

Blast Info for 7/16

Hi Rescue Families!

I hope that you are enjoying your summer! This is Dustin Haley, Principal of Rescue Elementary with some important information for you about the upcoming school year. Please read below:

- **School Office Opens 7/25** – The office will open on July 25th from 7:30am – 3:30pm until school begins on August 9th. Hours will then be adjusted to 7:30am – 4:00pm.
- **Bell Schedule and Calendar** - Both the bell schedule and the calendar are posted on our school website at www.rescueelementary.org. Please review and make note of dates and times. There is a list of holidays and minimum days on the calendar as well.
- **Kindergarten Assessment Day** – Do you have a student starting in either Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten? If so, they will need to participate in beginning assessments with our Kindergarten team! These assessments help our team determine what skills students already possess and what areas they may need support. Assessments will be taking place on August 2nd. Sign-ups for designated timeslots on those days will be sent out soon via Sign-up Genius.
- **Popsicles on the Playground** – Rescue Elementary PTC will be hosting an informal time for Rescue families to play on the playground and enjoy some cool popsicles on Thursday, August 2nd from 11:00am – 1:00pm. This is a great opportunity for kids to meet up with their friends and to welcome new families to our community. We hope to see you there!
- **Extended Day** – Families interested in using the County Extended Day program are required to register their student(s). There are two available days (August 2nd and August 8th). Families will not be able to register their students on the first day of school (8/9). Please go to www.eday.edcoe.org for more information.
- **School Communication** – Communication is very important to us. We will be sending out monthly newsletters on the first day of the month with key dates and school information as well as sending weekly emails on Sundays to families. Our school website is also a great resource for accessing Rescue School information. In order to ensure that you receive school information, please make sure your contact information is updated in Parent Portal. Please contact the office if you need assistance.
- **First Day of School** – The first day of school is Thursday, August 9th. Traffic is traditionally heavy on the first few days of schools. Please plan accordingly. Our overflow parking (Rescue West) will be open and is to the right of our Kindergarten building. Students are not to be on campus unattended prior to 8:30am.
- **Back to School Night** – The Rescue staff is looking forward to meeting you at Back to School Night on Thursday, August 9th. All grade levels with the exception of Kindergarten will meet in

their classrooms (Kindergarten families will meet in the Gym). You will get information regarding daily schedule, classroom expectations, school-wide expectations, homework policy, parent volunteers and much more. Below is the Back to School Night Schedule. Please note the time to report to the gym is 6:15pm. I will briefly speak with you regarding a few procedures and announcements. We hope to see you there!

- 5:30 – Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-2
- 6:15pm – School Information (Gym)
- 6:45pm – Grades 3-5

- **Finger Printing and TB Clearance** – Volunteers are required to be fingerprinted and have TB clearance with the District. Staff will be available on August 9th at Back to School Night from 5:30pm to 7:30pm if you are interested. The cost is \$60.

- **Cross Country** – Is your student interested in participating on our Cross Country team? Each participant will need to complete the Cross Country packet prior to practicing with the team. Practice begins Monday, August 13th from 3:10pm – 4:00pm. Packets are available in the school office.

- **Volunteer Coordinator Positions Available** – Are you interested in helping at Rescue Elementary? There are several opportunities for folks to help out that is conducive to their schedule and perhaps their areas of interest. We would love to have you! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

- **Get Connected** – Are you on Facebook and want to know more about Rescue School? Please like the PTC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RescueElementaryPtc/> to get regular updates on events and activities.

We are looking forward to a great year with your children. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you soon!

Dustin Haley

Principal