



# Raider Notes

Rescue  
Elementary School

Dustin Haley, Principal

June 2019

## Principal's Message

Dear Rescue Families!

Congratulations on a great school year. I have really enjoyed getting to know your children and you! As we enter summer vacation, I wanted to take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the students, staff and family members of the Rescue Elementary School Community. Everyone has worked very hard together to build a pride in our school and the accomplishments of students. It truly was a memorable 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rescue School! With that in mind, it is important to recognize that without all of you, we would not be able to make this happen. I am so proud of the efforts of everyone and wanted to take a moment to share my appreciation.

Thank you so much to our outstanding PTC group. The group of parents and teachers consists of hard-working, positive, supportive, and extremely capable members who always give so willingly of their time, talents, and energy whenever and wherever they were needed. Whether it is organizing school events, providing activities for students, snacks for testing, loving on our staff (I could go on and on!), our PTC is always there to help. Members have been so supportive of our programs, and we really appreciate you!

Thank you to our teachers who have worked tirelessly to provide a productive and positive learning climate where opportunities for quality instruction, and creativity are experienced. I appreciate your commitment to educating the "whole child," and your involvement in the myriad of events and activities in and outside of the classroom. Truly these folks do an incredible job, and I am grateful to work alongside you with students.

I wanted to thank our support staff and classified staff who consistently demonstrate the highest degree of dedication and professional performance. We are indeed fortunate to have so many wonderful, warm and caring people to work with and nurture our children.

Lastly, thank you to our students who have worked hard and demonstrated progress in their academics. They continue to amaze us with their skills, creativity, and performance. Students have willingly served our school by their involvement, support of others, and demonstrating general kindness, respect, and consideration for each other. The Rescue Elementary School staff cherishes the privilege we have in being able to work with such wonderful children. I am excited about the impact that our outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will make next year, while eagerly anticipating the continued growth and excellence displayed by our students as well.

All the people above make up the community of Rescue Elementary School. They are the ingredients that make Rescue Elementary School such a special place. I look forward to next year and all that it will bring. I am confident that we will continue to grow and expand our abilities to provide the highest quality education for your children. It is our goal to continue to work with you, as parents and community members, so we can help children be successful and reach their highest potential.

Thank you all, and have a great summer!

Go Giants!

Dustin Haley  
Principal

## Calendar for 2019-2020

The calendar for the 2019-2020 school year is available! Please click [here](#) to access the calendar. Below are a list of important dates for you to consider:

July 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Office is Open
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	TK & K Assessments
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Orientation
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of School
TBD	Back to School Night

## Class Assignments for 2019-2020

Rescue Elementary School will be using the Parent Portal to notify families of a child's class assignment for the 2019-20 school year. In the spirit of protecting each family's confidentiality, a child's class assignment will only be available to a parent through their Parent Portal account. Families will receive a notification at the end of July stating when those assignments will be available. Rescue Elementary School is not able to grant teacher requests to families.

## Parent Portal Information

Have you recently moved or updated your information? Please make sure you update your info through the Parent Portal. This helps the school update its database in the event that we need to contact you and provide you with important information. Thank you for your help!

## Summer Office Hours

The office will be open from May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am – 3:30pm. At that point, the office will be closed for the summer from June 10<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The office will open on July 24<sup>th</sup> with the same hours listed above until school begins on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Rescue District Office is open throughout the summer from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

**Bell Schedule**

All grade levels will begin at 8:45 a.m. next year. Please pay attention to the individual schedules for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Grades 1 – 5 will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Early Release Days are scheduled for Wednesdays at which students in grades 1 – 5 will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. The bell schedule in detail will be posted to the Rescue School website during the summer for your reference. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

**Fingerprinting Required for Volunteers**

We want to extend a warm welcome to those who are interested in volunteering at Rescue Elementary School. Your time and support of our students and staff is much appreciated. You help foster strong school/community relationships by creating a common ownership in the success of our schools, as well as demonstrating the importance of community service to our students. In order to ensure the safety of our students, volunteers need to fulfill the following requirements as listed in the RUSD Quick Reference Guide. Volunteers who have not been fingerprinted with the district will need to do so to be a Level II Volunteer. To assist with this, Rescue Union School District will provide finger printing services and TB screening. Dates and times will be provided later in July. Please refer to the Quick Reference Guide and contact Karen Schudy at (530) 677-4816 if you have any questions.

**Enrollment Packets for 2019-2020**

Enrollment packets for the 2019-2020 school year for Kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten and new students are now available at the school office for pick up. The office is now accepting completed registration packets between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please do not use any on-line forms. A complete packet from the school office with forms for next school year is required to register. Partial packets will not be accepted. Please turn in your packets as soon as you are able, as it helps with planning. Registration packets will be available at the District Office from June 10<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please turn your completed packets to the District Office during that timeline. The Rescue School Office will be open beginning July 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the District Office at (530) 677-4461 if you have any questions.

**What Can Students Do to Stay Sharp During Summer?**

Many of you have asked for advice on what students should do during the summer to continue “exercising” their brains. While we want students to enjoy their vacation, students can really benefit from continuing to read and work on their math fluency.

- Students should read at least 20 minutes per day. This can be done individually or together as a family. Either way, this is a great opportunity for students to stay in the routine while continuing to develop their reading skills.
- For math fluency, students should work on Reflex Math 15 minutes per day. Students are able to continue their progress as their accounts are still available to them. If they complete their assigned level, please email Mr. Haley at [dhaley@rescueusd.org](mailto:dhaley@rescueusd.org), and he will update your student’s Reflex account. If you do not have computer access, please use flash cards with your students so they build their math fluency.
- Parents wanting students to practice writing should consider having students keep a journal of their summer activities. At the end of each day, have them write a summary of what they did that day. To encourage them, write back to your students.
- Typing Agent is also available for students to work on their keyboarding skills. Students can access Reflex Math and Typing Agent on the bottom of our school website.

Please let Mr. Haley know if you have any questions.

**Kindergarten Assessments**

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 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups for designated timeslots on those days will be sent out soon.

**“Rescue West” Parking**

Traffic is always a challenge the first week of school. Please take advantage of the “Rescue West” parking area. This parking area is located on the field next to our Kindergarten building. This parking area provides additional parking for our community so people can park their cars and walk their students to their designated areas safely. When entering, please enter through the fire road next to the Kindergarten building and turn right into the lot. You may use the gate to the sidewalk to walk your children safely to classes and events. Please use the exit gate that takes you to the end of our other parking lot and onto Green Valley Road.