

November 2011

News from the Principal

Ms. Elizabeth Wood
Principal



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Main Office	881-0580
Health Office	881-0581
Attendance	881-0584
Office Fax	371-1762
Nurse Fax	881-0498

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY**
Friday, Nov. 11
- ◆ **PTA MEETING**
Wed., Nov. 16
- ◆ **NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING**
Nov. 24-25
- ◆ **PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS**
Dec. 8-9
(No school for students on these days)



Dear Parents,

How is your child's school year progressing? Our teachers have been engaging students in learning opportunities to expand their cognitive abilities, ensuring our elementary students develop the skills they need for long-term academic success.

We take pride in creating a stimulating learning environment where all students spend time working at their own instructional level. Our school is structured, yet supportive and friendly.

Your child is well-known by many staff members in our school who care deeply about his/her safety and learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to reach out to us.

Parents, your support at home is critical for your child's success in school. Please:

- *Maintain a school-week schedule which allows time for homework, family dinner time (most nights!), and a consistent bedtime.*
- *Ask your child about his/her day. Help your child learn how to resolve small conflicts peacefully and independently.*
- *Read every day with your child and have your children see you read also. Studies have shown how beneficial it is for children to see their parents read.*
- *Talk with your child every day. Use big words, and explain their meaning. Help your child learn to be articulate in his/her speech, using descriptive words.*
- *Model civility at home combined with high personal expectations.*

We know the world in which our students will work is constantly changing. We cannot predict with certainty what skills they will need; however, our combined efforts will undoubtedly create a solid base for their personal and intellectual development.



Science time in Mrs. Pembroke's second-grade class

SAVE THE DATES!
New York State Testing Dates

Grade 3 – 5
English Language Arts
April 17 – 18

Grade 3 – 5
Mathematics
April 23 - 24

Grade 4
Science
May 23 (Performance test)
June 4 (Written test)

Recess Time

All students play **outside everyday** except in extreme weather conditions. Please remind your child(ren) to wear a hat, gloves, and warm coat to school on cool days. On cold days they should also have snow pants and boots.



SHATEKON WEBSITE AND PARENT PORTAL

Be sure to check our website weekly for exciting updates and student photos.
<http://www.shenet.org/shatekon/shatekon.htm>

Sign up for your Parent Portal account for access to:

- ✓ student grades
- ✓ attendance information
- ✓ immunization record
- ✓ your child’s August placement mailing on the day they are mailed

The Infinite Campus Portal is located at:
<https://sis.shenet.org/campus/portal/shen.jsp>



Fourth-grade winners in the Fire Safety Poster Contest got a very special ride to school!

Thanks to our local fire fighters for taking time to educate our students about fire safety!



Shatekon parents enhance our school in so many ways.

Thanks to our Shatekon PTA and all of our volunteers for sharing your time and talents.

You are appreciated!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Children should not be dropped off prior to 7:55 am when we have supervision in place. Students arriving to school after 8:05 am are considered tardy.**
- **Please remember to contact the attendance office (881-0584) by 9 am if your child is going to be absent from school.**
- **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications** are available in the main office, online, or by contacting the Food Services Department.
- **School Closings:** School may need to be closed on occasion due to inclement weather or other factors such as the loss of electricity, power, or water. School closings or delays will be available on the Shenendehowa website at www.shenet.org and also announced on the morning television news stations and many radio stations. Be listening for “*Shenendehowa*.” Morning kindergarten is cancelled on mornings when school is delayed by two hours.

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Starting Time: 8:05am
Dismissal Time: 2:15pm

Kindergarten:
AM: 8:05am - 10:40am
PM: 11:40am - 2:15pm