



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal

March 2023

Principal's Message

Hi Rescue Families,

Rain is a good thing, but we are definitely ready for Spring! Even with the storms, we have been able to have great activities for the kids and continue to take field trips off campus. Time has flown by, and we are now into the third and final semester of the school year. Our Spring Break will be right at the beginning of April this year (4/1-4/10). Currently Monday 4/10 is still part of our Spring Break vacation. This day is reserved in case we miss school due to a power outage or snow day.

Teachers have been working hard on 2nd trimester report cards which will be coming home with your child soon. Report cards will also be accessible on the Parent Portal after midnight on March 4th. If you have difficulty accessing the report card, please contact our school office and someone will help you.

The month of March is I Love Reading Month and we have some fun activities planned for each week.

- PTC Read-a-Thon begins March 1st
- 3/2 Dress like your favorite book character
- Students will create a reading goal for the month
- I Love reading day! Special time during class for reading
- Guest readers in the Library
- Take a picture with your favorite book and share it with your teacher

March 1st will kick off the **PTC Rescue Jumanji Read-a-Thon Fundraiser**. The fundraiser will run March 1st through the 31st. This year's fundraiser will serve two purposes. First, we are using the event to pick up the pace on our reading and motivate the kids. Second, we use the fundraiser portion to support the art program and provide classroom mini grants for each room. Our Jumanji themed Read-a-Thon will also include several spirited dress up days. Plan on putting together Safari outfits and a getting your pajamas ready! More details about prizes and class donations can be found on the attached flyer.

Our Character Trait for the month of March, is a focus on Communication. Communication, is a skill that is more than sharing thoughts, ideas, and opinions. It involves listening and reflecting on the information shared by someone that may or may not share the same stance or position. This is very challenging for anyone, much less children. Often people are so focused on their points of view that they fail to see the beliefs of others. It is our goal to help our students listen to and include others when working in teams, small groups and engage in classroom discussions. This is also a skill to apply when playing cooperative games and activities in PE and on the playground. When sharing their point of view, we want students to explain their thinking in explaining the "Why" to their opinions. As they grow up, this skill is important as they engage in conversations with adults, parents, etc. regarding privileges, responsibilities, and their roles at home and in society. This is a great opportunity for us to practice with our children, especially in our current climate. There are a lot of feelings and emotions that have come from this year and communication skills can help all of us process them. I encourage you to include your children in family conversations. Allow them to share their thoughts on issues and challenge them to share their "Why." They will feel empowered and valued. It will be a rewarding experience for you and them!

Our classes are working hard right now as we enter the 3rd trimester of the school year. In doing so, our 3rd-5th grade students are preparing for the CAASP test that will be administered during the middle of April through the beginning of May. Students are working hard, to not only answer questions correctly, but also explain their thinking as writing is a big component of the test. As mentioned above, this is a great way for students to communicate their position using claims, evidence, and details to support their position. We will take this data and use it to evaluate our instruction and apply the information to strategies to support student learning.

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Calendar of Events

- **Wednesday, March 1st—Early Release**
- Wednesday, March 1—Read-a-Thon begins
- Thursday, March 2—Book Character Day
- Monday, March 6th—Site Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 8th—Early Release**
- **Wednesday, March 15th—Early Release**
- Wednesday, March 15th—District band festival @ Pleasant Grove
- Tuesday, March 21st—PTC Meeting 7pm
- **Wednesday, March 22nd—Early Release**
- Thursday, March 23rd—Read-a-thon guest readers
- Tuesday, March 28th—4th grade field trip—Wakamatsu
- Tuesday, March 28th—2nd grade field trip—Ponderosa
- Tuesday, March 28th—4th grade field trip—Wakamatsu
- **Wednesday, March 29th—Early Release**
- Wednesday, March 29th—Kinder grade field trip—Ponderosa
- Thursday, March 30th—4th grade field trip—Wakamatsu
- Thursday, March 30th—Awards 2nd & 3rd grade
- Friday, March 31st—Awards 1st, 4th & 5th grades
- Friday, March 31st—2nd grade field trip—picnic



Rescue Union Food Service

What's Cooking?

Hurray for Pizza Day! Every Wednesday is pizza day and it's one of our most popular items. Our pizza is made with a whole grain French bread crust and 100% real mozzarella cheese. We offer both cheese and pepperoni. It's delicious!

The Harvest of the month for March is cucumbers. Look for cucumbers to be offered as part of our garden bar selections. Cucumbers are great with our homemade ranch dressing!



Garden

In the garden in March we will be talking about the pros and cons of bale gardening and we will start planting plants for the spring fundraiser.



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.



Happy March everyone!

It's hard to believe we have made it to the last few months of school! This month I will be doing guidance lessons on communication. Having a great line of communication is vital for both parent and student. Positive two-way communication is essential to building your child's self-esteem. While children thrive with words of encouragement and praise, listening to your child boosts their self-esteem and enables them to feel worthy and loved.

Hang in there everyone! We are getting close to summer even though it doesn't look like it outside.

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

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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.

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

Fourth graders are just starting to learn recorders and we will be working toward a performance right before Open House in May!

Fifth grade band will be performing in the district wide band Festival on March 15th at Pleasant Grove! They will need to arrive at 2:30 p.m. for rehearsal and will perform a short concert at 4:30 p.m.! This is a great opportunity to play in a large band with other band students in the district and meet the Middle School band teachers!

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.