



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal
January 2023

Principal's Message

Hi Rescue Families,

I hope you're having a fantastic winter break and enjoying time with family and friends. It has been a very successful first half of the year. Although we have seen an increase in illness, numbers are much lower than this time last year. This has led to more contact time in the classroom and greater gains in learning. I appreciate all your support for Rescue Elementary to help make the first half of the year highly productive for our students. I hope that you are having a fantastic new year and we are excited about seeing you when we return on January 9th!

Our Character Trait focus for January is a focus on collaboration/cooperation. I know you have heard the expression, "Two heads are better than one." While that may be true, it can be challenging to work with others on projects. Doing so at a high level requires active listening, encouragement, compromise, and a belief in something greater than one person. This trait is the core of teamwork and what it means to work towards a common goal. There are a lot of growing pains that come from collaborating with others. You have to give up some control and have faith in the members of your team. At Rescue School we challenge our students to work together in the classroom and on the playground. This is a life skill and one that will help our students as they develop into outstanding citizens of society!

It has been fantastic to see our parent volunteers helping in the classrooms. Once you are cleared as a volunteer at Rescue Elementary, it is good all the way through your child's 8th grade year with RUSD. If you plan on volunteering in the classroom and have arranged this with the teacher, you will want to pick up a volunteer 1 packet in the office. If you plan on supporting our students by chaperoning field trips, you will want to pick up a volunteer 2 packet in the office, volunteer 2 involves fingerprint clearance that can take several weeks. Both forms are also available on the district website. Thank you to all our volunteers, we could not make our school a success without you. If you have any questions please contact our front office.

We appreciate your involvement in your child's education and your support of Rescue School.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Todd McGinnis
Principal
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Calendar of Events

- Monday, January 9th—Return to school,
- Monday, January 9th—Girls Basketball Practice 3:30
- Tuesday, January 10th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- **Wednesday, January 11th—Early Release**
- Wednesday, January 11th—Girls Basketball Practice 2:30
- Thursday, January 12th—Boys Basketball Practice 3:30
- Monday, January 16th —Girls Basketball Practice 3:30
- Tuesday, January 17th—Basketball Game vs Jackson @ Home Boys at 4, Girls at 5:15
- Wednesday, January 17th—PTC Meeting 7pm
- **Wednesday, January 18th—Early Release**
- Wednesday, January 18th—Girls Basketball Practice 2:30
- Thursday, January 19th—Basketball Game vs GV @ Green Valley Boys at 4, Girls at 5:15
- Monday, January 23rd—Girls Basketball Practice 3:30
- **Wednesday, January 24th—Early Release**
- Tuesday, January 24th—Basketball Game @ Lake Forest Boys at 4, Girls at 5:15
- Thursday, January 19th—Basketball Game @ Green Valley Boys at 4, Girls at 5:15
- Friday, January 27th—Sports Attire Day
- **Wednesday, January 31st—Early Release**



Rescue Union Food Service

What's Cooking?
Did you know that our Orange Chicken is made from whole meat chicken with no MSG, artificial colors or fillers? The chicken is cooked fresh on-site, tossed in a tasty orange sauce and served over rice. It's easy to see why this is one of our students' favorite meals.

The Harvest of the month for January is Mandarins. Look for this sweet fruit to be offered as part of our garden bar selections. For more information about the Harvest of the Month [click here](#).



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year and welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful break!

Getting back into the swing of things is always challenging after a long break. Reestablishing routines, as well as setting some goals for the rest of the school year can help keep our students motivated.

This month I will be continuing guidance lessons in the classroom. I will also be sending out some information on some small social groups. We will be working on things such as responsibility, friendship, self-esteem etc. More information will be provided by your classroom teacher shortly.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. Have a great start to the New Year everyone!

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Garden

January garden class will be all about what happens in the garden during winter, including plant dormancy. We will be rooting cutting taken from the herb garden



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.

The El Dorado Community Health Dental van will be at Rescue Elementary 1/31 through 2/2. In order to participate, families need to return the attached form to the office or contact EDCHC directly at (530) 497-5016. More information can be found on the website.



DENTAL VAN IS COMING!

Registration forms located at the school office
Or online at www.edchc.org
Info line: (530) 497-5016



<https://www.edchc.org/dentalproviders>

Art

Hello Rescue Families,
My name is Jamie Lentzner, and I am excited to be your new art teacher. I look forward to introducing your children to a wide range of artists, mediums, techniques, and new lessons. I believe that all students can create and should have the opportunity to make art. I like to say, "It is fun art, not fine art." For the last eleven years I have been teaching art to local children ranging from preschool aged all the way up to high school, and at a variety of locations including my own art studio. My education background is a Visual Arts degree from San Jose State University. Prior to teaching, I worked in the video game and educational industry before having children. I'm married with two older children (my son graduated from University of Colorado last year and currently lives in Columbus, Ohio; My daughter is a Junior at Michigan State). In my free time I love to draw, laugh, cook, garden, and entertain family and friends. My favorite thing to do is to travel exploring new cities in the US and abroad. I always make it a point to visit as many museums as I can for inspiration that I can pass along to my students.

See you in the Art Room.

Miss Jamie

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.

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

Music

The band had a wonderful Winter Concert and is now working on music for the 5th Grade Band Festival on Wednesday, March 15th from 3-5pm at Pleasant Grove. All the 5th grade students from the district will come together and perform in a giant band with 100 musicians!

4th graders are now working on a drumming unit where we are working on reading rhythms and learning sticking technique.

Student Leadership

Rescue's Leadership Students are building a Lego Action Role Play Land to mimic democratic principles through "real-time" decision-making. We could use lego donations to help us build what each classroom or "village" votes for in determining their survival and future success. Donations can be brought to the office or room D-9.

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.