



# Raider Notes

Rescue  
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal

April 2024

## Principal's Message

Hello Rescue Families, I hope you had a chance to have some quality family time over the break. Spring break is a unique time to make long lasting memories far away or in our own backyard. Either way, it was a nice break to refocus and get ready for the last eight weeks of school.

You are going to see some big changes on our campus when we get back from break. There will be a fence around the majority of our multipurpose room. We are beginning a remodel that will include some much needed improvements to our multipurpose room. The multipurpose room remodel will include new floors, an indoor stage, new restrooms, new kitchen, and a new outdoor eating area. This will allow for an improved functionality of our multipurpose room and a fresh look to our campus. Students will continue to use the multipurpose room for the remainder of this school year. The crew will begin work on the exterior of the building until school is out. I will give continual updates throughout the year on the progress of the remodel. The project should be completed in February 2025.

Our Character Trait for the month of April is a focus on Perseverance. Perseverance is a crucial character trait that plays a significant role in our student's academic journey. Perseverance involves determination and resilience needed to overcome challenges and obstacles encountered in school. Students who show perseverance are not easily discouraged by setbacks or failures but instead use them as opportunities to learn and grow. Perseverance helps maintain a positive attitude, stay focused on goals, and demonstrate consistent effort and commitment to studies, ultimately achieving success through unwavering perseverance.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin practicing for the Smarter Balanced Assessment which is scheduled to be given between April 22nd-May 3rd. This test is the normal assessment given by the state of California to measure how well students meet their grade level standards. Students will be tested in language arts, math, 5th Grade will take a science assessment. During this month, our students will become familiar with the online format/platform and will practice within their classes. As they do so, classes will focus on not just getting the right answer, but also being able to explain their thinking so they can make claims and then support them with evidence and details. I would encourage you to take a look at the practice assessments on <https://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/parent-resources.html> There you will have an opportunity to see sample questions and familiarize yourself with the testing format.

Thank you for all you do to support your children's education.

See you soon,

Todd McGinnis

## Calendar of Events

- **Monday, April 1st—No school**
- **Wednesday, April 3rd— Early Release**
- Thursday, April 4th—Kindergarten Field Trip to Folsom Zoo
- Tuesday, April 9th—Amazing Animals onsite field trip
- **Wednesday, April 10th— Early Release**
- Friday, April 12th—Spirit Day—Pajama Day
- Tuesday, April 16th—1st Grade Field Trip to Placerville Library
- **Wednesday, April 17th— Early Release**
- Dental Van at Rescue
- Friday, March 19th—3rd & 5th Grade Field Trip Alice in Wonderland @ PG
- Friday, April 19th—4th Grade Field Trip to Marshall Gold
- Monday, April 29th—CAASP Testing starts 3rd-5th grade
- **Wednesday, April 30th—Early Release**

## Counselor's Corner

Happy spring everyone!

Hopefully the rain is pretty much behind us and we can start preparing for summer! Hard to believe we only have a few months left of the school year.

This month we will be focusing on Perseverance. This means having persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. This is key for our last few months of school to help finish strong! I will be doing guidance lessons in our classrooms to help further teach how to get through things when they are hard.

Have a great month!

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## TK, Kinder & New Student Registration

Packets are now available on the district website and in the office

TK children must be turning 5 between September 2, 2024 and June 2, 2025. If your student already attends Rescue Elementary you do not need to re-register your student for Kindergarten or any other grade level.


<https://www.rescueelementary.org/Parents/2024-2025-Enrollment-Form/index.html>



### Rescue Union Food Service

**What's Cooking?**  
One of our favorite meals is Orange Chicken and Fried Rice. The chicken is whole muscle and tossed in a zesty sauce. We make the fried rice fresh, adding peas, carrots and scrambled eggs. The students love this meal!

This month we are featuring blueberries from Rancho La Familia. They are a small family farm located in Santa Barbara county. The owner, Virginia, started as a farm worker and has realized her dream of owning and operating a farm with her family.



## Volunteers

We are excited to welcome our parents or community members to volunteer and help out in our schools and classrooms. If you would like to become a volunteer please visit the district website at <http://www.rescueusd.org/Resources/Volunteers/index.html> to review the volunteer handbook and fill out the appropriate volunteer packet and return it to your school office. If you have previously volunteered for our district, please contact your student's school office and communicate with the site secretary to verify that you are on the approved volunteer list.

## School Attendance

Daily school attendance is critical for a student's academic success. Parents are strongly encouraged to schedule medical appointments during non-school hours. Should your student be absent, please call the school (677-2720) by 9:00 am to report the absence. All students arriving after 8:55 am must check in at the office. It is important for students to be on time as it sets the tone for their learning for the day. Thank you for your support in your student's learning.



## Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

**Drop Off Procedures:** The drop off areas are located in front of the school office. When entering the drop off area, pull forward. Please do not leave your car unattended unless you are in a parking spot. Please do not drop off your students before 8:40a.m

### Pick Up Procedures:

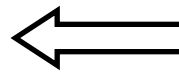
1. Grade level families wanting to pick up their children on campus may wait either near the Rescue West parking lot or on the lower blacktop near the Library/Picnic table area. Please do not wait outside of your child's classroom. Your child's teacher will walk their class out. ***Please do not walk onto the blacktop or playground area until the dismissal bell rings.***
2. Please do not park in handicap spaces unless you have a placard.
3. Please also leave the EDCOE parking spaces empty in the kindergarten parking lot. We have 3 to 4 vans that park in those spots daily to pick up students.

Thank you for your support in keeping your children safe. Please contact Mr. McGinnis if you have any questions.

## Garden



April's garden class is going to be planting warm season seeds for the garden and planting flowers for Mother's Day.



- **Fever:** If your child has a fever they are required to stay home until they are fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication (Tylenol, Motrin, etc).
- **Vomiting and/or Diarrhea:** Please keep your student home until they have at least one full day of normal health (no vomiting and/or diarrhea).
- **For Colds and Flu's:** If your child must be fever free for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medications) and the cold/flu symptoms must be resolved or improving to return to school.



## Music

4th graders are working hard on the recorders, learning some fun songs to play for our Spring Music Concert on Tuesday, May 14th at 6pm with an assembly earlier that day. The 5th Grade Band had a successful performance at the 5th Grade Band Festival and is now working on music they will be performing at the Spring Music Concert after the 4th graders perform on recorders, which includes a selection of band arrangements and solo works.