



Raider Notes

Rescue
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal
April 2025

Principal's Message

Hello Rescue Families,

It has been wonderful to use our new multipurpose room for lunch, events, and sports. We still have several projects underway, including enhanced soundproofing, curtain installation, a projection screen, a scoreboard, and new turf being added outside. Overall, it is a significant upgrade, and the students are thrilled to be using it.

Our 3rd – 5th grade students will begin practicing for the Smarter Balanced Assessment which is scheduled to be given between April 28th-May 9th. 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, math, and 5th Grade will take a science assessment. 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.

Our theme for the month of April will focus on Courage. Courage is defined as the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, or pain. We all have faced times in our lives when it was important to show courage. It is important to start to have conversations about different types of courage that may be needed in life. We will have discussions and stories throughout the month of April to show the many ways courage may be needed in life.

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

See you soon,
Todd McGinnis, Principal

Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, April 1st Volleyball game vs GV @ home 4:00pm
- Wednesday, April 2nd— **Early Release**
- Friday, April 4th— Spring Pictures
- Tuesday, April 8th—Amazing Animals 1st grade onsite field trip
- Tuesday, April 8th Volleyball game vs JK @ home 4:00pm
- Tuesday, April 8th—Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Wednesday, April 9th— **Early Release**
- Thursday, April 10th—Special Olympics basketball game
- Thursday, April 10th— Volleyball game vs LV @ home 4:00pm
- Friday, April 11th—Spirit Day Favorite Color
- Friday, April 11th—2nd grade FT Rasmussen Park
- Monday, April 14th—Monday, April 21st **No School Spring Break**
- Tuesday, April 22—School resumes
- Wednesday, April 23rd— **Early Release**

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



April in the garden will focus on planting summer plants and getting ready for our spring plant sale. We will be weeding and adding fun areas to the garden!

Counselor's Corner

Happy April everyone!

April showers are definitely here! We are getting closer and closer to the end of the school year! This month we will be focusing on Courage. Courage is choosing what is helpful, kind, and kind, even when it's hard or scary. I will be doing guidance lessons in the classrooms with some fun activities! As we near the end of the school year, it's important that we focus on the things that need to get done and help our students find that last gear to reach the finish line! Courage can definitely help us push through these tough times.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions about counseling for this year and next! Have a great month everyone!

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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.



Rescue Union Food Service

What's Cooking?
We're introducing another new recipe this Spring: Chili Cheese Fries! We top crinkle cut fries with vegetarian chili and shredded cheddar cheese. It's a fun vegetarian dish that everyone will love.

This month we are featuring organic raspberries from L.O.V Farms in Santa Maria, CA. L.O.V. Farms is an organic family run farm that grows berries and assorted vegetables on 50 acres. We remain committed to supporting local farmers and serving California grown produce whenever possible.

Help Wanted in Food Service!



Are you interested in working a few hours a day in a fun fast-paced environment, helping prepare and serve meals to our students? We have the following opening:

Green Valley Elementary—3 hrs/day
[Click here for details.](#)

Or get on the sub list and work when and where you choose!
[Click here for details.](#)

Call 530-672-4466 if you have any questions.

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.

Rescue Parent Teacher Club

Rescue Elementary PTC Members: Rescue Elementary PTC is still searching for key members for the 2025-2026 school year. Without a functioning PTC, our school will not be able to provide art programs, assemblies, classroom support, and beloved school events.

We need your help to keep these important opportunities alive for our students! If you can step up, please reach out to info@rescuptc.com as soon as possible.

Key positions available:

- President
- Events Coordinator
- Fundraising Lead
- Communications Lead
- Secretary

Our students are counting on us—please consider joining the PTC and making a difference!

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 5th.

TK children must be turning 4 by September 1, 2025. If your student already attends Rescue Elementary you do not need to re-register your student for Kindergarten or any other grade level.

<https://www.rescueelementary.org/Parents/2025-2026-Enrollment-Form/index.html>

- **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.



Music

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

5th Grade Band had some wonderful performances in March at the 5th Grade Band Festival and the Grand Opening of our New MP Room! It was so fun to play on the brand new stage! Thank you to everyone who participated in those events. We are now looking ahead to our Spring Concerts on Monday, May 12th with an assembly for the whole school at 2pm and an evening concert at 6pm for family and friends.

4th Graders are learning more songs on their recorders and will also be performing at the Spring Concert and Assembly on May 12th! Please arrive by 5:45pm on May 12th if your 4th grader would like to perform in the evening concert!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3 Para- professionals Day 	4 School Librarian Day  SPRING PICTURES	5
6	7 Make-It Plates in C-5 After School 	8	9	10 DEADLINE Last Day to Turn In Make-It Plate Designs	11 Spirit Day: Favorite Color 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NO SCHOOL: Spring Break						
20	21	22 School Bus Drivers Day PTC Meeting @ 5pm *Board Vote*	23 Rescue's Front Office Day 	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Staff Appreciation: TK/K 	1 PRINCIPAL Day	2 Spirit Day: Star Wars Day & Lunch Hero Day 	3

RESCUE PTC



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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- 3rd: Paraprofessionals Day
- 4th: School Librarian Day & Spring Pictures
- 7th: Make-It Plates in C-5 after school
- 11th: Spirit Day - Favorite Color Day
- 14th-21st: No School: Spring Break
- 22nd: School Bus Drivers Day & PTC Meeting @ 5pm in the Staff Lounge
- 23rd: Rescue's Front Office Day
- 30th: TK & Kinder - Staff Appreciation

MAY Sneak Peak:

- 1st: Principal's Day
- 2nd: School Lunch Hero Day & Spirit Day - Star Wars Day
- 7th: School Nurse Day
- 9th: Spirit Day - PJ/Bed Head Day & Open House 5-6pm??
- 16th: Minimum Day & TK/K Field Day
- 18th: Speech Pathologist Day
- 20th: 1st-5th Grades Field Day & Last PTC Meeting of the school year @ 5pm
- 23rd: Minimum Day & Last Day!!!
5th Grade "Clap Out" at 12:40



Join us on April 7th in C-5 for a fun Make It Plate session! Create a personalized keepsake with Make-It products. Adult supervision required, all supplies provided. Cash or check due at order placement. Approx. 4-week turnaround. Can't make it? Pick up a packet in C-5 and return it by April 10.
Questions? Email lscales@rescueusd.org

PICTURE DAY

We heard your feedback from last year, and we're excited to share that Rescue moved spring pictures to a later date this year! This change will give students more time to enjoy the beautiful spring weather, making for even brighter and more cheerful photos.

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces on April 4th!

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- Secretary



Without these roles filled, these important programs and events will not happen. Our students are counting on us!

If you can step up, please reach out to info@rescueptc.com before our meeting on April 22nd.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

Email: info@RescuePTC.com

IG: [ptc.rescue](https://www.instagram.com/ptc.rescue)

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