



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Shatekon
Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

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Shatekon PTA Newsletter

A note from the President

The year is half over, but we still have much to do. I am still waiting on winter (I thought it was here for a little while...) to arrive! December was slow for the PTA, but this month things are going to start picking up again. Keep an eye out for our 'Call for Helps' regarding upcoming events and programs.

Our meeting this month is on Thursday, January 24th, from 7-9 pm in the Shatekon Library. A representative from our spring fundraising company will be there with samples for all to try. Please come and join us, and have some tasty treats while you are there!

Thank you for your support.
John Belkevich
Shatekon PTA President

SAGE Hosts Saturday Scholars

Saturday Scholars is a program of mini courses designed to provide challenging enrichment opportunities for academically, creatively and artistically talented children. The classes are open to all Capital area students in grades 1-6 with classes being held on March 1,8,15,29 and April 5th from 10am-12pm.

Tuition is \$45 plus some classes have a materials fee. Registration is January 19th from 9am-10:30am in the Acadia Middle School on the Shen campus. For more info and course descriptions, please visit SAGE's website at <http://worknotes.com/ny/cliftonpark/sage> Phone or email Lisa Hodge (877-8727) or Erin Wallace (877-6677) at sagenews@yahoo.com with questions.

A note from the Health Office

All students in **Grade 5** will be screened for scoliosis. Those students who have had a school physical this school year or a physical by his/her private physician, whose form has been returned to the health office, will not be screened. Screening will be performed by the school nurse in the health office during physical education classes, during the month of January. Physical forms may be sent in with students or faxed to 881-0498.

Thank You,
Dee Hughes, R.N.

Arts in Education...

We start this year off with a Journey through the Solar System with the help of the Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum on January 7 & 8. Museum staff will be in each second classroom, providing an introduction to what is in our solar system. Second graders will participate in many fun hands-on activities and experiments which will enhance this program.

3rd grade students had a wonderful time at the production of "Miracle on 34th Street" in December, now it is time for our 1st grade students to experience live theatre, when they travel to the Palace Theatre, Albany for a performance of a favorite children's book "If you Give a Mouse a Cookie" on January 31st.

We hope that your children have been coming home as excited as we are about all the wonderful productions and activities that have happened so far this school year. We have many more to come before the school year ends.



Parent Portal

There is one more date to accommodate parents who are unable to apply for an account during regular business hours. The district is continuing early evening hours to accept Parent Portal applications. The following date is the last one scheduled to accept applications in the evening.



- Tuesday, January 15, 2008 (until 7p.m.)

For more information and to download the application, go to:

<http://www.shenet.org/Parentportal.htm>

February is PARP Month...

The Shatekon PTA has dedicated the month of February to our PARP Program. **Parents as Reading Partners** is a statewide program designed to encourage parents/guardians and their children to dedicate a minimum of 15 minutes a day reading for at least 5 days a week, during the chosen month. The PARP Program was designed to be both simple and fun and we hope your child and their reading partner enjoy doing the program.

This is our time as parents/guardians to show our children that reading is not only important, it is fun. We have some great activities and incentives to get the children motivated!!!

Keep your eyes open for the parent letter that will be coming home soon and will explain our program in detail. We have many great things planned; including the kick-off assembly which is scheduled for Friday, February 1st. We have James Bruchac, A Native American Storyteller presenting.

Happy Reading.



The Shatekon Library

By the time you read this, the holidays will be over. We hope the lingering spirit will spill over into the New Year. Happy 2008!!

Come to the next PTA meeting and find out how to help your child use the Shenendehowa online databases. They are free with lots of helpful information at your fingertips and they are an excellent alternative to search engines. You will also learn how to help your child check to see what books they have out and when they are due. Say goodbye to overdue!

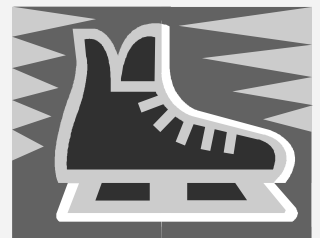
The library will be enthusiastically supporting the PARP program that the PTA is sponsoring for February. We hope to see you during Library Family Night checkout. It will be a great opportunity to stock up on February vacation reading.

We always encourage students to become life-long readers. Thank you for your support.

Clifton Park Youth Hockey

Clifton Park youth hockey is still accepting registration for the second half of the minimate program. It's fun, the kids love it, and they develop useful balance, coordination, and life skills. Professional Instruction by Coach Dave Randall.

Learn to skate and play programs for kids 4-8. No skating experience required. For more information nichols_first@yahoo.com or call Pam at 461-9555. Visit us at <http://eteamz.active.com/cpyha> .



PARP Kick-Off Assembly



On Friday, February 1st, James Bruchac will be visiting Shatekon with his Native American Storytelling presentation to help us kick off our PARP program.

<http://www.jamesbruchac.com/>

Upcoming Events

Shen Inventors

January 14th, 7pm (Information Session)
Skano Cafeteria
December 9th, 8am – 4pm (Display)
Clifton Park Center Mall

Parent Portal Evening Sign-Ups

Tuesday, January 15th, until 7pm
District Office (5 Chelsea Place)

PTA Meeting

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

Shatekon PARP Kick-off Assembly

February 1st (in school)

Community Conversations (w/ Dr. Robinson)

February 9th, 9:30-11:30am (Shatekon Library)

