

# SMOKE SIGNALS

SHAFFER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/MARCH 2017

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. March 1~2 hour late start  
Teacher Collaboration School  
Begins at 10:15 a.m.  
Thurs. March 2~Family Literacy  
Night 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Friday March 3~ Rescheduled Dance  
7:00-10:00 p.m. for gr. 6,7,8  
**MARCH 6-10 SPRING CONFERENCES**  
MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE  
Tues. March 7~Smokey the Bear  
Assembly Gr.TK-5  
Fri. March 10~Trimester 2 Awards  
Assembly 9:00 a.m.  
Tues. March 14~PTO Meeting 4:30  
Staff Lounge  
Tues. March 14~Board Meeting 6:00  
In Room 12  
Sat. March 18~Women in STEM  
Redding, CA  
Tues. March 21~Lassen H.S. on  
Campus to meet w/8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Wed. March 22~LCAP Committee  
Meeting 5:30 p.m. Room 12  
Thurs. March 23~Morning Mentor  
Meeting  
Friday March 24~4<sup>th</sup> Grade Days  
**MARCH 27-APRIL 7~SPRING**  
**MAPS ASSESSMENTS**  
Monday March 27~Tenille Concert  
For Gr. 6,7,8 at Diamond View  
Friday March 31~Early Release Day  
School Dismissed at 1:00 p.m.  
Sat. April 1~Saturday School  
8:00 a.m. – noon  
**SPRING BREAK IS AROUND THE**  
**CORNER: APRIL 10-14. SCHOOL WILL**  
**RESUME ON MONDAY, APRIL 17!**



**STUDENTS ARE  
ON MINIMUM DAY  
SCHEDULE ALL WEEK.  
SCHOOL DISMISSED AT  
1:00 P.M. DAILY.**

SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE  
WEEK

MARCH 6-10, 2017

PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET  
WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.  
COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

### INCENTIVE.....THIS ONE IS FOR

### PARENTS.

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE NO ABSENCES OR TARDIES OVER 30 MINUTES THE PARENTS NAME WILL BE PUT INTO A DRAWING FOR A \$250 GIFT CARD TO SAFEWAY!!! YES, THAT'S RIGHT....\$250! PARENTS MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT(S) ARE HERE AND ON TIME THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MARCH AND YOU MAY BE THE LUCKY RECIPIENT. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD YOUR NAME CAN BE ENTERED FOR EACH OF YOUR STUDENTS IF NONE OF THEM ARE ABSENT OR TARDY. FOR EXAMPLE, 3 CHILDREN WHO ALL WERE HERE EVERYDAY IN MARCH WITH NO TARDIES? WELL, THEN YOUR NAME WILL BE ENTERED 3 TIMES! GOOD LUCK AND LET'S HAVE GREAT ATTENDANCE IN MARCH.

## **SPRING STATE TESTING IS APPROACHING FAST!**

Students in Grades 3-8 will be taking their CAASPP testing beginning in April upon returning from spring break. More information and a schedule will be sent out to parents before the end of March. Please note the importance of your students being at school, well rested and well fed, on the days of their testing. We want the students to be able to perform at their absolute best. Please look for more information to be sent home in the next few weeks regarding the state testing.



With spring approaching there will be more class field trips taking place in the next couple of months. Please be on the lookout for information being sent home regarding any trips planned for your child's class. Bring on the sunshine. We are ready. 😊

## Tutoring Intervention Opportunities Underway

As the teachers and staff meet frequently to analyze student performance data we are gearing up to start some intervention groups as we prepare for spring. If your child is selected to participate in a group before or after school, the school office will notify you of this opportunity to further help your child succeed academically.

Parents, you will be required to provide transportation if necessary for your child to have this opportunity. Thank you.

## SPRING SPORTS NEWS

**Volleyball is now underway. Good luck to our lady Indians as they start their season. Volleyball goes through the months of March and April and finalizes with the Volleyball Play Day on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This year the Play Day will be held at Lassen College.**



**Track and Field will begin the end of March. Please keep a lookout if your son or daughter is interested in participating in Track and Field. They must be in Grades 6-8 and have a current sports physical on file in the school office.**



*In the words of baseball star Derek Jeter:*

*“There may be people that have more talent than you, but there’s no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do.”*



AT SHAFFER SCHOOL THIS YEAR we have attempted to provide extra opportunities for students to catch up when they fall behind.

