



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal

April 2023

Principal's Message

Hello Rescue Families,

The calendar says spring is here, but we are all still waiting for some spring weather. It is great to get the rain even if it has postponed some field trips and caused a few more indoor recesses than we prefer. Even with the rainy weather, we were finally able to get 2 projects completed on campus. These projects were supported by our Rescue Families and PTC. At the end of the C building, you will notice 2 new drinking fountains and a water bottle filling station. With the increase of reusable water bottles on campus, this is a welcomed addition. The water filling station cools and filters the water that runs through it. You can even see a digital water bottle counter that shows how many uses it has had. The other project on campus is the completion of the new kindergarten shed. The shed was purchased by donations made by our Rescue Families during our various fundraisers. Nail it Roofing donated many hours putting the shed together for our school. They also donated the materials for the roof on the shed. This project would definitely cost more and taken much longer to get done without their generous support. Thank you to Nail it Roofing from our Rescue Community! It is great to see these projects get done and we have even bigger plans for the future that will be announced next year.

RUSD recently sent out information on summer school. Summer school is a great way to reduce learning loss over the summer months. Summer school will run from June 7th to July 7th and will be hosted at Lake Forest Elementary. Summer school will have a focus on keeping academic skills sharp with an emphasis on science. You will need to fill out an online application that will be linked in this email. Applications are due by April 14th. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUMla6PDwmshR7GDYRX79EelCJnt7IpkleRIBPAxAunoCDFw/viewform>

Our Character Trait for the month of April is a focus on Self-Control. Self-Control is doing what is right even when you don't feel like it. The skill of self control is an important balance to maintaining what you know is right versus the path that may be easier. As we approach the end of the year, there will be many fun activities for students to do. At the same time, we want to encourage students to continue doing the right thing and taking care of their responsibilities. Their hard work and dedication will be so satisfying to them and they will get to reap the fruits of their labor.

Our 3rd – 5th grade students will begin practicing for the Smarter Balanced Assessment which is scheduled to be given between April 24th-May 5th. This test is the normal assessment given by the state of California to measure how well students meet their grade level standards. Students will be tested in Language Arts and Math. During this month, our students will become familiar with the online format/platform and will practice within their classes. As they do so, classes will focus on not just getting the right answer, but also being able to explain their thinking so they can make claims and then support them with evidence and details. I would encourage you to take a look at the practice assessments on <https://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/parent-resources.html> There you will have an opportunity to see sample questions and familiarize yourself with the testing format.

Thank you for all you do to support your children's education.

Have a great month,

Todd McGinnis, Principal

Calendar of Events

- **April 3—10 Spring Break**
- **Tuesday, April 11th School Resumes**
- **Wednesday, April 12th—Early Release**
- Wednesday, April 12th Kinder Field Trip to Folsom Zoo
- Tuesday, April 18th—3rd grade field trip—24 Carrot Farm
- Tuesday, April 18th—PTC Meeting
- **Wednesday, April 19th—Early Release**
- Monday April 24—CAASP ELA testing begins
- **Wednesday, April 26th—Early Release**
- April 27th—4th grade field trip—Marshall Gold
- Friday, April 28th—Career Day





Rescue Union Food Service



What's Cooking?

Did you know that our taquitos are gluten free? They are made with whole kernel corn flour and filled with 85% lean ground beef and pinto beans. When paired with salsa and selections of fruit and vegetables from our garden bar, this meal is definitely a hit.

The Harvest of the month for April is strawberries. Look for strawberries to be offered as part of our garden bar selections.

Art

This month in the art room the students at Rescue Elementary are learning about the French post - impressionist artist, Georges Seurat. He is known for creating the painting technique called pointillism, which involves using small, painted dots to create areas of color that together form a pattern or a picture. The paintings will be on display at an Art Show during Open House May 12. Please come by to see their masterpieces!



~ Miss Jamie

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.



Hello everyone!

It's hard to believe that we are just weeks away from the end of the school year and spring break is here as well! Take this time to help your kiddos recharge and get some rest before the last push towards the end of the year!

We have just finished with our guidance lessons on communication. I will be in the classrooms throughout April to start to close out the school year.

Remember it's important to keep with routines as we start to get down to the end. It's really easy for the excitement and anticipation of summer to take over, but we want to finish the year off strong! Please feel free to email if you have any questions or need anything! Have a great spring break as well!

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Terry Libbon M.S., PPS
School Counselor
Rescue Elementary School

TK, Kinder & New Student Registration

Packets are now available on the district website and in the office. We will begin accepting completed packets on February 8th.

TK children must be turning 5 between September 2, 2023 and April 2, 2024. If your student already attends Rescue Elementary you do not need to re-register your student for Kindergarten or any other grade level.

<http://www.rescueelementary.org/Parents/2023-2024-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 8:40 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.

Music

5th Grade Band students had a fantastic Districtwide Band Festival! It was so impressive to see all the 5th grade band students from the district come together at Pleasant Grove to meet the middle school band teachers and perform a short concert together. We are now working toward our Spring Concert on May 12th at 4:30pm, right before Open House.

4th graders are learning how to play recorders and are also preparing music to perform for our Spring Concert at 4:30pm on May 12th, right before Open House. They will "open" for the band, so plan on having your 4th grader attend our Spring Concert so they have a chance to perform for you!



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

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.

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.