



# Raider Notes

Rescue  
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal  
November 2022

## Principal's Message

Hi Rescue Families!

With the change in the weather, Thanksgiving will be here soon, and November is a time for giving thanks. There are many things to be thankful for this school year. I'm Thankful for all our hardworking staff and supportive parents that make Rescue Elementary a great place. I'm thankful to welcome parent volunteers on our campus. Parent volunteers are extremely valuable to the success of our students and we appreciate all the time you give to supporting our students. I'm thankful to our PTC for putting together the Grandparents Breakfast, Color Run, and the Harvest Festival. These events were well attended and will make lasting memories for students and families. Our families reached our fundraising goal for the color run which led to the students getting to vote on my haircut. I am now rocking a blue mohawk that is clearly going to take some time to grow out. The haircut was definitely a worthwhile event because it has brought a lot of joy and entertainment to the kids. I appreciate our hard working students that show up everyday eager to learn and filled with enthusiasm. Our staff and our families are truly amazing and go above and beyond each day to help every child be successful, and for that I am grateful.

During the month of November, our Character Trait is a focus on responsibility: The ability to respond appropriately when making decisions. We all want our children to grow up to be responsible adults and productive citizens in society. We want them to feel, think, and act with respect for themselves and for others. Responsibility is a skill that develops over time as people grow and mature and experience. The great thing about this journey is that practicing responsibility is all about choices. We have a great opportunity to praise children for making good choices and to teach and counsel them when they make mistakes. This is what growing up is all about! I would encourage you to talk about the importance of responsibility and challenge your students to think about the choices they make and what it means to be responsible.

November is a time for parent-teacher conferences (11/14 – 11/18). I encourage all parents to attend the conference to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. At the conference, you will be discussing your child's progress (both academically and behaviorally) and learn ways to help your child at home. This is also your time to ask questions and bring up any concerns to your child's teacher. Please make every effort to attend. Staff will offer sign-ups for days/times to meet for a conference.

Lastly I would like to thank our teachers for putting together 13 after-school activities for the kids. It has been a great success and allowed our students to explore multiple activities. It is great to have these opportunities on our campus.

Sincerely,  
Todd McGinnis  
Principal  
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## Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> —VB Game RS vs Jackson @ Home 4:00pm
- Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>—Volleyball Practice 8:20am
- Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>—Boys Basketball Try-outs 2:30pm
- Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Volleyball Game RS vs LV @ Home 4:00pm
- Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>—**Minimum Day 12:55 dismissal**
- Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>—End of the first trimester
- Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>—Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:30
- Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>—**Early Release**
- Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>—Veterans Breakfast 7:30am
- Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>—Lockdown Drill
- Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>—Twin Day
- Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>—**Veteran's No School**
- Monday, November 14-18—Conference Week **12:55 Dismissal**
- Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>—PTC Meeting 7pm
- November 21-25—**No School Thanksgiving Break**
- Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>—**Early Release**

## 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 Tyson Chicken Drumsticks made with no artificial colors, flavors or preservatives? They also have 19 grams of protein, an important part of a healthy diet to keep our bodies growing strong!

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



## Garden

The lesson this month is companion planting and the history about corn husk dolls. We will be discussing the three sisters (corn, beans and squash) and how they help each other grow. We will also be building our own corn husk dolls



## 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

The 5th Grade Band has been working hard and is getting ready for our Winter Concert on December 20th at 6pm, so mark your calendars now! We will be performing fun arrangements of classic beginning band tunes and will have a variety of solos performed as well! The 4th graders are learning a TON of musical concepts while singing and playing the bells, developing a solid musical foundation for learning how to play a band instrument next year.

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Happy November everyone!

It's finally starting to feel like fall! The holidays are approaching and I feel like this is a great time to have gratitude. This month I will be doing guidance lessons on being thankful and teaching our students about what it means to have gratitude and to be grateful for things. Gratitude-the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

I also will be continuing lunch bunches, where students get to invite a few friends to have lunch with me. It's a great way to help build a more positive culture around campus. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding counseling. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday!

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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 November, student artists will 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

### Fall Weather is Finally Here!

As it gets cooler, please make sure that your child has a coat or a jacket. Write your child's name inside, so we can determine who they belong to if they are misplaced. Names on the water bottles are also helpful in getting these items returned to our students.

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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.