



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal

October 2023

Principal's Message

Hello Rescue Families!

It has been great to have some cooler weather and it feels like fall is on the way. We had a fantastic PTC Booster Fun Run last Tuesday. The kids had a great time and really pushed themselves to run as many laps as they could. We were lucky to have some cloud cover and cool weather that made the day even better. Thank you to all our volunteers and spectators that were there to cheer the kids on. Our PTC was very successful with the fundraiser and the donations will go towards funding more activities and support for our kids.

Our theme for the month of October will focus on Courage. Courage is defined as the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, or pain. We all have faced times in our lives when it was important to show courage. It is important to start to have conversations about different types of courage that may be needed in life. We will have discussions and stories throughout the month of October to show the many ways courage may be needed in life.

Our teachers have been busy assessing or organizing their students into their reading and math groups. Students have been assessed on their reading levels and given suggested reading levels to select and read books that are appropriate for them. Students can then take Accelerated Reader (AR) tests to demonstrate their comprehension of the books they have read. Mrs. Kinney, our librarian, has the library up and running for our students. Students are now returning to familiar routines such as weekly visits to the library. It is great to see all of our classes walking out of the library with smiles on their faces and books in their hands.

With October beginning, the kids are all excited about the prospect of Halloween. This year students can dress up during school on October 31st. We will have a parade shortly after the start of the school day. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the parade. The rest of the day will be filled with fun and entertaining activities. More details will be in the weekly news blast as Halloween gets closer.

Thank you for all your help and support!

Todd McGinnis, Principal

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Calendar of Events

- Monday, October 2nd - XC Practice 8:20 am
- Tuesday, October 3rd—Volleyball Game @ LF 4pm
- Wednesday, October 4th—**Early Release**
- Wednesday, October 4th—2nd Grade Field Trip
- Wednesday, October 4th—XC Meet @ CMP
- Thursday, October 5th—XC Practice 8:20 am
- Thursday, October 5th—Kinder Field Trip
- Thursday, October 5th—Volleyball Game vs GV @ home
- **Monday, October 9th—No school**
- Tuesday, October 10th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 11th **Early Release**
- Wednesday, October 11th - XC Meet @ Schnell School
- Wednesday, October 11th—Volleyball Game @ JK 4pm
- Friday, October 13th—4th Grade Field Trip
- Monday, October 16th - XC Practice 8:20am
- Monday, October 16th - 3rd Grade Field Trip
- Tuesday, October 17th—Volleyball Game @ LV 4pm
- Tuesday, October 17th—PTC Mtg 7pm
- Wednesday, October 18th - **Early Release**
- Wednesday, October 18th - XC Championships @ EDC Fairgrounds 3:30
- Wednesday, October 20th - Kona Ice
- Thursday, October 19th—Great America Shakeout
- Thursday, October 19th—PTC Dine Out Chick-fil-A
- Thursday, October 19th—Volleyball Game @ LF
- Friday, October 20th—Picture Retake Day
- Tuesday, October 24th—Volleyball Game @ GV 4pm
- Wednesday, October 25th - **Early Release**
- Wednesday, October 25th—Fire Safety Assembly
- Friday, October 27th—Book Fair Starts
- Friday, October 27th—Harvest Festival 5pm
- Tuesday, October 31st—Halloween



Rescue Union Food Service



What's Cooking?

Chicken Potstickers are new on our lunch menu this year. They are made with a whole wheat flour wrapper filled with chicken, cabbage and green onions. There is no added MSG or artificial flavors. We serve them with our homemade fried rice. It's been a huge hit!

Our cucumbers this month come from Terra Firma Farm in Winters, CA. Terra Firma Farm is CCOF Organic Certified and practices ecologically sustainable agriculture with the goal of protecting soil, providing wildlife habitat and conserving energy and water.

Volunteers

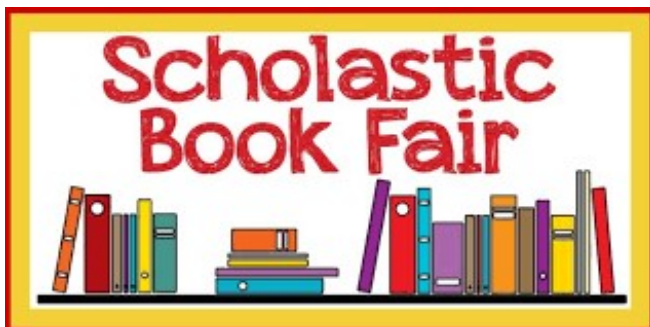
We are excited to welcome our parents or community members to volunteer and help out in our schools and classrooms. If you would like to become a volunteer please visit the district website at <http://www.rescueusd.org/Resources/Volunteers/index.html> to review the volunteer handbook and fill out the 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.

