



# Raider Notes

Rescue  
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal  
January 2026

## Principal's Message

Hello Rescue Families,

I hope everyone had a fantastic winter break and enjoyed time with family and friends. The first half of the year at Rescue Elementary has been very successful. We have enjoyed multiple fun events hosted by our talented PTC, which have added to our strong sense of community. Our students have also been making academic gains and pushing their learning throughout the first half of the year, and we look forward to even more engaging events and continued learning ahead.

Our character trait for the month of January is Perseverance. Perseverance is a crucial character trait that plays a significant role in our students' academic journeys. It involves the determination and resilience needed to overcome challenges and obstacles encountered in school. Students who demonstrate perseverance are not easily discouraged by setbacks or failures but instead use them as opportunities to learn and grow. Perseverance helps maintain a positive attitude, stay focused on goals, and demonstrate consistent effort and commitment to studies, ultimately leading to success.

School will not be in session on Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Throughout the month of January, our students will learn about the many accomplishments of Dr. King.

It has been fantastic to see our parent volunteers helping in the classrooms. Once you are cleared as a volunteer at Rescue Elementary, your clearance is valid through your child's 8th-grade year with RUSD. If you plan on volunteering in the classroom and have arranged this with the teacher, please pick up a Volunteer 1 packet in the office. If you plan on supporting our students by chaperoning field trips, please pick up a Volunteer 2 packet in the office. Volunteer 2 clearance involves fingerprinting, which can take several weeks. Both forms are also available on the district website. Thank you to all our volunteers—we couldn't 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

## Calendar of Events

- Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>—School resumes
- Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>— **Early Release 2:10pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>— **Early Release 2:10 Dismissal**
- Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>— Spirit Day—Dress Like a Grandparent
- Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>— Kindergarten 100th Day of School
- Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>—PTC Meeting 5pm
- Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>— **Early Release 2:10 Dismissal**
- Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>—Basketball Game @ Jackson Boys 4pm Girls 5:15pm
- Tuesday, January 27th—Board Meeting 6pm
- Wednesday, January 28th—Basketball Game @ home vs GV Girls 4pm Boys 5:15pm



## 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



January in the garden will be all about worms! We will learn about their lifecycles, what they eat and how you can grow them at home.

## 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.

## Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year & welcome back everyone!

I hope everyone 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 so we can help keep our students stay motivated.

This month I will be continuing guidance lessons in the classroom and will be doing another round of social groups! Feel free to reach out if you are interested. I hope everyone has a great start to the new year!!

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## Rescue Union Food Service



### Fruit of the Month: Hailey Red Pear

The Hailey Red Pear is a redder version of a Bartlett pear. And known for being extra juicy and sweet. They are high in fiber, especially the skin, helping with digestion. They are a good source of Vitamin C, Potassium and Vitamin K helping with immunity. Pears have a high water content to help with hydration.

The Hailey Red Pears that are being served in our schools are grown and harvested at Stillwater Orchards in Courtland, California. David J Elliot and Sons have been growing fruit in the Sacramento River Delta since 1860. We remain committed to supporting local farmers and serving California grown produce whenever possible.

## 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

### 2026-2027 PTC Board Positions!

If you've ever thought about getting more involved at Rescue, now is your moment! We're gearing up for the 2026–2027 Rescue PTC Board, and invite you to submit an email of interest by February 28th to [info@rescueptc.com](mailto:info@rescueptc.com) to be added to the April voting ballot. All positions are open, but we have a special need for President, VP of Fundraising, Social Media Coordinator, and Parliamentarian. These roles are open for new leaders (with a strong team behind you!).

If you're even a little curious, send an email—give yourself the option to step in and make a big impact in the 2026-2027 school year.



- **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 with Ms. Olson

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

In January, 5th Grade Band will be starting to work on new music that we will perform at the 5th Grade Band Festival, which will take place on Wednesday, March 18th at Pleasant Grove. We will meet at 2:30pm, rehearse, get to know the middle school band teachers, and then have a performance for families at 4:30pm.

4th graders will start learning how to play the recorder. Each student will receive their own brand new recorder that they will play for the rest of the year in music and at the end of the year will get to take their recorders home.





# **EAT FOR A CAUSE!**

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## **RESCUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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# **FUNDRAISER**

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**Wednesday**  
**1/28/26 5pm-8pm**

**(530) 677-3611**

**3421 Coach Lane, Cameron Park, CA 95682**  
**[cameron-park.PizzaFactory.com](http://cameron-park.PizzaFactory.com)**

**PIZZA FACTORY** will donate a portion of all sales  
when you bring in this flyer. Dine in or Take out!

Coupons, discounts and specials are not valid during fundraisers.

## JANUARY '26

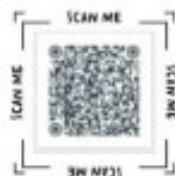


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**JOIN US**

Want more information?  
Review our bylaws for a full description of each position's responsibilities.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st - 4th: NO SCHOOL for Winter Break
- 19th: NO SCHOOL for MLK Jr. Day
- 20th: PTC Meeting @ 5pm
- 28th: Dine Out @ Pizza Factory 5-8PM
- 28th: 2nd Grade "We appreciate you Wednesday" Staff Appreciation
- 30th: Last day to donate books.



