



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal

February 2024

Principal's Message

Hello Rescue Families,

February is a busy time of year as the second trimester quickly approaches, and our teachers and students remain focused on reaching our goals. Information regarding these goals will be highlighted in their report cards at the end of February. I greatly appreciate the effort our staff and students put in each day at Rescue Elementary; it truly is an amazing place to be!

For the month of February, we will be focusing on the character trait of **empathy**. This is an important topic for elementary students to be introduced to, as we all have different life experiences, family dynamics, and challenges. To have empathy is to try and understand what someone else is going through based on their life experiences. Understanding empathy is very valuable at school; it's a great way to expand our understanding of the world around us.

February is going to be a busy month. Our after-school enrichment classes will begin on February 12th, offering a variety of fun and engaging classes for all ages. Additionally, we have a family skate event on February 19th from 10 am to 12 pm. Check the flyer for more information. Lastly, we will kick off our Read-a-Thon toward the end of the month. The Read-a-Thon fundraiser will include reading challenges and fun activities, raising money for new shelving in the library to expand the number of books available to our students. Thank you to our PTC for supporting these events at Rescue Elementary, it would never happen without you!

Have a fantastic February,

Todd McGinnis
Principal

Calendar of Events

- Thursday, February 1st—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Monday, February 5th—Basketball game @ home vs LV Boys 4pm, Girls 5:15
- Tuesday, February 6th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- **Wednesday, February 7th— Early Release**
- Wednesday, February 7th —Basketball @ Jackson Girls 4pm, Boys 5:15
- Thursday, February 8th—Sports spirit day
- Thursday, February 8th— Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Friday, February 9th—Spring pictures
- **Monday, February 12th—Lincoln's Day No School**
- Tuesday, February 13th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Tuesday, February 13th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
- **Wednesday, February 14th— Early Release**
- Wednesday, February 14th—Girls Basketball Practice 2:30
- Thursday, February 15th —Basketball @ home vs GV Boys 4pm, Girls 5:15
- Friday, February 16th—1st Grade play
- **Monday, February 19th President's Day No School**
- Monday, February 19th - 10am PTC Family Skate Roller-Land
- Tuesday, February 20th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Tuesday, February 20th—PTC Meeting 7pm
- **Wednesday, February 21st— Early Release**
- Wednesday, February 21st —Basketball @ Home vs LV Girls 4pm, Boys 5:15
- Friday, February 23rd—Western spirit day
- Friday, February 23rd 3:30-5:30 Read-a-Thon kickoff event
- **Wednesday, February 28th— Early Release**
- Wednesday, February 28th—Basketball @ LV Girls 4pm, Boys 5:15

Counselor's Corner

I hope everyone made it through the long month of January. We are now heading into February where this month I will be doing guidance lessons on **empathy**, the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. This will help our students be able to build those social connections. When kids feel understood and supported, they are more likely to stay motivated.

I am also running small social groups, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out! Have a great month everyone!

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TK, Kinder & New Student Registration

Packets are now available on the district website and in the office. We will begin accepting completed packets on February 7th.

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?

We make our Peaches and Cream overnight oats from scratch at the central kitchen. Made with rolled oats, vanilla yogurt, milk and canned peaches, this is a healthy and delicious breakfast option. We top it with our homemade granola and a small dollop of whipped cream. Try it at home – you'll love it!

This month we are featuring mandarin oranges from JJ Citrus in Orlando. They are a small family farm featuring Satsuma mandarins and other citrus fruits.

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

The students at Rescue will be learning about the Japanese artist and printmaker known simply as Hokusai. He is best known for the woodblock print series that includes the famous print The Great Wave off Kanagawa. We will be working with ink pens, pastels and watercolor paper. ~ Miss Jamie



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

In February we are going to be planting seeds, and talking about cool season plants that can be grown in late winter and early spring

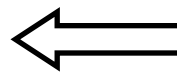


Enrichment & Read-a-Thon

Enrichment enrollment is now open and closes on February 7th. Classes start the week of February 12th, Monday classes start February 26th. Check out our offerings here:

<https://www.homeroom.com/sites/rescue-elementary-rescue/enrichment>

Join the Rescue PTC as they host a Read-a-Thon kick off event Friday, February 23rd from 3:30-5:30. This free event will be filled with fun games centered around reading. *Pizza and Kettle corn will be available for purchase.



- **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

5th Grade Band is preparing music to perform in the 5th Grade Districtwide Band Festival! All 5th Grade Band students from the Rescue Union School District will meet at Pleasant Grove Middle School in the gym on Wednesday, March 13th at 2:30pm for a rehearsal and will perform for family members at 4:30pm.

4th graders are working hard learning how to play recorders in their music classes! They are invited to perform at the 5th Grade Band's Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 14th at 6pm in the MP Room, so mark your calendars!



JOIN RESCUE ELEMENTARY FOR PRIVATE

Family Skating

MONDAY
19TH
FEBRUARY

PRESALE TICKETS*
AVAILABLE FOR \$6
UNTIL JANUARY 31ST.

10:00AM TO 12:00PM
SUNRISE ROLLER LAND
6001 SUNRISE VISTA DR.
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA

TICKETS FOR THIS PRIVATE EVENT CAN BE
PURCHASED ON THE PTC WEBSITE. TICKETS
PURCHASED AFTER JANUARY 31ST WILL BE \$10.

*TICKET INCLUDES
ADMISSION AND
SKATE RENTAL FOR
ONE PERSON.



