

Rescue Union School District

# PLEASANT GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## March 2010 NEWSLETTER

[www.myplesantgrove.com](http://www.myplesantgrove.com)

Reid Briggs, Principal  
Dave Scroggins, Assistant Principal.



**PTO Meeting Monday March 15, 6:30pm**, Staff Room, all are welcome.

**Puma Wear** on sale now. We've added a new raglan style T and sweat just in time for winter PE. Samples and forms in the office, [erleo93@comcast.net](mailto:erleo93@comcast.net)



### MUSIC BOOSTERS

**Music Booster meeting, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**, Band Room. Also this month, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Western Slopes honor Band, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Monster Golf Fundraiser, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00-7:00pm

Show Your Puma Pride and Support Our School With e-Scrip - In addition to sending in your Box Tops, you



can support our school with e-scrip. Use your Safeway club card every time you shop, and up to 4% of your purchases are donated to our school. You can register on-line at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).



Use your Raley's/BelAir Quality of Life Card and up to 4% of your monthly purchases will go to Pleasant Grove. Register your card on-line at [www.raleys.com](http://www.raleys.com). Use your Target Red Card and 1% of your in-store or Target.com purchases will be donated to our school. You can enroll at [www.Target.com](http://www.Target.com). We have 12 cards registered to date. Think of all the shopping we all do at Target and the grocery stores, and how much our school could earn!



**Spring Break is the week of March 29<sup>th</sup> All schools resume Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Daylight Savings time begins again on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, make sure to change your clocks, 1 hour forward!**



### PE MAKE-UP RUN SCHEDULE

(AM @ 7:20 AM ---PM@ 2:05 PM)

MAR. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PM
MAR. 10 <sup>th</sup>	AM
MAR. 17 <sup>th</sup>	PM
MAR. 24 <sup>th</sup>	AM

**Spring Picture Day is March 9. Forms are available in the office.**



**Inclement** weather is upon us and there are many questions that arise regarding **PE activity** during the winter months. We will try and go outside for activity whenever possible. If fields and playing surfaces are deemed safe by the physical education department, students will be outside participating even during cold, windy, and possibly light rain situations. Students may wear sweatpants and sweatshirts or jackets over their PE clothes to stay warm. Sweats may be any color as long as they are athletic type and safe for participation. It also might be a good idea to pack a plastic bag in your students backpack for wet, muddy shoes.



**Track and Field need volunteers to help throughout the season. Contact Mrs. Cornelius at 672-4400.**

**Because You're Special** is an assembly presentation just for our girls by the Soroptomists of Cameron Park dealing with self esteem, bullying, and other topics. Students wishing to attend must return their permission slip to their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> period teacher by Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>.



### SITE COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:00 pm in the Library. Discussion of our School Improvement Plan will be the topic. Parents are welcome to attend.

### English Language Learners (ELL)

**Parents who speak a language other than English in the home** - please join us at our monthly parent meetings in Green Valley School's library at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be on March 18th. Come get connected and find out how you can be more involved in your child's education, have a voice in what goes on at school, and have fun getting to know the other parents.

**RUSD's Cultural Week**, sponsored by the ELL Parent Group, is planned for May 3-7, 2010. If you want more information or have ideas for activities for that week, please come share them at our March 18th meeting or contact Mrs. Pettit at (530) 672-4400 x 4052 or at [npettit@rescue.k12.ca.us](mailto:npettit@rescue.k12.ca.us).

**RUSD's fifth annual Reclassification Ceremony** will be on April 29th at 6:00 in Pleasant Grove's MP room. This event honors students who are exiting our English Learner Program and are being redesignated as fluent English proficient. If you have an English learner, know an English learner, or simply want to support and encourage our English learners and celebrate their successes, please attend this special event. We will be enjoying a potluck of ethnic foods provided by our attending families. For more information, contact Liz Ulmer at [eulmer@rescue.k12.ca.us](mailto:eulmer@rescue.k12.ca.us) or Norma Pettit at [npettit@rescue.k12.ca.us](mailto:npettit@rescue.k12.ca.us).

### GATE

Classes for GATE Parents - Rescue District is pleased to offer the following classes for parents of GATE students.

March 1 – Characteristics and social/emotional needs of gifted children and their relationship to student motivation

March 15 – How parents can help keep their GATE students motivated.

April 12 – Helping GATE students take charge of their learning

All classes will take place on Mondays at 6:30 in the Jackson Elementary School Library. Each class is \$10 or \$25 for all three. RSVP to Susan Macaluso by February 22 if you are interested or have questions, [smacaluso@rescue.k12.ca.us](mailto:smacaluso@rescue.k12.ca.us).



