



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal
September 2025

Principal's Message

Dear Rescue Families,

The school year is off to a wonderful start and we are already beginning our second month! The first few weeks have been filled with enthusiasm, laughs, and learning. Students are settling into routines, making new friends, and beginning to dive into their grade-level standards.

We are kicking off our 2025 Fun Run Fundraiser this week. The students started out with an assembly today and the fundraiser will begin tomorrow and run through next Wednesday. We will be using the funds raised to replace backboards, hoops, and add some color to our blacktop area. This project will directly benefit all of our students and improve the appeal of our playground. We look forward to a great week of class challenges, prizes and FUN! The attached flyer has details.

Our theme for the month of September is a focus on respect. Respect is one of the "Big Three" key components for success for our school. We are spending a lot of time not only defining what respect is, but what it looks like and sounds like throughout the various situations that students experience. This is a great opportunity to ask them for practical ways to show respect. I appreciate your support with spending time on this life skill with your student. Truly, this is one of those traits that makes a difference in the development of kids!

Thank You for Supporting Rescue Elementary!

Sincerely,

Todd McGinnis
Principal

Calendar of Events

- Monday, September 1st —**Labor Day No School**
- Tuesday, September 2nd—Cross Country Practice Starts
- Tuesday, September 2nd—APEX Fun Run Kick Off
- Wednesday, September 3rd— **Early Release**
- Thursday, September 4th— Grandparents Breakfast 7:30am
- Friday, September 5th—Picture Day
- Tuesday, September 9th—Vision Screening
- Wednesday, September 10th— **Early Release**
- Thursday, September 11th—Fun Run
- Tuesday, September 16th— State Capitol Field Trip 5th Grade
- Tuesday, September 16th— PTC Meeting 5:00pm Rescue Staff Room
- Wednesday, September 17th— **Early Release**
- Wednesday, September 17th—Cross Country Meet @ Northside School 3:30pm
- Wednesday, September 24th— **Early Release**
- Wednesday, September 24th—Cross Country Meet @ EDHCSD School 3:30pm



Drop off and pick up

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.

After the final bell rings in the morning, **we kindly ask that you move toward the front of the school or the parking lot area.** Our students enjoy seeing their parents, and stepping out of view helps our teachers start the day smoothly and allows students to focus. **When picking up in the afternoon, please remember to stay behind the designated signs.** This helps minimize distractions for students as they wrap up their day and ensures everyone can navigate the campus safely. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us create a positive start and end to each school day. We greatly appreciate it!

Garden News



September's garden lesson will be all about seeds. How to seeds get dispersed? We will look at how seeds move through gravity, wind, water, and animals and mechanically.

Counselor's Corner

Welcome back everyone!

I hope everyone had a fun and restful summer! I'm so happy to be back as the counselor at rescue for another year! I'm ready to help support your kiddos in any way I can!

This month, I will be doing guidance lessons on respect. Small groups will be starting in about a month as well! If you feel like your student could benefit from some counseling, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to talking with many of you soon have a great and successful year.

Take care, Mr. T

Terry Libbon M.S., PPS

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Rescue Elementary

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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.

Picture Day

Rescue elementary will have student picture day on September 6th. 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.

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.



- **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.



Rescue Parent Teacher Club

We're excited to introduce the board applicants for the 2025–2026 school year! These amazing volunteers have stepped up to serve on our school board, and we're so grateful for their willingness to support our students, teachers, and community. Without their dedication, many of the events and funding opportunities we've enjoyed wouldn't be possible.

Elected to the 2025–2026 Board

- Treasurer – Barbra Hamilton
- Parliamentarian – Alicia Smith

2025–2026 Board Member Applicants

(These positions will be officially voted in following the upcoming bylaw update.)

- President – Travis Smith
- VP of Communications – Natalie Walling
- **VP of Events – Open**
- VP of Fundraising – Victoria Keitany
- Secretary – Brittany Stark

We are still in need of a VP of Events—please reach out if you're interested in helping plan and lead our school's amazing events!

Thank you again to all who have stepped up to serve.
We look forward to a great year ahead!

Music








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

5th Grade Band is off to a great start! Since we only meet once a week on Monday, practicing at home at least three times a week will help them be successful in band, especially if there is a week where there is a Monday holiday.

4th Graders are having fun with music and movement right now! We are even learning how to sing a scale with hand signs (see if your student can remember how it goes). Later this month, we will start playing some of the songs we are learning on xylophones.

SEPTEMBER 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1 Labor Day: NO SCHOOL 	2 Fun Run Kick Off	3	4 Grandparents Breakfast 7:30AM-8:40AM 	5 School Picture Day 	6
7	8	9	10	11 FUN RUN 	12	13
14	15 Full Day Kinder Starts Today	16  PTC Meeting @ 5pm	17	19	19	20
21	22	23  Dine Out Los Pinos, Cameron Park	24 Staff Appreciation: 5th Grade 	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

RESCUE PTC

SEPTEMBER '25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

- 2nd: Fun Run Kickoff
- 4th: Grandparents Breakfast 7:30am
- 5th: Picture Day
- **11: FUN RUN!!!!**
- 16th: Monthly PTC Meeting @ 5:00
- 23rd: Dine-Out at Los Pinos in Cameron Park
- 24th: "We Appreciate You Wednesday"
*Monthly Staff Appreciation Event
Provided By 5th Grade Parents*

October Preview

- 24th-31st: Book Fair
- 24th: Harvest Festival 4pm-7pm

GRANDPARENT'S BREAKFAST



Calling all Grandparents and Special Persons!

