



IN LIKE A LION!



**Shatekon
Elementary School**
PTA Newsletter

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A note from the President

I think it is safe to say March has come in like a lion... I think we had a great month of PARP. I hope you all had fun, I know my family and I did. But remember, it doesn't stop now. Reading with our children is not just a great way to show them how important it is, but it is also a great way to spend some quality time with them.

Are you interested in helping plan and/or coordinate PTA events or programs? Please, let us know. We can always use another set of hands. And just because someone else is chairing a committee doesn't mean you can't be involved. There is room for all of us. Come to the meetings. Get involved.

At our February meeting, our librarian, Sandy Russell showed us the Shatekon library web page, and also spoke about the dangers our kids face online. Also, Bob Melia (Ass't Superintendant) spoke to us about the parent portal and the future plans for its use. If you haven't signed up, please do!

Our meeting this month is on Thursday, March 27th, from 7-9pm in the Shatekon Library. Please come and join us!

Thank you for your support.
John Belkevich
Shatekon PTA President

PARP Closing Celebration

To close out and celebrate PARP month, there will be a movie day on Friday, March 7th. Throughout the day, students will be able to enjoy a movie, along with popcorn and a drink.

Parent Portal Sign-Ups in March

For all parents who have not applied for Parent Portal accounts, a separate area will be set up at the district office during kindergarten registration hours to accept Parent Portal applications. Please look for the sign for Parent Portal.

Arts in Education...

March comes in with a roar as we welcome Lake George Opera to Shatekon on Wednesday, March 5 to perform Pinocchio at 1 pm for grades K - 5. Morning kindergarten students and their families are welcome to attend this performance.

Get ready to welcome a creepy crawler home. Kindergarteners will learn all about bugs when they actually build one during the hands - on Eco Line workshop "Build a Bug" program on March 19 and 20.

Scotia Glenville will be visiting the Fourth Grade to teach about Simple Machines. They will have the opportunity to see how six basic machines work and what they are used for. The students will also perform experiments involving friction, work, force, distance and energy.

Fifth Grade will be visiting Proctors Theatre on March 25th for the amazing performance of Stories That Dance a culmination of original student work combined with the skills and experience of a professional dance company. Students learn the value of collaboration, and experience the creative process.

Then all kindergarten and first grade students will find out more about Bad Kitty and Poor Puppy and who Melvin Bubble is when author and illustrator Nick Bruel comes to Shatekon on Wednesday, March 26.

Thanks for your continued support of these Arts in Education programs.



Conversations with Dr. Robinson

Community Conversations with the Superintendent will be held on the following dates:

- 4/5 - Chango Elementary (9:30-11:30am)
- 4/26 - Cheryl's Lodge (10am - 12 noon)
- 5/10 - Orenda Cafeteria (9:30-11:30am)

All are welcome!

Library Update

With Daylight Savings Time beginning on March 9th we can look forward to longer and brighter days with spring around the corner. Who will see the first robin? Or spot the first crocus? Stay tuned!

Parents as Reading Partners Month is over but we hope the reading momentum stays with you & your child as those busy spring activities pop into your lives. Congratulations to all who participated in the many activities and a great big thanks to PTA & Stacey Evertsen who coordinated this massive month long project.

The library continues "hopping" with classes researching different topics in March.

- 1st graders -getting a taste of their first research project on animals
- 2nd graders - expanding their research skills learning about different birds.
- 3rd graders - reviewing their skills using Horizon, the online catalog and databases, finding books and locating needed information instead of Googling. They also are learning how to access their accounts from home to help them minimize overdues.
- 4th Gr. - explored magazines as information resources while others researched information for a Gazette writing contest.
- 5th Gr- read & researched about famous American heroes for a writing assignment and other classes researched and presented on United States regions

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will take place at the District Office on the following dates:

- Saturday, 3/8 - 8:30 to 4:00
- Monday, 3/10 - 5:00 to 7:30
- Wednesday, 3/12 - 5:00 to 7:30
- Saturday, 3/15 - 8:30 to 12:00

Be sure to bring your completed kindergarten registration packet with you. If you have not received your kindergarten registration packet, please contact Registrar, Martha Gordon, at (518) 881-0662, or by e-mail: gordmart@shenet.org

Thank You for Supporting Us

The spring fundraiser was a great success! We surpassed all of our goals. Thank you very much for supporting the Shatekon PTA!

PTA Founder's Day Dinner

The 2008 Founder's Day Dinner will be held on April 10th. Information and registration form below. All are welcome to attend. This is a Shenendehowa Council PTA event, so come on out and show your support!

2008 Founder's Day Dinner

Thursday, April 10th, 2008 at 7pm ('Meet and Greet' begins at 6:30pm)
Michael's Banquet House, 1019 New Loudon Road, Latham
\$28 per person

Names of those attending: _____

Dinner choices (please write the number of each):

_____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ Medallions of Pork Loin _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

Cash bar for soda, beer, wine and cocktails

If you would like to attend, please return this form to school with your child, along with a check payable to **Shatekon PTA** for the total amount due. no later than Wednesday, March 12th.

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Registration

Parent Portal Sign-Ups

Various dates and times
District Office

PARP Closing Celebration

Friday, March 7th, (in school)

PTA Meeting

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Shatekon Library

Community Conversations w/ Dr. Robinson

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