



# BOBCAT BULLETIN



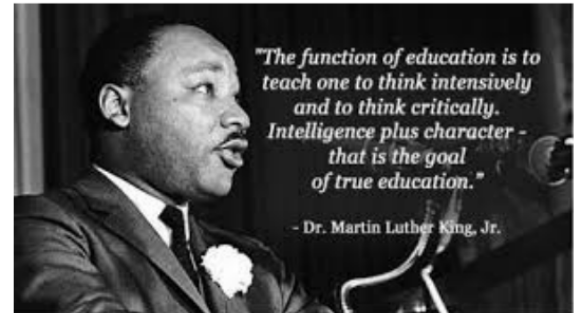
## 48TH ANNUAL J.A.K. TOURNAMENT

With the kick-off of the basketball season, Sonora Elementary will be hosting the J.A.K. Preseason Basketball Tournament for the 48th year. The tournament is named in honor of former teachers



Jeff Juhl, Tom Aitken, and John Kearney, who developed and ran this tournament for so many years. Opening round games kicked off Friday, January 17th and games will continue the rest of this coming week, culminating in the championships on Saturday, January 25th. In total, there are 18 teams competing and Sonora El hosts all 26 games, over 6 days. Sonora Elementary will be represented by our 7th grade and two 8th grade teams and we hope they can bring home a championship. Go Bobcats!

## MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH NO SCHOOL IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY



## SONORA ELEMENTARY HISTORY



*Miss Fahey, pictured in center, with her graduating class of 1904.*

Have you seen the bench, dedicated to Miss Fahey, near our flag pole? Miss Fahey was an extraordinary woman and teacher, starting her teaching career in 1872 and continued as a teacher and principal for **49 years**. Miss Fahey

taught her students with firmness and kindness. She loved nature and many trees still growing in Sonora were planted by Miss Fahey and her pupils. To illustrate a well-disciplined school, Miss Fahey taught her students to march in perfect step and order. They practiced each week, with reluctant students getting a slap to the hand with a ruler. The school would perform marches on special occasions and holidays, under the strict supervision of Miss Fahey. On Decoration Day (now known as Memorial Day), the students marched to cemeteries and placed flowers on soldiers' graves. Every federal holiday, students paraded from the school up the length of Washington Street and counter-marched through Bauman's Brewery and returned to the school. The bench, in honor of her 49 years of service, was dedicated at the Dome and moved over when our current campus opened on Greenley Road.

## PARKING LOT

For efficiency and safety, we ask parents to remain in their vehicle in the pick-up/drop-off area during the drop-off times before school and the pick-up times immediately after school. Also, with the winter weather and adverse road conditions, it is even more important to drive slow and with caution.

## 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

You can support our 8th grade with all of their end of year activities by buying See's candy. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day. You can order online until January 31st, 2025, so don't miss out. Scan the QR code to visit the online shop and support the Class of 2025.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/17 - 1/25 6th Grade Boys Basketball  
@ Columbia Tourney  
7th/8th Grade Basketball  
@ J.A.K Tourney (Hosted by SES)
- 1/20 MLK, Jr. Holiday (No School)
- 1/28 6th/7th/8th (Blue) Boys Basketball  
@ Twain Harte, 3:45
- 1/30 7th/8th Grade Ski Trip  
6th/8th (Gold) Boys Basketball  
@ Tenaya, 3:45