

SMOKE SIGNALS

April, 2017

HAPPY SPRING!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENTS OF AUSTIN HOLLANDSWORTH FOR WINNING THE \$250.00 SAFEWAY GIFT CARD FOR HAVING THEIR STUDENT AT SCHOOL EVERYDAY IN MARCH! WE APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION.

CAASPP Testing begins in April

Students in Grades 3-8 will be taking their state testing during the months of April and May. It is very important that your students are here each day during these months so they do not miss their scheduled testing days. More information regarding the CAASPP testing will be sent home with your children separately. Please make sure students are well rested, have a good breakfast, and are able to concentrate so they can do their best on these assessments. If you have any questions regarding the state testing, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Our students have been working very hard this year and we want them to shine on their state testing. **WE KNOW THAT OUR SHAFFER STUDENTS ROCK! Best of luck to all of them.**

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 3-7, 2017 SPIRIT WEEK

Wed. APRIL 5~2 Hour Late Start

School begins at 10:15 a.m.

Wed. April 5~Easter Egg Hunt

For students Gr. TK-3 2:00 p.m.

Thurs. April 6~Kinder-Gr. 3 Trip

To Reno/Wilbur May Museum

Thurs. April 6~ELAC Meeting

6:00 p.m. in Room 12

Spring Break April 10-14, 2017

Mon. April 17~School Resumes

Tues. April 18~PTO Meeting

4:30 in Staff Lounge

Tues. April 18~Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. in Room 12

Wed. April 19~5th grade days

CAASPP TESTING UNDERWAY

April 19-May 19, 2017

Fri. April 21~Cut off for Trimester
3 Progress Reports

Fri. April 21~Shaffer School

Hosted Track Meet 1:00 p.m.

Fri. April 28~Gr. 6-8 Field Trip

Civil War Days in Red Bluff

STUDENT COUNCIL SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

Shaffer School Student Council is sponsoring spring Spirit Week during the week of April 3-7, 2017. The dress up themes are:

Monday: Mismatch Day

Tuesday: Pink and Blue Day

Wednesday: Face Paint Day

Thursday: Around the World Day

Friday: Fairytale Day

On Wednesday, April 5th the student council is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for students in grades TK-3. This event will take place at 2:00 p.m. on the field and playground.

On Friday, April 7th the student council will host a Fairytale Rally with games and activities for the student body to take place that afternoon. **IT IS SURE TO BE A FUN AND BUSY WEEK!!**



6TH GRADE OUTDOOR CAMP COMING MAY 3-5, 2017

On May 3-5, 2017 our 6th graders will be traveling to Grizzly Ranch Camp to experience 6th grade Outdoor Camp. The program is sponsored by Sierra Nevada Journeys and is sure to be a fun and educational experience. Mr. Bailey will be sending home information with 6th graders regarding the camp very soon. Keep a look out and to all our 6th grade students.....ENJOY!!



SPRING SPORTS

Volleyball is underway and the lady Indians are doing well. Thank you coaches Hjertstedt and Barker as we continue through the end of the season. The season will wrap up the end of April and the teams will be recognized at the final awards assembly on Thursday, June 1st!!

Track and Field, the last sport of the year, will begin upon returning from spring break. Girls and Boys in grades 6-8 who are interested in participating must have a current sports physical on file in the office. Track and Field is a quick season with only two meets. The first meet is scheduled here at Shaffer School on Friday, April 21st. The final meet is at Lassen High School and is scheduled for Thursday, May 4th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Bailey at the school number. Thank you.



PTO NEWS

SHAFFER SCHOOL PTO WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO BE CLIPPING THOSE BOXTOPS! THESE BOXTOPS ARE TURNED IN FOR \$\$ TO SUPPORT SHAFFER SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ACTIVITIES. (PLEASE DO NOT SAVE LABELS FOR EDUCATION FROM CAMPBELL SOUP PRODUCTS. THIS CAMPAIGN IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT AND WE CANNOT COLLECT SOUP LABELS.) HOWEVER, THE TOP 3 STUDENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR FOR COLLECTING BOXTOPS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE FINAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY AND WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE. SO, KEEP CLIPPING AND SEND IN THE BOXTOPS. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS AND SUPPORTS SHAFFER SCHOOL.



