



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal
December 2023

Principal's Message

Calendar of Events

Hello Rescue Families,

I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family last week. As we begin this busy time of year, we are committed to prioritizing education while including enjoyable traditional activities throughout the month. The commitment to academic excellence and fostering school spirit is an integral part of what sets Rescue Elementary apart.

We have many great events and activities coming up for our students and families. On Friday 12/15 we will have hot cocoa and pictures with Santa. Come celebrate the holidays from 4-5:30pm and enjoy some hot cocoa and get a picture with in the multipurpose room. You can take your own photo or receive a complimentary digital photo from Dorian Studios.

Our students will be giving a holiday performance in the multipurpose room this year. The Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten class will be performing on 12/19 from 9:10am to 9:40am. 1st through 5th grade will be having a short performance on 12/20 from 9:00am to 9:30am. The 1st-5th performance will begin with the 1st graders performing then we move through 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and finish with 5th grade.

Our Character Trait for the month of December is a focus on Citizenship. Being a good citizen in school involves demonstrating respect for others, including both peers and teachers. It means actively participating in classroom activities, discussions, and group projects with a positive and cooperative attitude. Good citizens also adhere to school rules and policies, promoting a safe and conducive learning environment for everyone. Additionally, being responsible for one's own actions, completing assignments on time, and showing empathy towards classmates contribute to the overall well-being of the school community.

As a reminder, we will be on winter break from Friday December 22nd– January 5th, returning to school on Monday, January 8th. Thank you to all of 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.

Sincerely

Todd McGinnis, Principal

- Wednesday, December 6th—**Early Release**
- Friday, December 8th—Fire Drill
- Tuesday, December 12th—Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Wednesday, December 13th **Early Release**
- Tuesday, December 19th - Holiday Performance TK & K 9:10 am
- Tuesday, December 19th - Holiday Band Performance 6pm
- Wednesday, December 20th **Early Release**
- Wednesday, December 20th Holiday Performance 1st-5th 9:00am
- Friday, December 22nd—January 5th **No School**
- Monday January 8th—School Resumes





Rescue Union Food Service

What's Cooking?

We make our Apple-Pie and Cinnamon Crumble pan bread from scratch in our central kitchen. It's made with healthy ingredients such as whole oats, stoned ground whole wheat flour, applesauce and yogurt. It's fresh and delicious and the students love it!

We are featuring red and gold organic kiwis this month from Wild River Fruit in Marysville. This family owned farm located along the Yuba river builds owl-box homes for the local wild owls who in turn help control the gopher and vole population on their land.



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.

Art

In the month of December the rest of the students at Rescue will still be working on the paintings inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe. A small group will be introduced to Grandma Moses, an American folk artist who did not start painting until she was 78 years old. Also, the Art Room has gotten in the holiday spirit, with a decorated Art Tree and Art Garland. Come by and see the mini-masterpieces I created over the summer. ~ Miss Jamie



Counselor's Corner

Happy holidays everyone! It's hard to believe that 2023 is coming to an end! This month we will be focusing on the character trait citizenship. I will be visiting classrooms as well as doing activities with our students to help learn more about citizenship.

Small groups are also running and are available. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

I hope everyone has an amazing time spending it with friends and family. Please make sure to get plenty of rest. I will see everyone in the new year!

Terry Libbon M.S., PPS
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Rescue Elementary School
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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, Rescue School events will be preceded with "RS." If you have a Gmail account, you can sync the school calendar with your personal one! You will also be able to view the bell schedule for the 2023-2024 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 the coming 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.

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

This month's garden lesson is about holiday plants around the world. Where we live has different plants depending on climates, Christmas cactus, poinsettia and birch are just a few.



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 **3rd 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 for more information! They are also located on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RescueElementaryPTC.



- **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

All the 4th graders and the 5th grade band will be performing in an assembly for the school on Tuesday, December 19th at 2:30pm in the gym.

You are invited to attend the Rescue Elementary Winter Music Concert at 6pm on Tuesday, December 19th in the Gym! The 5th grade band will be performing and all 4th grade students are invited to perform the pieces we have been working on in class before the band performs. 4th graders planning on attending the concert will need to be in the gym by 5:55pm and plan on staying for the entire concert (it is about 1/2 an hour long).

2023-2024

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

ENTRIES DUE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

Students of all grades are invited to create a unique and original cover design for our 2023-2024 yearbook. The winning design, selected by votes of the 5th grade class, will be featured on the front cover of the yearbook. All submitted entries will be featured inside the yearbook.

The theme this year is: **“Out of this World”**

All entries must meet the following criteria*:

- Create your design using the supplied cardstock, or any 8.5" by 11" sheet of cardstock.
- Use a vertical orientation.
- The design must be hand drawn by the student and must be an original design.
- Your name, grade and teacher should be written on an additional separate sheet attached with a paperclip (no staples) to your entry form.

Artwork MUST include:

1. The date: "2023-2024"
2. The name of our school "Rescue Elementary."

Tips for a good entry:

- Add color -- crayons, coloring pencils, markers etc. The brighter the better!!
- Aim for no white space (the entire paper is covered in color).
- Use the entire area for your design (but stay inside the bold line).
- Be creative and have fun!!

Cover entries are due by Thursday, December 14th. Students can hand in their entries to their teacher. No late entries will be accepted.

The winner will be announced in May when their design is displayed on the yearbook cover. All submissions will have an honorable mention in the yearbook.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Christina Tackett at rescueptcsecretary@gmail.com

***ARTWORK NOT MEETING NOTED CRITERIA WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE YEARBOOK COVER.**