



# Raider Notes

Rescue  
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal

January 2024

## Principal's Message

Hello Rescue Families,

I hope you had a fantastic winter break and were able to enjoy some time with family and friends. It has been a very successful first half of the year at Rescue Elementary. Our staff is energized and ready to refocus on making academic gains with our students. The second trimester will end in February, and we will do our best to help students reach their academic benchmarks. School will not be in session on Monday the 15th as we recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Throughout the month of February, our students will learn about the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr.

Our Character Trait focus for January is Honesty. As parents, teachers, or administrators, you know that teaching honesty and instilling moral character is an ongoing process. Honesty is more than teaching others not to lie; it also includes being honest about your feelings, goals, and intentions. Our teachers will lead multiple discussions this month about many examples of honesty and how it applies at school and home.

It has been fantastic to see our parent volunteers helping in the classrooms. Once you are cleared as a volunteer at Rescue Elementary, it is good all the way through your child's 8th grade year with RUSD. If you plan on volunteering in the classroom and have arranged this with the teacher, you will want to pick up a volunteer 1 packet in the office. If you plan on supporting our students by chaperoning field trips, you will want to pick up a volunteer 2 packet in the office. Volunteer 2 involves a fingerprint clearance that can take several weeks. Both forms are also available on the district website. Thank you to all our volunteers, we could not make our school a success without you. If you have any questions, please contact our front office.

We appreciate your involvement in your child's education and your support of Rescue School.  
Happy New Year!

Todd McGinnis  
Principal

## Calendar of Events

- Monday, January 8th—School Resumes
- Monday, January 8th—Girls Basketball Practice 3:30pm
- Tuesday, January 9th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- **Wednesday, January 10th— Early Release**
- Wednesday, January 10th—Girls Basketball Practice 2:30
- Thursday, January 11th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Friday, January 12th—Shelter in place drill
- Tuesday, January 16th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Tuesday, January 16th—Board Meeting 6pm
- **Wednesday, January 17th— Early Release**
- Wednesday, January 17th—Girls Basketball Practice 2:30
- Thursday, January 18th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Monday, January 22nd –Basketball @ Jackson Boys 4pm, Girls 5:15
- Tuesday, January 23rd—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- **Wednesday, January 24th— Early Release**
- Wednesday, January 24th –Basketball @ Green Valley Girls 4pm, Boys 5:15
- Thursday, January 25th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Monday, January 29th –Basketball @ Lake Forest Boys 4pm, Girls 5:15
- Tuesday, January 23rd—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- **Wednesday, January 31st— Early Release**

## Counselor's Corner

Happy new year everyone! Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great break and had some great time with family and friends!

It's hard to believe that we only have around 5 months of school left! It's important to get back into normal school routines and make sure good sleep habits are being followed for our kiddos. I will be continuing with guidance lessons as well as social groups until the end of the year, if you are interested, please feel free to contact me! Have a great month everyone!

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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.

## Rescue Union Food Service



### What's Cooking?

Nothing's better than a hot meal on a cold morning. We make our scrambled eggs fresh and serve them with 2 strips of turkey bacon and a buttermilk biscuit. It's a great way to start the day!

This month we are featuring Cara Cara oranges from Fresno BIPOC Produce. They are a local food hub supporting Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) farmers in and around Fresno County.

## Volunteers

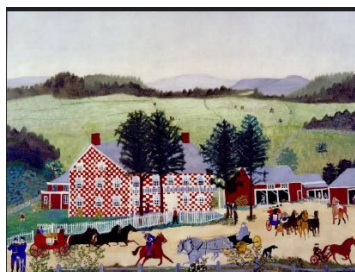
We are excited to welcome our parents or community members to volunteer and help out in our schools and classrooms. If you would like to become a volunteer please visit the district website at <http://www.rescueusd.org/Resources/Volunteers/index.html> to review the volunteer handbook and fill out the 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 January the rest of the students at Rescue will be introduced to Grandma Moses, an American folk artist who did not start painting until she was 78 years old. We will be painting on wood canvases and acrylic paints. Also, I am very excited to be getting some support from the Student Council to help me teach some of the younger classes. ~ 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.

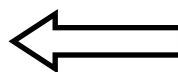
## Garden

In January we are going to plant and talk about micro greens. Micro greens are a way to grow salad and sandwich greens in the house. They are nutritionally dense and fun to grow and take about 10 days to get a harvest depending on what seed is used. We are going to be talking about brassicas and pea shoots.



## 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).



- **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 will be starting to learn recorders in January! They will be learning how to read music and will be preparing songs to perform for the Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 14th at 6pm. 5th Grade Band will be learning new music that they will perform at the 5th Grade District Band Festival on Wednesday, March 13th from 2:30-5pm at Pleasant Grove Middle School.