



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal
May 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Rescue Families:

As we approach the end of the school year, there's a sense of excitement and anticipation among both students and staff. The final weeks are always filled with a flurry of activities and events, including field trips, award ceremonies, and end-of-year parties. With 4 weeks left, it is challenging to fit it all in.

For our graduating 5th graders, this is an especially significant time as they prepare to transition to middle school. We have been working closely with them to help them navigate this change and provide them with the tools they need to succeed in the next phase of their education. Please remember we will be visiting Pleasant Grove on May 16th so the students can get a better glimpse of what their future holds.

Overall, the end of the school year is a time of mixed emotions, as we say goodbye to some of our students and welcome new ones. But it's also a time of renewal and new beginnings, as we prepare for the challenges and opportunities of the year ahead.

Our classroom and teachers will be ready for Open House between 5:00 -6:00 on May 10th. The PTC Spring Festival will kick off from 5:30-7:30. The Festival will have pizza, ice cream, inflatables, flower/vegetable plant sale, and raffle baskets! You can pre order your carnival tickets on the PTC [website](#).

Friday, May 17th will be a minimum day, grades K through 5th will get out at 12:55pm. Friday May 24th is the last day of class and a minimum day, grades K through 5th will get out at 12:55pm.

Our character count for May is a focus on creativity. It is this trait that I find really encourages the uniqueness of others. Creativity is something that lies behind behavior. It is behavior that is imaginative and inventive. Creativity is thinking outside of the box and having the courage to ask questions demonstrating curiosity and wonder. When kids are born and begin to discover and learn, that natural sense of creativity is there. Each student has a sense of creativity and it is important that we encourage that through their school experience. It is important to teach students to be problem solvers by encouraging independent thinking. That is difficult because there are pressures to get the right answer the first time and a hesitance to share when getting an answer wrong. We want our students to develop a level of comfort so they can take risks, share their thinking, learn from their mistakes and keep trying new things. Our kids are amazing and there are so many unique qualities that they possess. I urge you to continue to encourage your students to continue to try new things whether it is food, activities, or experiences. They may like them, they may not, but they won't know unless they try them. That is what makes life rich!


Have a great May and end of the School Year,

Todd McGinnis, Principal

Calendar of Events

- **Wednesday, May 1st—Early Release**
- Friday, May 3rd—Spirit Day—Star Wars Day
- Tuesday, May 7th—STEAM Onsite Field Trip 3rd-5th
- Tuesday, May 7th—3rd Grade Field Trip—Farm Day
- **Wednesday, May 8th— Early Release**
- Friday, May 10th—Spirit Day—Red, White & Blue Day
- Friday, May 10th—Spelling Bee
- Friday, May 10th—Open House
- Friday, May 10th—PTC Festival
- Tuesday, May 14th—5th Grade Field Trip—Rivercats
- **Wednesday, May 15th— Early Release**
- Wednesday, May 15th—Volunteer Breakfast
- Tuesday, May 21st—Field Day
- Tuesday, May 21st—PTC Meeting 7pm
- **Wednesday, May 22nd— Early Release**
- Thursday, May 23rd—5th Grade Promotion & BBQ
- **Friday, May 24th—Minimum Day 12:55 Dismissal**
- Friday, May 24th—Spirit Day—Mismatched Day
- Last Day of School





Looking Ahead...



Rescue Union Food Service

What's Cooking?
We have been busy menu planning for the 2024-25 school year and are excited by the new freshly prepared recipes we are introducing. These include Hawaiian Meatballs with Coconut Rice, Chicken Panini, Turkey Croissant Sandwiches, Tex-Mex Breakfast Bake, and homemade granola bars just to name a few.
As always, we are committed to providing as many freshly prepared meals using minimally processed ingredients as possible and look forward to serving your students healthy and delicious meals next school year.
This month we are featuring strawberries from JSM Organics. Located in Royal Oaks, CA, this certified organic farm has been growing berries, vegetables and flowers since 2012.

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.

Art

In April the students at Rescue Elementary learned about the Sacramento based artist, Wayne Thiebaud. Each grade painted a different delicious dessert with special frosting and whip cream paint. The paintings will be on display in the Rescue Gym for our annual Art Show at Open House. Please come by on May 10th to see your students' (and one teacher's) amazing paintings.—Miss Jamie



Counselor's Corner

We have made it! It's amazing how fast another year has gone! I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be a part of your kiddos journey through another year at Rescue! The summer will go by fast, but below are some summer tips to help everyone get through all the time off!

- **Keep a regular schedule, kids still need to get adequate sleep for their growth.**
- **Have activities planned, getting outside, going to the playground, in the pool, playdates with friends, day camps, or even some scheduled reading or quiet time. Kids depend on structure, and there will be a lot of free time in the summer.**
- **Maintain behaviors, it's normal for kids to act out more with more free time, reward good behaviors, with something fun for everyone.**
- **Parents, take care of yourself too, summers can be long so if there's some time you can get away, take advantage of it :)**

Have a safe and wonderful summer everyone!

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TK, Kinder & New Student Registration

Packets are now available on the district website and in the office

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>

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

Garden sale is going to happen with open house, there is going to be a large assortment of vegetables and flowers available. They are \$3 for one or two for \$5. There is also going to be some apple trees for sale for \$20 each and popcorn is also going to be sold.

May classes are going to be centered around the maintenance of the garden. We are going to plant, weed, move soil and put down landscape fabric.

This summer the garden is going to be open Mondays and Fridays 9am-10am for harvesting and garden maintenance. Please stop by and see how the garden changes throughout summer and take some of the harvest home.



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- **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

What a great concert the band had on Tuesday! Thank you to all the 4th grade families who attended to hear our amazing 4th graders on recorder and to get a preview of band for next year. There will be information on how to sign up that will go out at the beginning of the year next year.

I have really enjoyed working with all the 5th graders who participated in band this year. It has been so fun to see all the growth students have made on their instruments and I hope everyone continues to play in middle school and beyond!

Rescue Union School District



COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Tuesday, May 21st
from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
in the
Rescue Elementary Library



Hope to
see you
there!

Join Superintendent Shoemake for
casual conversation to share thoughts,
ask questions and engage in dialogue
about the school and district.