ALSO, THE SCHWANS FUNDRAISER IS ONCE AGAIN KICKED OFF. IT'S EASY. LINK YOUR ORDERS TO OUR CAMPAIGN TO HELP SHAFFER PTO RAISE MONIES TO IMPROVE PLAYGROUND AREAS ON CAMPUS.

<https://www.schwans-cares.com/campaigns/31965-shaffer-ptocares>

*nothing is impossible
the word itself says
"I'm possible"
- Audrey Hepburn*

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

The yearbook staff has been working tirelessly to create an amazing yearbook full of your favorite memories at Shaffer School. You will not want to miss out on this priceless keepsake. Don't wait until the last minute, get yours before they are all gone. Yearbooks are \$20 and can be purchased in the office.



DID YOU KNOW???

When the students return from spring break there will only be 7 more weeks to the school year? Unbelievable but true. Let's make these next 7 weeks of school be the best for the entire year:

1. Make sure your student is at school daily.
2. Help make sure they are keeping up on their work.
3. Make sure they get plenty of rest.
4. As the weather gets warmer make

sure they are getting a chance to get outdoors to exercise and enjoy the fresh air.

5. Let them know that school **MATTERS**

ENCOURAGE THEM TO ALWAYS TRY THEIR BEST IN ALL THEY DO. WE WANT SHAFFER STUDENTS TO TAKE PRIDE IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR WORK.



State Testing.....What's the point????

- ◆ Students in grades 3-8 take state testing in the spring to measure how well they have mastered the skills and content in mathematics and English language arts at his or her grade level
- ◆ The tests align with the instruction that takes place in their classroom every-day
- ◆ The tests are matched to the learning goals at each grade levels and the results provide teachers and administration feedback on how well students are meeting these goals and how well the teacher is teaching the learning goals.
- ◆ The newer testing is designed to assess critical thinking, analytical writing and problem solving skills, which are needed for success in college and career readiness in the 21st century
- ◆ REMEMBER, OUR GOAL IS TO ALWAYS HELP STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS

*ENJOY YOUR
SPRING BREAK*

APRIL 10-14



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*WEDNESDAY, APRIL
19*

LASSEN COUNTY

5TH GRADE DAYS

AT HOBO CAMP

DAY IN THE DESERT

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*FRIDAY, APRIL 28
GRADES 6-8*

CIVIL WAR DAYS

IN RED BLUFF!

As a parent, there are a number of ways that you can support your child before and after taking a standardized test, as well as a number of ways you can support your child's learning habits on a daily basis that will help her be more prepared when it's time to be tested.

Before the Test

Be prepared

Many teachers will send information home about testing schedules and class preparation plans. Information that you should know includes:

- What is the test and what will it measure?
- Will the test results affect your child, school, or both?

Are there ways that you can help your child prepare for the test? (Narang, 2008).

Help your child in areas that are difficult for her

If your child has struggled with a particular area or subject in the past, you may be able to help her overcome some of that difficulty by providing some extra practice. Many workbooks target test preparation by offering practice exercises and questions like the ones students see on the test. Focus your practice on your child's weaknesses rather than her strengths so that she doesn't get bored with the exercises (Narang, 2008).

Give your child a chance to practice

If your child has trouble taking tests, try practicing test questions and studying new words. Your child's school or the library may have some samples to use. Keep the sessions short, and set small, manageable goals so that the extra practice boosts your child's confidence (Narang, 2008).

If you have concerns about the test or testing situation, talk with your child's teacher

Discuss your concerns with the teacher and/or school administrator. If you're not satisfied with the outcome, however, you can reach out to some other organizations that monitor testing, including your local PTA, The National Center for Fair & Open Testing or the ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation (Narang, 2008).

If you believe that your child's difficulty with standardized tests may be the symptom of a problem such as a language or learning difficulty, speak with your child's teacher to learn if your child qualifies for any assessment accommodations.

On Test Day

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast

Many teachers report that students who don't do well on tests haven't gotten enough sleep, and haven't eaten breakfast on the morning of the test. Doing both of these things will ensure that your child is working at full capacity (Narang, 2008).

Make sure your child is prepared

Check with your child's teacher to see if you need to provide your child with any materials. Also, check to see whether you child will be able to make up the test if she is sick on test day (Narang, 2008).

Remain positive

Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If she gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help her practice some relaxation techniques that she can try once she's taking the test (Narang, 2008).