Join us for our Grandparents Breakfast on Thursday, September 4 from 7:30-8:40 AM at Rescue Elementary School!

Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, and coffee while we celebrate with a fun 1950's Sock Hop theme! We can't wait to see our Rescue grandparents or students' special person for a morning of food, fun, and rock 'n' roll vibes!

Shout out to Adam's Meat Shop for donating to this event!

FUN RUN!



Our Apex fundraiser runs September 2-11, with the Fun Run on the 11th. Get ready for two weeks of energy, leadership lessons, and school spirit. On September 2, each student will bring home a personalized QR code with details on how to participate. More information will be shared soon through flyers, Catapults, and on Instagram. Follow us at @rescueptc to stay in the loop!

WHY APEX?

We choose to partner with Apex because they offer a fun, character-building fundraiser that brings our whole school together—while also allowing the PTC board to focus on other important duties. Apex runs the entire program from start to finish! Everything from prize distribution to the Fun Run itself is handled by their team.

In past years when we hosted the Fun Run ourselves, we spent nearly the same amount—but without the two weeks of high-energy, interactive programming that Apex provides. While Apex does take a portion of the funds raised, they deliver a full-service experience that keeps students engaged, teaches valuable leadership skills, and creates lasting memories—all while helping us reach our fundraising goals.

2025-2026 BOARD

We're excited to introduce this year's amazing team of parent volunteers:

- President: Travis Smith
- Treasurer: Barbi Hamilton
- Events: Breanna Kernan & Shelley Volpendesta
- Communications: Natalie Walling
- Fundraising: Victoria Keitany
- Secretary: Brittney Stark



This team is ready to make the year unforgettable—but we can't do it alone! We need YOUR help to make our events, fundraisers, and programs a success. Whether you have a few minutes or a few hours, there's a place for everyone to get involved.

Scan the QR code or email info@rescueptc.com to learn how you can be part of the fun.



SPIRIT WEAR



Show your school pride in style—click the QR code to check out all our spiritwear offerings. Enjoy **free shipping** and **discounted prices** now through August 30th.* Don't miss out!

*Bulk order delivery to classrooms will take place mid October

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH



Email: info@RescuePTC.com



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*There is at least 1 typo in this document... if you find it, you're the winner!



Mexican Restaurant & Bar

FUNDRAISER!

TUESDAY

9/23/25 5pm-8pm



**Rescue
Elementary**

Come support Rescue Elementary
at Los Pinos, Cameron Park.
A portion of all sales will be
donated to help support the school.
Must present flyer.

Dine-in or Pick up

(530) 672-1403
3420 Palmer Dr, Cameron Park



PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

KEEP IMPROVING—KEEP CLIMBING—KEEP LEVELING UP

**Level
Up**

**Starts
with Me**

**Understanding
Others**

**Game
Plan**

**Rise
Above**

**Level Up Your
Leadership**

OUR APEX FUN RUN FUNDRAISER STARTS ON 9/2/2025!!

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP RAISING FUNDS FOR

Harvest Festival, Classroom Supplies, & Basketball Hoops!

ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

Our goal is to provide all of our students with the best education and school experience possible and to ensure they have the tools they need to learn and grow. All students are included in the leadership program and fitness event regardless of financial participation in the fundraiser. If you can help, please know that no donation is too small.

ABOUT APEX LEADERSHIP CO.

Apex is a two-week interactive leadership and character-building program combined with a fitness focused event fundraiser to help schools raise much needed funds.

2025-2026 LEADERSHIP THEME

The Apex Leadership program empowers students to grow as leaders by focusing on personal responsibility, empathy, goal-setting, and resilience. Through quick, high-energy lessons, students learn how to lead by example, understand others, work through challenges, and bring out the best in themselves and their peers. Each lesson builds critical interpersonal skills that align with our school's vision of cultivating a positive, inclusive, and achievement-focused community.

KEEP IMPROVING - KEEP CLIMBING - KEEP LEVELING UP!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Pledging Opens: **9/2/2025** Event Day: **9/11/2025**

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?



When pledging opens go to www.myapexevent.com and log in using your child's unique ACCESS CODE. Their Access Code and a QR code for the site can be found on their VIP Badge.



Use the "Share Wizard" tool to send a donation link to ten family members and friends via email, text, and social media asking that they donate online to help our school.



Make a flat donation OR pledge a dollar amount per unit that your child completes at the event. Reported units are capped at 42 max. If a student is in Pre-K, absent or unable to participate, their units count will default to 30. Units are based on the type of event at your school.



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