Spooktacular Halloween Festival

This year's PTC Spooktacular Halloween Festival will be from 5pm to 8pm on Friday, October 27th. Come join our Rescue Community and wear your spirited costumes. The Harvest Festival will have Kona Ice, Popcorn, Drinks, Haunted House, Games, Cotton Candy, Face Paint, Balloon Animals, Scarecrow Raffle, and trick or treating. This will be a great event for the whole family. Wristbands will be available for presale on the website www.rescueptc.com. See attached flyer for details.

Book Fair

The Rescue Elementary Library Book Fair is returning October 27th through November 3rd. The book fair will be open in the library from 8:15am to 8:50am and after school from 3:10pm to 3:40pm (Wednesday 2:10 to 2:40). During our Harvest festival on 10/27 the book fair will be open from 5 - 8pm. Come see a great collection of classic and new books for your children to discover.



Counselor's Corner

I hope everyone is settling into the school year. Fall is here! It's starting to finally feel like it outside. October is National Bullying prevention month. It's a great reminder that all of us play a role to help stop bullying.

This month I will be doing guidance lessons on courage as well as how to speak up and stand up to someone that's not being kind. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. For more information on bullying please visit stopbullying.gov

Just a reminder that I am now here everyday and will continue to work with our students one on one, provide monthly guidance lessons in the classrooms, as well as facilitating small groups in the upcoming months. 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.

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 to pick up your child, please wait by the covered picnic tables or behind the fire hydrant by the E wing. Once the bell rings parents may walk on the blacktop and in the hallways. Classes are still taking place on the blacktop such as PE and we have students in the halls using the restrooms. We need to keep these areas clear so teachers can wrap up their day with the students.**
- 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.

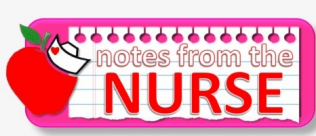
Garden

Garden class this month is about pumpkins. We will do a pumpkin investigation and an experiment of sink or float.



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.

Art

In October the students at Rescue Elementary will be introduced to the Belgium artist, René Magritte. He was a surrealist artist, best known for creating witty and thought-provoking paintings. We will be working with our new watercolor paints and markers to create a 3D whimsical self-portrait inspired by the famous painting, Son of Man.



“Rescue West” Parking Area

We will be opening the Rescue West parking area for additional parking. Please feel free to utilize the parking lot. This parking area is located on the field next to our Kindergarten building. During school days when this is opened, please park facing Green Valley Road. You may use the gate to the sidewalk to walk your children safely to classes and events.

Rescue Elementary School's

Spooktacular HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 27th from 5pm to 8pm

**COSTUMES
ENCOURAGED!**



Presale wristbands \$8 or \$10 at the door

Scarecrow Raffle

Food Bundle \$20
(wrist band, pizza and 4 tickets)

Cake Walk

Haunted House

Games/Activites

& more



Scan Here to purchase



Our [Spooktacular Havest Festival](#) will be on Friday October 27th from 5:00-7:00. Presale wrist bands will be available for purchase beginning this week for \$8. There is a bundle option that includes a wristband, pizza and raffle tickets for \$18. The PTC is also looking for volunteers to help staff the event and dona-

tions for the cake walk, soda toss and game stations. If you'd like to help out, [sign up here](#).





Rescue Elementary's

High Hill Pies

Support our Rescue Raiders
and a local Apple Hill business

October 1st-31st

Pick up will be November 16th and 17th
from 12:45pm to 2:30pm

Pies arrive frozen so you
can enjoy now, or save for
an upcoming holiday!



PIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

- *Unbaked Apple *Unbaked Sugar Free Apple
- *Unbaked Dutch Apple *Unbaked Vegan Apple
- *Unbaked Caramel Apple *Unbaked Peach
- *Unbaked Berry *Baked Pumpkin *Baked Pecan

Purchase at
www.rescueptc.com,
or scan the QR code here

