



# Raider Notes

Rescue  
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal

September 2023

## Principal's Message

Dear Rescue Families:

The year is off to a good start, and I can't believe we are already entering the second month of school! The kids are getting back into their routines and navigating early assessments and social activities. These initial social activities allow teachers and students to acquaint themselves with one another, which is crucial for our school community to function positively. This community collaboration sets the foundation for learning and progress throughout the school year.

In the month of September, our focus is on the character trait of responsibility which is the ability to respond appropriately when making decisions. We all aspire for our children to mature into responsible adults and productive citizens in society. We aim for them to demonstrate respect for themselves and others in their feelings, thoughts, and actions. Responsibility is a skill that evolves over time as individuals grow, mature, and gain experience. The wonderful aspect of this journey is that practicing responsibility revolves around choices. We have a significant opportunity to commend children for making sound choices and to guide and advise them when mistakes occur. This is the essence of the growth process! I encourage you to discuss the significance of responsibility and challenge your students to contemplate the choices they make and what it truly means to be responsible.

Rescue Elementary PTC will host an "I Love Lucy" 50's-themed Grandparents Breakfast on Thursday, September 7th, from 7:30 am to 8:40 am in the multipurpose room. Grandparents and students are encouraged to dress up for the event and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast together. Kindly RSVP below so that we can adequately prepare for our families!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PT8QJZ7>

Rescue Elementary Fun Run 2023! It is time to gear up for our annual fun run. Our PTC will be partnering with "Boosterthon" to kick off the yearly fundraiser on September 18th. PTC and Boosterthon will organize fun prizes throughout the event. Students will be raising funds to support our art program, assemblies, and mini-grants. These are events that all our students benefit from. The students will also participate in the run on September 26th. This will be a fun and engaging activity for the kids, helping to support our yearly activities.

If you take a look on campus, you will see two projects that were completed this summer with the help of local PG&E volunteers. PG&E purchased our new snap "Rescue Raiders" sign you see on the fence when you go past the library. They also mapped out and painted the new United States map on the blacktop outside the library. These two projects took a lot of planning and helped greatly to improve our campus. Rescue Elementary is grateful for the partnership with PG&E and their contributions to our school.

Thank You for Supporting Rescue Elementary!

Sincerely,  
Todd McGinnis, Principal

## Calendar of Events

- Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - **No School**
- Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - XC Practice 8:20 am
- Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> **Early Release**
- Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>—Grandparent's Breakfast
- Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>—XC Practice 8:20 am
- Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>—A Touch of Understanding Assembly — 4th Grade
- Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>—Picture Day
- Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> - XC Practice 8:20am
- Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> **Early Release**
- Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>—XC Practice 8:20 am
- Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - Full Day Kindergarten Starts
- Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - XC Practice 8:20am
- Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>—PTC Mtg 7pm
- Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - **Early Release**
- Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country Meet @ Northside School 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Kona Ice
- Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>—XC Practice 8:20 am
- Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>—Fire Drill
- Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> - XC Practice 8:20 am
- Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>—Fun Run!
- Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> **Early Release**
- Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country Meet @ Rescue School
- Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - XC Practice 8:20 am



## Rescue Union Food Service



### What's Cooking?

New on our lunch menu this year is our house-made fried rice. We make it fresh with peas, carrots, eggs, soy sauce, garlic and ginger. It is served with our Orange Chicken and Pot Sticker entrees or can be served on its own as a vegetarian option.

This month we will be offering pluots from Free Spirit Farm in Winters, CA. Pluots are a fun and unique fruit and a new addition to our menu this year.

## 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.

## Picture Day

Rescue elementary will have student picture day on September 8th. In order to view and purchase school photos, go to the Dorian website. <https://mydorian.com/order/> Type in Rescue Elementary School in the search bar and follow the order procedures.

## Kindergarten Schedule

Rescue Elementary offers a full day Kindergarten program. In order to do so smoothly, we began with a ramp-up half day schedule for 6 weeks. This will begin at 8:55 a.m.-12:55 p.m. from August 9<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>. This will help develop stamina for our students and set them up for success. **Kindergarten classes will move to a full day schedule (8:55 a.m.-3:10 p.m.) starting September 18<sup>th</sup>.** Please review the school bell schedule on our website.

## 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

## Counselor's Corner

Happy September everyone and welcome back!

I hope everyone's year is off to a great start! I wanted to update everyone on counseling services for this year. I am here 5 days a week and will be offering individual counseling as well as running some social groups that help with self esteem, friendship, & anxiety to name a few.

Please let me know if I can help support your student(s) in any way I can! I will also be in the classrooms each month providing guidance lessons. I look forward to seeing everyone and I hope everyone has a great year!

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Rescue Elementary School  
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## 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.

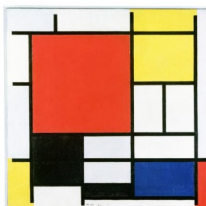
Thank you for your support in keeping your children safe. Please contact Mr. McGinnis if you have any questions.

- **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.

## Art

I'm excited to be back at Rescue this year teaching art to your amazing children!

The art room has had a little make-over, feel free to stop by and see what we have done. In September, the students will be creating "pizza box art", using acrylic paint and learning about primary, secondary and tertiary colors. The paintings are inspired by the Dutch artist, Piet Mondrian (1872 – 1944). He is regarded as one of the greatest artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and a pioneer in abstract art.



## Garden

Garden lesson this month will be All About Apples! We will learn where they originated and how they arrived in America.

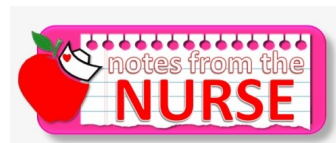


## Rescue Parent Teacher Club

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](http://www.facebook.com/RescueElementaryPTC).

## "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.



## Music

4th & 5th Grade Music w/Mrs. Olson

Music classes are off to a great start! The fourth graders will be singing and playing the bells this fall every Tuesday. 5th Grade Band is learning how to make the sounds on their instruments. It is very important for band students to play their instruments at least three times a week for at least 15 minutes to practice the skills that we learn in band each week. Please encourage your students to get their instruments out and play!



*I Love  
Grandparents*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
RESCUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S

# *Grandparents Breakfast*

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

8:00AM TO 8:40AM

RESCUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM  
3880 GREEN VALLEY RD. RESCUE, CA 95672

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Please RSVP by 8/31 by scanning this QR code or  
using the link on social media posts.





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## OUR GOALS



**\$25,000**  
raised for  
our school!



**100%**  
Families  
Registered &  
Giving

Our school is hosting a two-week fundraiser to raise funds for our school. Learn more about our program here!



## OUR CAUSE

### Rescue Fun Run

All students will participate in our event on 09/26/2023 to raise \$25,000 for student enrichment.

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