

# SMOKE SIGNALS



Shaffer Elementary School

February 2017

## HAPPY FEBRUARY!

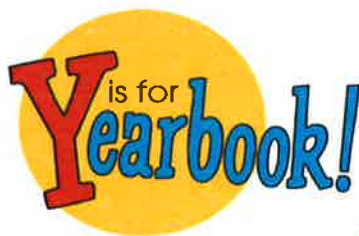
WITH ONLY A FEW MORE WEEKS LEFT TO THE 2ND TRIMESTER WE ENCOURAGE THE STUDENTS TO BUCKLE DOWN AND CONTINUE PUTTING FORTH THE MUCH NEEDED EFFORT TOWARD THEIR STUDIES. PARENTS, YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL ROLE MODEL. PLEASE SET HIGH EXPECTATIONS. HELP CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF SUCCESS FOR YOUR CHILD. HELP THEM TO VALUE THEIR EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THEIR BEST. AT SCHOOL, STUDENTS ARE WORKING HARD AND WE HAVE EXPECTATIONS THEY PUT FORTH EFFORT ON THEIR STUDIES. WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BE SET FOR SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE. IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TUTORING HELP, WE ASK THAT YOU MAKE SURE THEY ARE HERE TO GET THE HELP NEEDED. PLEASE HAVE THEM AT SCHOOL DAILY. IF THEY ARE ABSENT, THEY MISS IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION THAT IS CRUCIAL TO THEIR SUCCESS. IN JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-8 WILL BE

TAKING THEIR CAASPP TESTING. (STATE TESTING). LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO SUPPORT THEM AND HELP THEM DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY. HAVE A GOOD MONTH.

MRS. TERRI DANIELS



It's time to order your 2016-2017 yearbook. Yearbooks cost \$20 and can be paid for in the office. Don't miss this opportunity to have a very special keepsake of your year at Shaffer School.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Wed. Feb 1~ 2 hour late start  
Teacher Collaboration School Starts at 10:15 a.m.
- Wed. Feb. 8~ LCAP Committee Mtg.  
Room 12 at 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Feb 9~SPAGHETTI  
DINNER AND DESSERT  
AUCTION 5:00-7:00 P.M.
- Mon. Feb. 13~Lincoln's Birthday  
No School
- Thurs. Feb. 16~Lassen County  
LIT JAM
- Fri. Feb. 17~Middle School Dance  
7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Mon. Feb. 20~President's Day  
No School
- Tues. Feb. 21~PTO Meeting in Staff  
Lounge 4:30 p.m.
- Tues. Feb. 21~Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Room 12
- Fri. Feb. 24~EARLY RELEASE DAY  
School dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- Sat. Feb. 25~SATURDAY SCHOOL  
8:00 a.m.-Noon
- Tues. Feb. 28~8th grade field trip  
to Lassen County Courthouse
- Wed. Mar.1~2 hour late start  
Teacher Collaboration School  
Starts at 10:15 a.m.

## SPORTS UPDATE:

BOYS BASKETBALL IS WELL UNDERWAY!! OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS ARE ROCKING THE LEAGUE, ESPECIALLY OUR 7TH GRADE TEAM. WAY TO GO SHAFFER INDIANS!

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL WILL BE STARTING UP LATER THIS MONTH. IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PLAY, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A CURRENT SPORTS PHYSICAL ON FILE IN THE OFFICE. MORE INFO REGARDING TRY-OUTS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS VERY SOON.



**Mark Your Calendar Now:**

***Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction***

***(PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE~THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>)***

***5:00-7:00 P.M. IN THE SHAFFER SCHOOL CAFETERIA***

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR:**

**ADULTS \$6.00/CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER \$4.00**

**(Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread and Drink)**

**HOMEMADE DESSERTS WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF AT THE EVENT BY  
OUR VERY OWN AUCTIONEER: MR. BAILEY!**

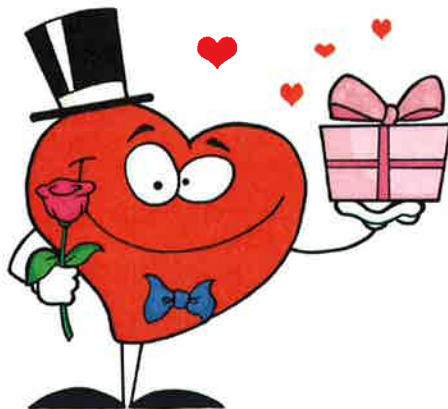
***PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN.***

**(Proceeds to go toward the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp trip and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
End of the year trip. Thank you for your support.)**



***“Parents are the ultimate role models for children. Every word, movement and action has an effect. No other person or outside force has a greater influence on a child than the parent.”***

Bob Keeshan



***Trimester 2 ends on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>!!***

***SPRING CONFERENCES ARE AROUND THE CORNER***

***WEEK OF MARCH 6-10***

***VALENTINE'S DAY***

***CANDYGRAMS!***

Student Council is selling CANDYGRAMS to be delivered to the students on Tuesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentine's Day!) Order forms will be sent home this week.

**Orders due by: Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** so that the council will have time to plan and assemble the candygrams!!!

