



# Shaffer Elementary School

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January 1, 2021

Dear Shaffer Families,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope everyone enjoyed the time together with family over the holidays. We have so much to be thankful for in spite of all the issues 2020 has dealt everyone. I have been very proud of our teachers, students and families, as we have worked together to overcome the obstacles over the last 9 months. The support that our parents have given our school during this time has been tremendous and we look forward to finishing this year strong!

### Students Coming Back

I am excited to announce that all Shaffer School students will be allowed to return to in-school instruction starting Monday January 4, 2020, as scheduled on the district calendar. The countywide order has lifted from all Lassen County Schools. We will continue to monitor the cases of COVID-19 within the county and implement the protocols and best practices we have been following to avoid the spread of COVID-19 and protect all our students, staff, and families.

### New California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Face Covering Requirement for TK-2nd Grade

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued a new mandatory face covering requirement for all Californians, to wear face coverings outside of the home. This order requires that all students at Shaffer Elementary now wear face coverings when they return on January 4, 2020. (Except those students and staff having a doctors signed medical exemption) We will be working with our younger students with this new requirement, as they return to school, and will continue to provide all our students with "mask breaks" as needed. It would be great if you could take some time this weekend to talk to your students about the new requirement and provide them with a face covering that fits. All students that do not have a face covering will be provided one at school and our staff will help them with the adjustment.

### Distance Learning

As before, we will continue to provide the option of distance learning for families that do not wish to have their students wear a face covering or prefer their students remain in distance learning for instruction. If you choose this option, please notify the school by calling the school office at (530) 254-6577 or emailing Shannon Polan at [spolan@shatterschool.com](mailto:spolan@shatterschool.com).

Shaffer Families, as always, our staff will continue to do our utmost to provide our students with the very best opportunities available. Together, with your ongoing support, we will continue to do great things and work together in meeting the needs of our students. Let us make 2021 an amazing year!

## PRIDE ASSEMBLY

On Friday January 8, 2021 we will be celebrating our Shaffer PRIDE recipients for the month of December at 1:00 through zoom. If you would like to join us during this time you can log onto zoom and use <https://zoom.us/j/93538321359?pwd=alVoN0RzZk5HZWNtM0FBUDRh2Ztdz09>  
Meeting ID: 935 3832 1359 Passcode: 084191

## WINTER MAP ASSESSMENT

Starting January 4, 2021, Shaffer will be conducting the Winter MAP Assessments for grades K-8. These assessments will help teachers to look at student progress and growth toward mastery of the California State Standards. The data collected will be utilized to target student needs and communicate with parents areas of success and concern to foster a continued collaborative effort in helping student achievement.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held January 19-22. Students will be bringing home a letter giving parents the opportunity to select a conference time for teachers to coordinate a conference schedule. Please fill this out and return it to school with your child. January 19-22 will be minimum days with student dismissal at 1:00pm.

If you need to reach me please feel free to contact the office (530) 254-6577 or email [jbaker@shafferschool.com](mailto:jbaker@shafferschool.com). Blessing to all of you in 2021!

With care,

Jeff Baker  
Superintendent/Principal  
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