



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal
November 2023

Principal's Message

Calendar of Events

Hi Rescue Families!

November is a welcome sight after a long season of warm weather. It's great to see the season change and colors appear all around us. We have had a successful first trimester with measurable growth in academics. November will bring parent conferences where you can gain valuable insight into your students progress and areas where you can support them in their academic journey. We are excited to share this academic progress with you as we wrap up the first trimester!

During the month of November, our Character Trait focuses on Gratitude. Gratitude is thankfulness, or gratefulness, and is a feeling of appreciation by a recipient of another's kindness. Kindness can be gifts, help, favors, or another form of generosity to another person. November is an appropriate time to celebrate this character trait. It is easy to point out all the opportunities, in life, for our students to show gratitude. It also reminds me of how grateful our staff is to work with this outstanding group of students. I am often grateful for the laughter, creativity, personal growth, and kindness we see each and every day from our students. It's a reminder that it is not something we are teaching our students, but we are fortunate to experience it at Rescue Elementary each and every day.

November is a time for parent-teacher conferences (11/13 – 11/17). I encourage all parents to attend the conference to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. During 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 PTC and families for supporting this year's Jog-a-Thon fundraiser. We were able to reach our goal which helps to support many activities that will directly benefit students. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated community!

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- Wednesday, November 1st—**Early Release**
- Wednesday, November 1st - Volleyball Practice 8am
- Wednesday, November 1st - Volleyball Game vs JK @ home 4pm
- Thursday, November 2nd—Volleyball Game vs LV @ home
- Friday, November 3rd—**Minimum Day 12:55 dismissal**
- Wednesday, November 8th **Early Release**
- Friday, November 10th— **No School Veteran's Day Observed**
- Tuesday, November 14th— PTC Meeting Rescue staff room 7pm
- November 13th-17th Parent Teacher Conferences **Minimum Days 12:55 dismissal all week**
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- November 20th-24th—**Fall Break No School**
- Monday, November 27th—School resumes
- Wednesday, November 29th - **Early Release**

Counselor's Corner

I can't believe we have made it to November! Fall is here which means the holidays are upon us. We are so grateful to be able to work with your families every day!

I will be doing guidance lessons on gratitude. Gratitude is taking a moment to reflect on how lucky you are when something good happens, big or small. We can use different words to describe these feelings such as appreciative, grateful, thankful, and fortunate. I hope everyone has an amazing month and holiday!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns! Thank you!

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 Rescue Elementary School
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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?

Our Chili Verde Bowls are made from scratch and full of flavor. The rice is cooked with chicken broth, onion and garlic powder, cumin, allspice, black beans, corn and bell peppers. It's topped with chili verde diced chicken breast and cheese. Sour cream and green enchilada sauce are available as toppings. It's amazing!

Our pears this month come from Stillwater Orchards in Courtland, CA. Stillwater Orchards started growing pears in 1860. Today, this 6th generation family farm is still going strong, providing a variety of high quality fruits and vegetables.



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 November the students at Rescue Elementary will be introduced to the American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. She is best known for her paintings of enlarged flowers, New Mexico landscapes and New York skyscrapers. We will be working on acrylic paintings on canvases inspired by her large catalog of paintings.



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.

- **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).



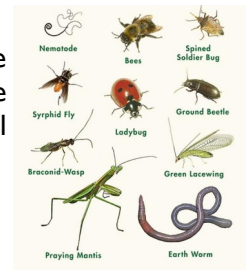
- **For Colds and Flu's:** If your child must be fever free for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medications) and the cold/flu symptoms must be resolved or improving to return to school.

Fall weather is finally here!

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

Garden

This month in the garden we will be talking all about bugs! Some can be pests and some are beneficial but all are part of a garden ecosystem



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