Candygrams w/note: \$2.00

Candygram w/note add balloon: \$3.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SHAFFER  
SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL.

# LASSEN COUNTY LIT JAM

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

TEN OF SHAFFER SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE LASSEN COUNTY LIT JAM AT DIAMOND VIEW SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16. BEST OF LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING WITH MRS. SHELDEN:

AIDEN BALDWIN, NATALIA HERNANDEZ, JOEL HERNANDEZ, MICHAELA OLIVER, CIRRUS RANDALL, CHRISTINE WALSH, ISAIAH WILLIAMS, NOAH WILLIAMS, GRACIE WINTERS, AND AURORA VANDEVENTER.

### LASSEN COUNTY

### COURTHOUSE

### FIELD TRIP!

The Shaffer School 8th grade will be visiting the Lassen County Courthouse on Tuesday, Feb. 28th.

This is the first of many field trips that will be occurring this approaching spring. Please keep an eye out for announcements from your child's teacher.



### PLANNING AHEAD!!!

### COMING UP IN MARCH

The next Shaffer School Family Night.....Thursday, March 2nd.

(Dr. Seuss's Birthday!)

## FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

6:00-7:30 P.M.

IN THE SHAFFER SCHOOL CAFETERIA



PLAN TO ATTEND AND SPEND A FREE AND FUN FAMILY EVENING WITH YOUR STUDENT(S) AS WE CELEBRATE READING AND WRITING. LOTS OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

### REMEMBER TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

[https://www.facebook.com/SUSDLassenCounty/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/SUSDLassenCounty/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

Important announcements and events are posted on the page. A good reference for keeping in the know of what is happening at Shaffer School.

### PTO REMINDS YOU

Continue to save those Boxtops for Education and send them into school with your students. Each trimester the class with the most turned in earns a reward. These boxtops assist PTO with supporting activities and supplies for the school. PTO is working on a project to get a structure for the upper playground. With your help we will be able to reach this goal.

**ALSO, WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. PLAN TO JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEB. 21ST IN THE STAFF LOUNGE AT 4:30 P.M.**

## The Benefits of Parent Involvement: What Research Has to Say

By G. Olsen|M.L. Fuller — Pearson Allyn Bacon Prentice Hall

Updated on Jul 20, 2010

Researchers have evidence for the positive effects of parent involvement on children, families, and school when schools and parents continuously support and encourage the children's learning and development (Eccles & Harold, 1993; Illinois State Board of Education, 1993). According to Henderson and Berla (1994), "the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status but the extent to which that student's family is able to:

1. Create a home environment that encourages learning
2. Express high (but not unrealistic) expectations for their children's achievement and future careers
3. Become involved in their children's education at school and in the community (p. 160)

Henderson and Berla (1994) reviewed and analyzed eighty-five studies that documented the comprehensive benefits of parent involvement in children's education. This and other studies show that parent involvement activities that are effectively planned and well implemented result in substantial benefits to children, parents, educators, and the school.

### Benefits for the Children

- Children tend to achieve more, regardless of ethnic or racial background, socioeconomic status, or parents' education level.
- Children generally achieve better grades, test scores, and attendance.
- Children consistently complete their homework.
- Children have better self-esteem, are more self-disciplined, and show higher aspirations and motivation toward school.
- Children's positive attitude about school often results in improved behavior in school and less suspension for disciplinary reasons.
- Fewer children are being placed in special education and remedial classes.
- Children from diverse cultural backgrounds tend to do better when parents and professionals work together to bridge the gap between the culture at home and the culture in school.
- Junior high and high school students whose parents remain involved usually make better transitions and are less likely to drop out of school.

### Benefits for the Parents

- Parents increase their interaction and discussion with their children and are more responsive and sensitive to their children's social, emotional, and intellectual developmental needs.
- Parents are more confident in their parenting and decision-making skills.
- As parents gain more knowledge of child development, there is more use of affection and positive reinforcement and less punishment on their children.
- Parents have a better understanding of the teacher's job and school curriculum.
- When parents are aware of what their children are learning, they are more likely to help when they are requested by teachers to become more involved in their children's learning activities at home.
- Parents' perceptions of the school are improved and there are stronger ties and commitment to the school.
- Parents are more aware of, and become more active regarding, policies that affect their children's education when parents are requested by school to be part of the decision-making team.

### Benefits for the Educators

- When schools have a high percentage of involved parents in and out of schools, teachers and principals are more likely to experience higher morale.
- Teachers and principals often earn greater respect for their profession from the parents.
- Consistent parent involvement leads to improved communication and relations between parents, teachers, and administrators.
- Teachers and principals acquire a better understanding of families' cultures and diversity, and they form deeper respect for parents' abilities and time.
- Teachers and principals report an increase in job satisfaction.

### Benefits for the School

- Schools that actively involve parents and the community tend to establish better reputations in the community.
- Schools also experience better community support.
- School programs that encourage and involve parents usually do better and have higher quality programs than programs that do not involve parents.

*Excerpt from Home-School Relations: Working Successfully with Parents and Families, by G. Olsen, M.L. Fuller, 2008 edition, p. 129-130. © 2008, Merrill, an imprint of Pearson Education Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*