



# Raider Notes

Rescue  
Elementary School

Todd McGinnis, Principal  
December 2025

## Principal's Message

Hello Rescue Families!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families last week. As we begin this busy time of year, we are committed to prioritizing education while including enjoyable traditional activities throughout the month. The commitment to academic excellence and fostering school spirit is an integral part of what sets Rescue Elementary apart.

Now that our Multipurpose room is fully open, we can enjoy some holiday performances by our students. TK will have a performance on 12/16 at 9am. Kindergarten's performance will be on 12/17 at 9am. The 1st through 5th grade performance will be on 12/18 at 9am. This performance tends to have a fairly crowded audience. Seats will open up as parents from the younger grades leave after their child's performance. This is always a fantastic performance, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Rescue Elementary is working on proposals to update the old Rescue Mural that was outside the Rescue multipurpose room. We are currently deciding which Rescue landmarks to recognize in the updated mural. We plan to include many of the original buildings in the old mural and add some new historic landmarks. Attached you will find a proposed list of landmarks to potentially include in the mural. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please reach out to me. This project will be a longer process, so we do not have a specific start or end date for the project. Thank you for your support with this project.

In December, we will be focusing on the character trait of empathy. This is an important topic for elementary students to be introduced to, as we all have different life experiences, family dynamics, and challenges. To have empathy is to try and understand what someone else is going through based on their life experiences. Understanding empathy is very valuable at school; it's a great way to expand our understanding of the world around us.

As a reminder, we will be on winter break starting Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and returning to school on Monday, January 5th. Thank you to all our families for being so supportive this year and making so many things possible for our school. I hope you have a safe and healthy December and make fantastic memories with your family.

Sincerely,

Todd McGinnis, Principal

## Calendar of Events

- Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>—School resumes
- Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>— **Early Release 2:10pm Dismissal**
- Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>—Spirit Day Winter PJ's
- Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>—Winter Band Concert @ Green Valley Elementary 6pm
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- Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>— **Early Release 2:10 Dismissal**
- Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>—PTC Dine Out @ Pizza Factory 5-8pm
- Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>—PTC PJ Party with Santa 5-7pm
- Monday, December 15th—Basketball tryouts Girls @ 3:30 Boys 5:00pm
- Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>—TK Winter Performance 9am
- Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>—PTC Meeting 5pm
- Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>—Kinder Winter Performance
- Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>— **Early Release 2:10 Dismissal**
- Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>—Basketball tryouts Girls @ 2:30
- Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>—1st-5th Winter Performance
- Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>—Basketball tryouts Boys @ 4:00
- Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>—Spirit Day Ugly Sweater
- Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>—Minimum Day 12:55 Dismissal
- December 22nd-January 2<sup>nd</sup>— **No School Winter Break**
- Monday, January 5th—School resumes

**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**

December's garden lesson is making a seasonal wreath or door ornament using evergreen branches, ribbon and festive balls.

**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 December everyone!

I can't believe we have made it to the end of 2025! This month, we will be discussing what it means to have empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand and experience the feelings of others and respond in helpful ways. This is a great time of year to practice this. Model empathy for your child by going out of your way to care for others! Help your child see the importance of caring for others by simply asking "How were you kind to someone today?"

I am happy to help support your kiddos however I can! I will also be starting another round of social groups soon as well when we return from break, so please let me know if this is something you would be interested in!

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone! Mr. T

Mr. T

Terry Libbon M.S., PPS  
School Counselor  
Rescue Elementary

**Rescue Union Food Service****Fruit of the Month: Blood Oranges**

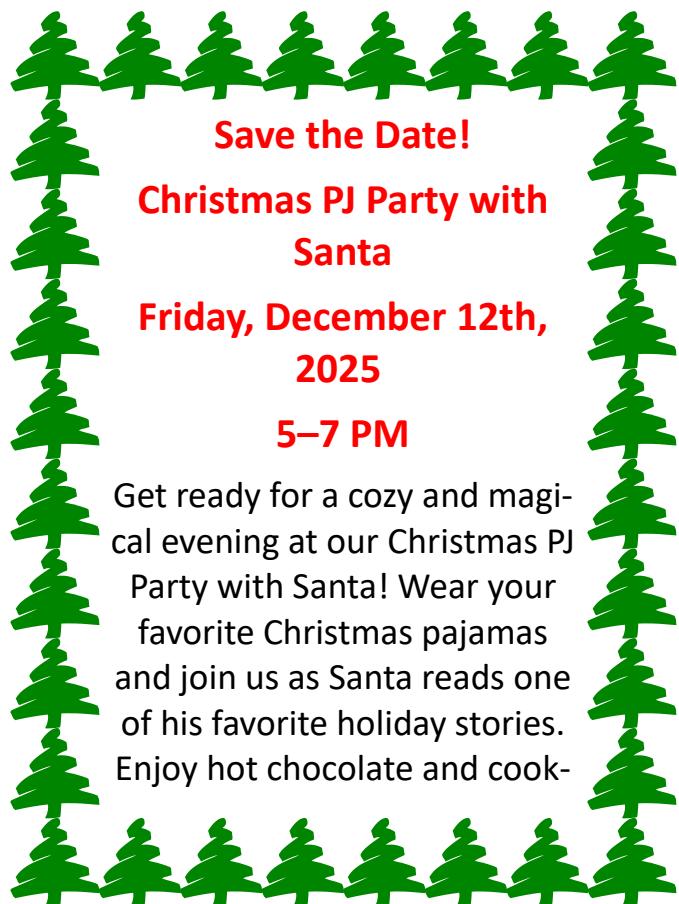
Blood oranges are orangey red on the outside, but dark red on the inside. They get their red color from an antioxidant called anthocyanin which reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease. They are less tangy than a navel orange and have a floral tart taste. They are full of Vitamin C, fiber and other antioxidants that help boost your immune system, improve digestion and has anti-inflammatory properties.