**El Dorado Musical Theater** is bringing classes to Pleasant Grove!!! Watch our web site and the daily bulletin for dates, time, sign-ups, and other information.

**Internet Safety** – All Parents are invited to spend a couple of hours getting the latest information and answers to all your technology questions on March 9 at 6:30 in the MP Room. Representative from the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department will have great information about computer and cell phone risks, scams, and ways to stay safe. Due to the nature of some of the information, students should stay home and get homework done. The deputies will be presenting to our students at an assembly on March 10.

**Doodle for Google** Are you an artist? Do you like to draw or use a computer to create art? Doodle a Google home page. Write a 50 words or less essay on how your doodle expresses the theme, "If I could do anything, I would ..." You could win a laptop computer and a \$15,000 college scholarship. See Mrs. Reardon in the Library for entry forms. Entries are due by Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>.



**FROM THE OFFICE: SNAPGRADES.**

Have you checked out our newest electronic tool? This is for parents and students to keep track of grades on-line daily or weekly if you wish. Go to [www.snapgrades.net](http://www.snapgrades.net) and sign up. You will need your students ID number (located on their Student ID card) or call the office and we will be happy to assist you.

**Do we have your email?** We are in the process of updating our computer system database. If you have not given us your email address, please email it to [rbriggs@rescue.k12.ca.us](mailto:rbriggs@rescue.k12.ca.us) this information will allow us to contact you with school information and alerts.

Distribution of Community Bulletins and Flyers - RUSD facilitates the distribution of community information from non-profit organizations that is of interest and value to our students and families. Flyers are posted on the district website at <http://rescue.k12.ca.us/district/flyers.html>.

**Minimum Day, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade News**



Sunsplash and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade party are just around the corner (May 26<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> respectively). Make sure to get your donation of \$70.00 (\$50 and \$20 respectively) into the office and remind your student that they must have 80 merits to attend either function and, if needed, go to the office to see about how to make up the merits with plenty of time to spare.

Mark your calendar parents and volunteers. You are needed to chaperone the grand finale 8<sup>th</sup> grade party on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Yearbooks** are for sale through the front office and online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) The cost of the yearbook has gone up to \$30. Only 250 books remain. Don't be left out.

**If you bought an ad in the yearbook ...**

**URGENT message to 8th Grade parents**  
**If you have purchased a 1/8 page ad for your graduate, please contact Mrs. Cotenas at [tcotenas@rescue.k12.ca.us](mailto:tcotenas@rescue.k12.ca.us) or 530-409-9200 immediately. One is missing. Information needs to be verified soon.**

**New for Our Spring Menu**

Starting in March we will be adding a few ala carte items to our menu that will be available for your middle school students to purchase through their lunch accounts or with cash. Please talk to your child/children about what they can and can not spend as far as ala carte items are concerned. All items sold are compliant with new state regulations regarding calories, sugar and fat content. We have several items that have always been available, we are just adding a few more items. Here is what we will be offering:

**Existing Items**

12 oz. chocolate milk	\$1.25
12 oz. orange juice	\$1.25
100% juice slush puppie	\$1.00
Bottled Water	\$1.00

**New Items**

Clodhoppers Vanilla Graham clusters	\$ .75
Clodhoppers Choco Graham clusters	\$ .75
General Mills Cheerios Cereal Bar	\$ 1.25
Quaker Caramel Rice Cake	\$ 1.00
Kellogs Fruit snacks	\$ 1.00
Rice Krispy Treat	\$ 1.00
Baked Chips	\$ 1.00

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Kim Andreasen, Director of Food Services, 530-672-4445 or email [kandreasen@rescue.k12.ca.us](mailto:kandreasen@rescue.k12.ca.us)

# MARCH



28	1	2 7th Grade STAR Writing Test  Girls' Basketball at Sutter, 4:00pm	3 P.E. Make-up Run 2:05pm	4 Girls' Basketball at Rolling Hills 3:30pm  Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting in the MP Room at 6:30	5	6
7	8	9 Spring Picture Day  Internet Safety for parents 6:30 to 8:30 in the MP Room	10 P.E. Make-up Run 7:20am  Internet Safety Assembly	11 8th grade Field Trip	12	13
14 	15 PTO Meeting 6:30pm	16 Music Booster Meeting 6:30pm	17 P.E. Make-up Run 2:05pm  ELL Meeting 6:00pm, Staff room	18 Site Council 2:30pm  ELL Meeting Green Valley Library, 7:00pm	19	20 6th Grade Western Slopes Honor Band
21	22 <b>Minimum Day</b> Monster Golf Fundraiser 4:00-7:00pm	23	24 P.E. Make-up Run 7:20am	25	26	27
28	29 <b>SPRING BREAK</b> 	30	31	1 <b>APRIL</b>	2	3