



# Raider Notes

Rescue  
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal  
December 2022

## Principal's Message

Hi Rescue Families!

I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family last week. Our students, teachers and families have made education a priority this year and have been working diligently each day since the beginning of the school year. We have definitely had a more consistent start to our school year when compared to last year. We continue to be excited about the gains our students are making and the continual growth we are seeing academically and socially.

We have many great events and activities coming up for our students and families. PTC will be hosting the Candy Cane Lane Holiday Event on Saturday 12/17 from 4pm to 7pm. The event will have games, crafts, cookie decorating, food trucks, and a chance to get a photo with Santa. Tickets for this event may be purchased at [rescueptc.com](http://rescueptc.com).

Our students will be giving a holiday performance in the multipurpose room this year. The Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten class will be performing on 12/20 from 9:10am to 9:40am. 1st through 5th grade will be having a short performance on 12/21 from 9:00am to 9:30am.

Our Character Trait for the month of December is a focus on critical thinking. This is a very challenging, but rewarding skill. This is a life skill that is very important for our students to learn. It requires patience, elbow grease and stamina. Often, people feel compelled to give up if they don't master something early on. However, when one sticks with something, the feeling is sweet when goals are achieved. Please ask your students to share what they feel is one of their most memorable accomplishments and then share one of yours with them. No matter the response, I suspect that the reason it is so memorable is that it took time and perseverance to achieve. Imagine what it would be like if we all applied that same level of grit and determination in everything we do. Encourage your children to do their personal best. If they don't master a skill the first time, keep on trying. Our kids are amazing and capable of great things if they put their minds to it!

As a reminder, we will be on winter break from December 23rd–January 6th, returning to school on Monday, January 9th. Thank you to all our families for being so supportive this year and making so many things possible for our school. I hope you have a safe and healthy December and make wonderful memories with your family.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,  
Todd McGinnis  
Principal  
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## Calendar of Events

- Thursday, December 1st—Awards Assembly 4th & 5th
- Friday, December 2nd—Awards Assembly 1st-3rd
- **Wednesday, December 7th—Early Release**
- Friday, December 9th—Fire Drill 10:40
- Tuesday, December 13th—Board Meeting 6:30pm
- **Wednesday, December 14th—Early Release**
- Saturday, December 17th—Candy Cane Lane PTC Holiday Event 4-7pm
- Tuesday, December 20th—TK and Kinder Holiday Performance 9:10am
- Tuesday, December 20th—Band Concert 6pm
- Tuesday, December 20th—PTC Meeting 7pm
- Wednesday, December 21st—1st-5th Holiday Performance 9:00am
- **Wednesday, December 21st—Early Release**
- Thursday, December 22nd—Pajama Day
- **Thursday, December 22nd—Minimum Day 12:55 Dismissal**
- December 23-January 6—**No School Winter Break**

## 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 at 8:55 or after 8:55 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.



## Rescue Union Food Service



### What's Cooking?

Did you know that our nachos are made fresh on site and are gluten free? They can also be served without the turkey taco meat for a vegetarian option. When paired with fresh broccoli and our house-made ranch dressing, this meal is one your child will love.

The Harvest of the month for December is broccoli. Look for broccoli to be offered as part of our garden bar selections. For more information about the Harvest of the Month [click here](#).

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Christmas break is almost here! Please take time during the winter break to reflect, relax and recharge. It's important that our students have time to take a break from school-work and enjoy this time with family and friends. Let's think of all that has been accomplished in 2022 and consider goals for 2023.

I will be putting together some social groups when we return from break. These groups will focus on skills such as friendship building, social skills, and how to manage stress. More information to come.

I hope everyone has a very happy holiday and looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year when we return from break.

Stay safe and well! Terry

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The El Dorado Community Health Dental van will be at Rescue Elementary 1/31 through 2/2. In order to participate, families need to return the attached form to the office or contact EDCHC directly at (530) 497-5016. More information can be found on the website.



**DENTAL VAN IS COMING!**

Registration forms located at the school office  
Or online at [www.edchc.org](http://www.edchc.org)  
Info line: (530) 497-5016



<https://www.edchc.org/dentalproviders>

### After-School Tutoring Homework Support

This is a FREE opportunity for all students in grades TK-8, with a teacher will be on-site to help with homework.

