



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!



Shatekon
Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

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Shatekon PTA Newsletter

A note from the President

Spring is in the air! With only a few months left of school, we still have a lot to do! We have had great support by the parents and staff for our fundraisers, which have put us ahead of many other PTAs financially, and opened up opportunities for us. We will be talking about ways to use these funds at our upcoming meetings, so please bring your ideas! We are looking for volunteers to fill many positions next year, so if you are interested, let us know.

Next month (May 20th) is the school budget vote. The council PTA is sponsoring a Giffy's BBQ that night, so I encourage everyone to enjoy a BBQ dinner and come out and vote!

Our meeting this month is on Thursday, April 24th, from 7-9 pm in the Shatekon Library. Please come and join us if you can!

Thank you for your support.
John Belkevich
Shatekon PTA President

Shatekon Night @ NBN!

On Wednesday, April 9th, we will be having our first restaurant night at the Clifton Park Center Nothing but Noodles from 5-8 pm. Come on out for a night of food and fun. You will be able to show your support for Shatekon in the process! Don't forget to let your server know you are there in support of Shatekon!



Child Going to Koda?

Attention 5th Grade Parents: Koda Middle School has a 3 year term opening for an incoming 6th grade parent on their Partnership Team. The Koda Partnership Team (KPT) meets twice a month on Thursday mornings, 7:45am-8:50am. This is a terrific way to get involved in Middle School and to assist with parent suggestions. The deadline to apply is April 30th. If interested, please contact Renee Barlow, (371-5493/rbarlow2@nycap.rr.com) or Paula Berkowitz, (383-4627/pkberk15@aol.com) who has filled the position for the past three years.

Arts in Education...

First graders will discover "What is a Birds Nest", when the Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum comes to do a hands on project with the students on April 21 and 22.

Second graders will venture into new frontiers and make new discoveries during their field trip to the Children's Museum of Science and Technology, Troy on April 29.

Kindergarteners will explore the rainforest on May 1 and 2 with the help of a hands-on activity by Eco Line.

Slap Stick Science presents Notions in Motions on Friday, May 2. Students will see how fun science can be with a little help from a former Ringling Brother and Barnum and Bailey circus clown.

May 6th Motoko will be visiting the 3rd grade classes. The kids will learn about the Geography, culture, climate, history, food, sports and language of Japan. This very engaging presenter will surely have the kids coming home excited.

Physical Requirements

A physical examination is required by New York State Education Law for the following students: kindergartners, new students to Shenendehowa, students entering 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th grades, and students participating in interscholastic sports. Physicals are acceptable if done within 12 months of the start of the school year. Please make your appointment now! If you need a health form they can be found on the Shatekon or Shen web sites a copy will also come home with their last report card.

Child ID Program

The Shenendehowa Council PTA Preschool Committee will present a child ID program through the NYS Missing & Exploited Children Clearinghouse. A children's safety and identification service where parents instantly receive a comprehensive ID Card to carry with them.

Height, weight, photo and digital fingerprint will be taken. This is a free event.

When: May 6th from 9AM-1PM & 2PM-7PM

Where: Shenendehowa United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Route 146, Clifton Park

Please call Evelyn at 373-2320 or e-mail preschoolpta@cliftonpark.org with questions.

Library Update

From the Library Media Center...

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the LMC from 9:00 – 3:00. This is a great time to stock up on some special reading for the summer. Look over the many choices of books in the flyer that will come home the last week in April.

To accommodate families that cannot come during the day to help their child shop, the Book Fair will continue open after school until 4:30 on Thursday, May 8. Your support enables the library to buy items and support activities not included in our regular budget.

If you would like to volunteer during the book fair, especially during Kindergarten- Grade 2 visits, we welcome and appreciate your help.

Please call 881-0580 ext. 48502 and let us know when you can come.

Students Library Accounts from home

In the coming week we will send home your child's library account number with directions on how to access it from home. This personal "checking" can help your child keep track of their library items. For the upper grades we hope they will show you how to do it after we review it with them here in school.

Open Committees

We are looking for someone to plan a spring family fun night. Please contact any officer if you are interested.

For next year, we are in need of people to chair the following committees:

Reflections, Shen Inventors, Restaurant Fundraiser, Family Fun Nights (Spring and/or Fall), and Yearbook. We also need one Council Delegate

For more information, or to volunteer, contact any PTA officer.

Giffy's BBQ (May 20th)

Order forms for the Shenendehowa Council PTA Giffy's BBQ will be going home this month. The diners will be distributed the night of the budget vote. Come on out, vote, and bring home some great food for dinner!

Fresh Air Program

Fresh Air is a program that gives NYC children a chance for a vacation. They get to leave the city, become a part of your family, and see another way of life. They get to escape the dangers, noise and pollution. You would be giving a child (ages 6-12 for first time visit) a chance to enjoy the small things we take for granted each day. Many of these children don't get to sit and see the stars, play outside in the yard, swim, bike, or just have a picnic in the park. It is truly a rewarding experience both for the child that comes and for your own family. Children arrive in Clifton Park on July 1, July 16, and August 8 for two week stays. Please consider hosting a child. Contact Deb L'Amoureux at freshair@nycap.rr.com or 348-1018 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Nothing But Noodles Fundraiser

Wednesday, April 9th, 5-8pm
Clifton Park Center

2008 Founder's Day Dinner

Thursday, April 10th, 6:30pm (dinner 7pm)
Michael's Banquet House, Latham

SAGE Science Discovery Night

Wednesday, April 23rd, 6:30-8:30pm
Gowana

PTA Meeting

Thursday, April 24th, 7-9pm
Shatekon Library

Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?

Friday, April 25th, 7pm
Shatekon

Community Conversations w/ Dr. Robinson

Saturday, April 26th, 10am-12 noon
Cheryl's Lodge

Notice: One of our students is missing a gold chain. If you happen to see one at home, would you please send it back to school? Thank you.

5th Grade Activities

Anyone who wishes to help out by baking items for the bake sale (which will take place during the 'Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?' event) can contact Karen Patchell. Her email is mpatchell@nycap.rr.com

Bottle receipts are being collected to raise money for 5th grade activities. Please send them in to your child's homeroom. The class who collects the most money will earn an ice cream party!