## - GOT GENTLY USED BOOKS? -

We're collecting book donations for our **Spring Readathon Kickoff!** Please drop books in the bin in front of the office. Thanks for helping our kids grow their love of reading.



## - BUY YOUR YEARBOOK -

Yearbook orders close March 1st.  
[WWW.BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM](http://WWW.BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM)

## - YEARBOOK PICTURES -

The yearbook committee is in need of pictures. If you have any spirit day, class party or school pictures you would like to share, please email them to:

[RESCUEYEARBOOK@MY.RESCUEUSD.ORG](mailto:RESCUEYEARBOOK@MY.RESCUEUSD.ORG)



## Rescue Elementary Mural

1. **Pleasant Grove House Barn and Stables:** 1850, Served as a Pony Express relay station.



2. **Green Valley School House:** 1862-1947, Original school house built on the Skinner Winery property.



3. **Wing House and Barn:** 1853, served as a store, voting place, boarding house.



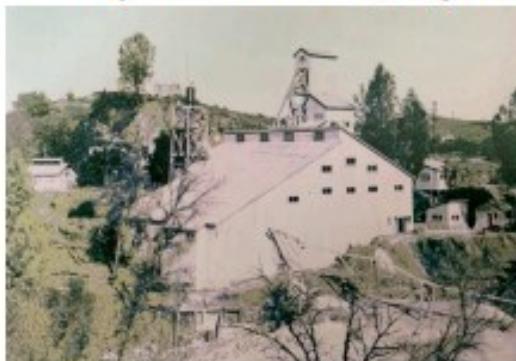
4. **Hunter/Carpenter Store:** 1894, Served as the store, post office, and also a gas station.



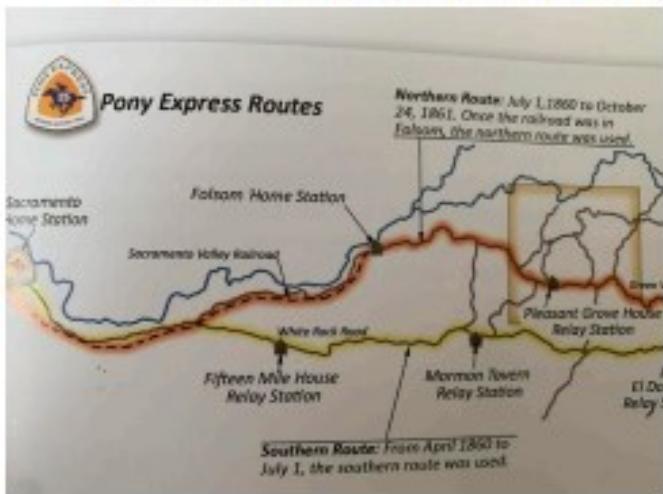
5. **Rose Springs Literary Society Hall:** 1896, Originally served as a community meeting place, it now houses the current post office and Fire Department.



6. **Pyramid Mine:** 1858, This was the largest mine in Rescue. The Pyramid had multiple gold veins on the property.



7. **Pony Express:** 1860, The Pony Express route went down Green Valley Road to connect Placerville to Folsom.



8. **Rescue Volunteer Fireman's Association:** 1960 The first volunteer group that began the long history of the rescue Fire Department.





## 2025/2026 Rescue Elementary Boys/Girls Basketball

Hello 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families! If you are interested in playing Girls or Boys Basketball for the Rescue Raiders this season, please read and complete the information below. Contact the Rescue Elementary office with any questions.

### Tryouts:

Tryouts for the girls will be held in the Multi Purpose room on Monday, December 15th 3:30-5:00pm & Wednesday, December 17th, 2:30-4:00pm. Boys will be Monday, December 15th 5:00-6:30pm and Thursday, December 18th at 4:00pm. The following forms are REQUIRED prior to participation in tryouts or any sports activities:

- RUSD Agreement for Team Participation\*
- RUSD Sports Physical Form\*
- This flyer, completed and signed by a parent/guardian

\*Forms can be found in the office under the activities and events page at [www.rescueelementary.org](http://www.rescueelementary.org) .

### Season:

The basketball season will run during the months of January & February

- Practices will begin January 5th
- Practices will be held Mondays & Wednesdays after school in the MP room
- Games will begin January 26th against local elementary schools in the immediate area and the season will end February 25th
- Game times are generally Mon/Wed each week at either 4 or 5:15.
- The school does not provide transportation to games. Families are responsible for getting their child to/from all games.

### Cost:

Participation for the season is \$50 for those that make the team. This helps cover the cost of referees and other expenses for the season.

### Contact Info:

Student Name		Teacher/Grade	
Parent Name		Parent Phone	
Parent Email		After Practice Release	Parent / Extended Day
Add'l Parent Name		Add'l Parent Phone	
Add'l Parent Email		Any Medical Condition(s)	

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_