Bring ALL of your homework  
Don't forget to bring any books & notes you need  
Chromebooks will be on-site for any homework that needs it

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday  
4:15 pm- 5:15 pm

The Clubhouse at Glenview Apartments  
(2361 Bass Lake Rd, Cameron Park)

### Music

Our 5th Grade Winter Band Concert is coming up soon on December 20th at 6pm in the gym. Band students need to arrive by 5:45pm for set up and our concert will be about 1/2 an hour long. The band will also perform for the school at 2:30pm on the 20th. Please wear Festive attire for both the afternoon and evening concerts (ugly Christmas sweaters, Santa hats, etc.).

4th graders have started learning how to read music on the staff and will be finishing up playing the bells this month. We will start a short drumming unit when we get back from winter break and then learn recorders in the spring!

Mrs. Olson will be performing on flute and piccolo in the Folsom Lake Symphony's winter concert at the Harris Center on December 10th and 11th and in the orchestra pit for the Nutcracker at the Harris Center December 15-18th! Tickets can be purchased at [www.harriscenter.net](http://www.harriscenter.net)

### Garden

This month in the garden we will be making bird feeders as well as talking about cover crops and winter gardening.



### A few reminders

If your child needs medication before school please keep them home, not only for the safety of other students but a sick student isn't able to be fully present.

Cough drops need to be kept in the nurse's office, students may not carry them on their own.

Crutches, casts, and a brace need a note from the doctor listing time frame and any restrictions.



## 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 8:40 a.m.

**Pick Up Procedures:**

Please make sure you follow the following procedures when picking up your child after school:

- If you are walking on campus, please wait by the covered picnic table area. Please do not wait outside of your child's classroom. Your child's teacher will walk their class out.
- Kindergarten families will pick up their children outside of the Kindergarten Playground next to the Rescue West gravel parking area. Please hold a sign with your child's name on it.
- If you are picking your child up in front of the office, please pull forward to the end of the curb to help the flow of traffic. **Please have a sheet of paper with your student(s) name in the visor.** This will help us expedite the flow of traffic. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended at the curb.
- All students need to be picked up by 3:20 p.m. on regular days and by 2:20 p.m. on Early Release days. We are not able to supervise students after that period of time.
- If you choose to park and meet your student, please use the appropriate entrance and park in the appropriate spaces. Please do not park in handicap spaces unless you have a placard.
- Those wishing to use our Rescue West overflow parking, please use the entrance at the west end of the parking lot to enter. We will be closing the bar gate near the Kindergarten building for the safety of students and parents. Thank you for your help with this.

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

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## Art

During the month of December, student artists will continue to enjoy the well-known and influential artist Mary Cassatt. Our students will have a chance to go into the art room and learn about this historical artist and create a Cassatt inspired art project. Each month, students will be able to learn about a new artist and create art projects.



## Reminders

### Lost and Found

Please make sure your child has his/her name in their jacket. If your child has lost a jacket, please check the fence along the lunch table area, anything left will be donated over winter break.



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## Rescue Parent Teacher Club

The Rescue Parent Teacher Club provides a great forum for parents, teachers, and staff members at Rescue Elementary School. The Rescue PTC supports the education of children by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers. PTC meetings are held every **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** Board members, community members, parents, staff members, and teachers join together to discuss their ideas and plan events to support the needs of the school and encourage community involvement. New members and supporters are always welcome! Please check out the PTC website at [www.rescueptc.com](http://www.rescueptc.com) for more information! They are also located on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RescueElementaryPTC](https://www.facebook.com/RescueElementaryPTC).

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## Rescue School Website

Communication is very important for our Rescue community. There are several ways to receive information for our school. We recommend families access our school website for school information and announcements. The school calendar will provide families with monthly events so you are able to stay involved and participate. Please note that Rescue School events will be preceded with "RS." If you have a Gmail account, you should be able to sync the school calendar with your personal one! You will also be able to view the bell schedule for the 2022-2023 school year. Each teacher will be updating their own web links to the web page to provide information about their class for parents. Our PTC also has a link that shares important information on events and needs for community members. Lastly, Mr. McGinnis will provide a week at a glance to provide any important information or updates for families. This will be sent out before next week. A monthly newsletter will also be sent out to inform families of events at the school. Please contact your student's teacher or the school office if you have any questions.