The blood oranges that are being served in our schools are grown and harvested at the Yanez Farm in Davis, California. The Yanez Farm is a multigenerational family-owned farm currently run by Saul Yanez. You can find their fresh fruits and berries at local farmers markets in Davis and Sacramento. 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



- **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

5th Grade Band is gearing up for their Winter Concerts! The band will be performing with the Green Valley Band at Green Valley Elementary on Tuesday, December 9th at 6pm. Band students should dress festively and need to arrive no later than 5:45pm. The Rescue Band will also be performing for the school on Monday, December 8th at 2:25pm and are invited to wear holiday themed attire to school that day (Red, Green, White, Xmas sweaters.)

In Music Class, 4th graders are learning to read music, focusing on note recognition and rhythm reading. These skills will be especially useful when we start playing recorders in January!

If you are looking for some fun holiday music performances, Mrs. Olson will be performing at the Harris Center with the Folsom Lake Symphony at their upcoming concert, "Deck the Hall," and also in the orchestra for Pamela Hayes' "The Nutcracker." Go to [www.harriscenter.net](http://www.harriscenter.net) for tickets and showtimes.



# 2025 DECEMBER



# **EAT FOR A CAUSE!**

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**RESCUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

# **FUNDRAISER**

**Wednesday**  
**12/10/25 5pm-8pm**

**(530) 677-3611**

**3421 Coach Lane, Cameron Park, CA 95682**  
**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.



RESCUE PTC

# NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER:

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Performance, 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>: No School
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Dine Out at Wally's
- 18<sup>th</sup>: PTC Meeting at 5PM
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Staff Appreciation hosted by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents.
- 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>: Min. Days for Parent-Teacher Conference
- 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>: No School - Thanksgiving Break - Enjoy!

### DECEMBER:

- 10<sup>th</sup>: Dine Out at Pizza Factory
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Christmas PJ Party with Santa 5-7PM
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Staff Appreciation hosted by PTC
- 20<sup>th</sup>- Jan 4<sup>th</sup>: No School - Holiday Break, Happy New Year!

## DINE OUT!

**Tuesday, Nov. 11th - Wally's Pizza Bar**

4079 Cameron Park Drive, Cameron Park

**Wednesday, Dec. 10th - Pizza Factory**

5-8PM 3421 Coach Lane, Cameron Park

## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

✉ Email: [info@RescuePTC.com](mailto:info@RescuePTC.com)

📷 IG: [ptc.rescue](#)



## CHRISTMAS PJ PARTY WITH SANTA

**FRIDAY, DEC 12 FROM 5-7PM**

GET READY FOR A COZY AND MAGICAL EVENING AT OUR CHRISTMAS PJ PARTY WITH SANTA!

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS AND JOIN US AS SANTA READS ONE OF HIS FAVORITE HOLIDAY STORIES. ENJOY HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES WHILE YOU LISTEN.

CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENT FOR THEIR PARENTS AND TAKE A WALK THROUGH OUR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREE FOREST, WHERE EACH TREE IS DECORATED BY GRADE LEVEL.



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING RESCUE FAMILIES AND DEDICATED STAFF WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO HELP SUPPORT THE PTC. YOUR KINDNESS AND COMMITMENT MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE! WE HAVE AN AMAZING COMMUNITY HERE AT RESCUE!



*Grateful,  
Thankful and Blessed*

## 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.



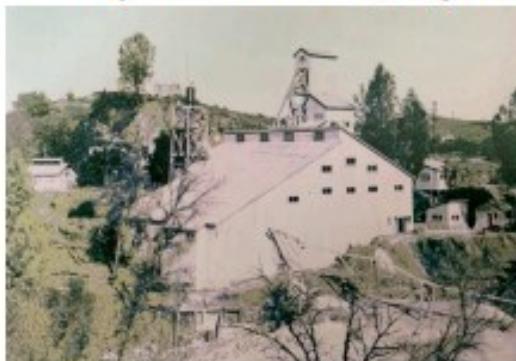
4. **Hunter/Carpenter Store:** 1894, Served as the store, post office, and also a gas station.



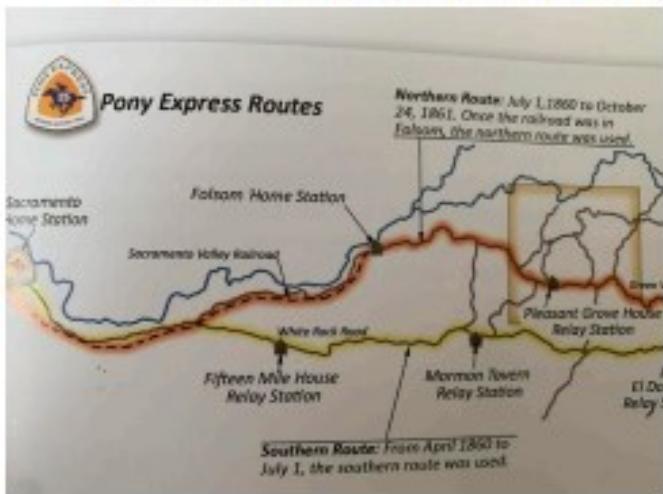
5. **Rose Springs Literary Society Hall:** 1896, Originally served as a community meeting place, it now houses the current post office and Fire Department.



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: \_\_\_\_\_