### WHY SATURDAY SCHOOL?

When students fall behind on their work they are assigned Sat. School if they are in grades 4-8. If parents refuse or decide to not bring their child to Saturday School it is documented as the opportunity was provided by the school but the parent chose not to bring the student. We are providing this extra opportunity to assist the student(s). We realize parents and students have other things to do on the weekend, as do we. This is not a fun morning for the students but four hours of focused time for them to catch up and get the help they may need in addition to their time in class. Each parent has signed a contract, as have the students, teachers, and administrator to meet their obligations. Parents, are you seeing that your children keep up on their school work? This should come before any extracurricular activities. If they are, they will not be assigned a Saturday School. The hope is that the students will NOT want to be at Saturday school. It is an inconvenience for everyone.

With that said, we would like to thank each and every one of you who have seen your students make it to their Saturday School assignments. We realize your commitment to your students and wanting them to do well. We appreciate you taking the initiative and getting the extra help that is provided to them at these sessions. Remember, our goal is to help your child succeed. We are dedicated to doing everything in our power to provide them that opportunity. This is a team effort and parent support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## TRIMESTER 2 COMING TO A CLOSE

Please plan to join us on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester awards assembly. The assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Some of the elective classes from Trimester 2 will also be performing during the assembly.

## ONLY ONE MORE TRIMESTER TO GO

The final trimester of the school year begins on Monday, March 6. It doesn't seem possible we are that close to our summer break. We hope the last trimester will be the best one yet. Please make sure your student is at school everyday ready to learn. As always, if you have any questions or concerns you are encouraged to call the school office. We want to have your input and we value your feedback.

*Happy Spring*



# FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT



Please plan to join us for an evening of family fun while we promote literacy for the students. There are many activities planned.

Thursday, March 2, 2017 (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where: the Shaffer School Cafeteria

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

## ADULT LITERACY AND ESL CLASSES COMING IN MARCH TO SHAFFER SCHOOL

These classes are for the parents of Shaffer students and others in our community. If you are a non-native speaker to the English language or if you struggle yourself with reading skills, then these classes are meant for you.

English classes for Non Native Speakers Monday/Wednesday  
Beginning March 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Reading classes for adult struggling readers Tues/Thursday  
Beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending either of these classes please call the school office. These are free classes open to the public. We want to support your success as well as your children's. SPREAD THE WORD. Free babysitting is available for the English classes for non-native speakers. Again, if you have questions or would like to register, please contact the office.

## PTO NEWS

*Please do not forget to be saving those boxtops!! You can send them in with your child to be turned into the office. We thank you for your continued support.*

*Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the staff lounge. Please come join us. We are always looking for new members.*

**PARENTS.....PLEASE HELP US OUT. STUDENTS ARE NOT TO BE USING THEIR PHONES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY UNLESS THEY HAVE SPECIFIC PERMISSION FROM A TEACHER TO USE IT TO ACCESS THE CALCULATOR OR INTERNET FOR AN ASSIGNMENT. OTHERWISE, EVEN WITH A PHONE CONTRACT ON FILE, CELL PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE DURING THE DAY. PLEASE DO NOT TEXT YOUR STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS. IF YOU NEED TO GET A MESSAGE TO THEM, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD GETS THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE. THANK YOU.**

*Thank you to all our families who helped support the wood drawing to earn \$\$ to help our Shaffer student, Lane. Congratulations to Shaffer School parent, Scott Faria, on winning the cord of wood. All your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you Mr. Cravy and Mr. Victoria for your donation of the split wood for this very important cause. This is why SHAFFER FAMILIES ROCK!!*

**TENILLE**



On Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Shaffer School's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be traveling to Diamond View School for a very special event. Tenille is a country singer from Canada with a motivational message for youth. Shaffer students will join other middle school students in the county for a concert full of positive inspiration.