*, and *Courageous Conversations About Race*.

## UNIQUE EXPEDITIONS

Reporter Delia Goncalves of WUSA9 discovered that learning expeditions are designed to help students solve the world's stickiest problems. With the pandemic taking center stage in their lives, middle schoolers researched and wrote op-ed articles about problems in their own lives over the last year, such as degrading mental health and increasing food insecurity. Then, they engineered app-based solutions on code.org and promoted their products through commercials.

## NOTABLE GUESTS

**Arne Duncan, US Secretary of Education**, praised the school, saying, "The model you're creating here... is very, very significant... I couldn't be more proud. Keep it going, don't stop!"

**Muriel Bowser, DC Mayor**, speaking at the Two Rivers Young Elementary School ribbon-cutting ceremony shared her excitement about our new campus and the contributions Two Rivers would make to the Carver Langston community.

**Ron Berger, Chief Academic Officer of EL Education** said "There is no school that I have visited in 43 years that takes instruction more seriously than this school, that gets more geeky, more obsessed, more worried about getting instruction right for kids than this place."

**Deborah Kenny, author of *Born to Rise* and CEO of Harlem Village Academies** said, "You have done something extraordinary - this is a fabulous place."

**Eduardo Briceno, CEO of Mindset Works** said during his visit, "As I've walked around your classrooms, I have seen students grappling and applying learning to meaningful tasks and activities."