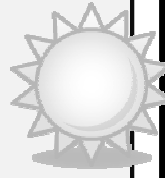




# THE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER!



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## Shatekon PTA Newsletter

### A note from the President

Summer is just around the corner, and I can hardly wait! I have to say, I think we have had a great first year as a PTA. I hope we can keep the momentum going into next year!

We do still have some open committees and will be sending out a notice to the call anytime list we have. I want to make it easier to communicate with everyone, so I am looking into creating an online group that people will be able to sign up for and receive all notices we send out. Look for more information over the summer and at the start of the 08-09 school year.

Our meeting this month is on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7-9 pm in the Shatekon Library. Please come and join us if you can!

Thank you for your support.  
John Belkevich

### Budget Vote May 20<sup>th</sup>

The school budget vote will be on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and vote. There are also 2 seats on the board of education up for election, with three people running. See the budget newsletter (link below) for more information about the candidates.

If you ordered a Giffy's BBQ, this is the day to pick them up (on the lawn near Gowana and Acadia)!

Budget Newsletter (in depth information):  
<http://www.shenet.org/2008-09BudgetNews.pdf>  
Budget Summary:  
[http://www.shenet.org/2008\\_09budget.htm](http://www.shenet.org/2008_09budget.htm)

### Girl Scout Camp Information

Did you know Girl Scout Camp is not just for Girl Scouts? Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York is currently registering girls ages 5-17 for the 2008 Camp Season! Day camps convenient to Clifton Park include Camp Meadowbrook (Queensbury), Camp Wood Haven (Galway), and Camp Is-Sho-Da (East Greenbush). Overnight camps, each with its own beautiful lakefront property, include Camp Little Notch, Hidden Lake Camp, and Lake Clear Camp. Bussing is available for the majority of these camps. Program opportunities include horseback riding, rock climbing, canoe and kayaking, sailing, ecology, arts and crafts, science and engineering, cultural studies, hiking, travel, cooking and outdoor skills. The girl-focused programs presented at all these camps help create girls of courage, confidence, and character. For more information, consult Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York's website at [www.gsny.org](http://www.gsny.org), or contact Sarah Gevlin, Destinations Learning Manager, at (518) 374-3345 x229.

### Arts in Education...

May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the kindergarten classes will discover "RAINFOREST FUN". They will learn how plants & animals live & depend upon each other in a rainforest community and create a "model" in the classroom.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Slapstick Science Notion to Motion assembly grades K - 5. A fun filled way to learn about Newton's Laws of Motion, with the hilarious Dr. Quinton Quark, a former Ringling Brothers Circus Clown and science teacher.

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Motoko will be visiting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. They will learn about Japanese culture, creative writing, and storytelling. This should be a truly unique experience for the kids.

May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade will learn about rocks and minerals with a hands on project right in time for Mother's day! This will be a fun and enjoyable lesson for them.

May 29<sup>th</sup>, first grade will work on a community mural with illustrator Robin Brickman. The mural will be based on her book, 'One night in the Coral Sea', and will incorporate our new shark mascot. Each student will contribute artwork to this mural and it will be displayed in the first grade wing.

**Thank you for your continued support of these programs. Your children have appreciated them very much and they have been a fabulous audience.**

### Attention Kindergarten Parents

Due to the unusual number of school delays this year due to bad weather, the calendar for kindergarten students will be changed for the June 13<sup>th</sup> elementary half day, AM kindergarten students will report to school, PM kindergarten students will not have school on that day.

## Library Update

Here it is May and the weather continues to play tricks on us. First we thought winter would last forever, some days we think we skipped right over spring and went directly to summer. Who can predict the weather? Let's just enjoy every day as it comes!

As the school year winds down, we must think about overdue books. Every time a class comes to the library, and they have not returned their books, they receive an overdue notice. Following Shenendehowa Schools' policy, all library items must be returned by June 6th unless needed for a school project. If items cannot be found, they must be paid for just like in the real world.

We encourage students to be responsible for items they borrow. With their teacher's permission, students can return their books at any time. We appreciate any encouragement you can give your child to be responsible and return their borrowed items.

We are beginning to give each student a purple half sheet that gives directions to check what your child has signed out from the Shatekon Library. Ask your child to guide you through the process.

Next month look for an announcement regarding our summer reading program. It is a great time to continue the good habit of reading and to enjoy different types of genre during the lazy days of summer.

As always, thank you for your cooperation.



## May PTA Meeting - May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Our meeting this month will be on **Thursday, May 22, as originally scheduled**. There was talk about rescheduling to coincide with the internet safety presentation originally scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup>, but that event has been moved to June 11<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict.

## PTA Volunteer Party

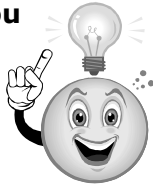
After all the hard work we did this year, we deserve a party! Come on out and join the fun!

*Where: Salty's Pub & Bistro  
215A Guideboard Road*

*When: Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM*

**Please RSVP to Tami Grasso at 281-1716 or [ggrasso@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ggrasso@nycap.rr.com) by 5/25 if you would like to attend.**

## Are you Smarter Than A 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?



The evening was a huge success. Everyone had such a great time; we hope to make this an annual event! We would like to thank our 5th grade teachers, especially our outstanding host, Mr. Meyers and his assistant, Ms. Semerad. All of their time and effort helped make this a memorable evening for our fifth graders. The office staff and custodial staff were extremely helpful in getting ready for this event, thank you!!! A special thank you to Autumn Ropitzky for her help with the raffle table.

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Shatekon Gym

### Budget and BoE Vote (also Giffy's BBQ)

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

### PTA Meeting

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7-9pm  
Shatekon Library

### \*\* NO SCHOOL \*\*

Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

### Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Shatekon Gym

### PTA Volunteer Party

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM  
Salty's Pub & Bistro

## Waterford Youth Council

The Waterford Youth Council offers playgroups, pre-school programs, before & after school care, drop-in center, teen nights and many more family oriented activities. The Waterford Youth Council also has a wide sports program - baseball, basketball & soccer. Check out our websites:

[http://town.waterford.ny.us/youth\\_council.htm](http://town.waterford.ny.us/youth_council.htm) &  
<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=199821867> for more information and for our current newsletter! We are also looking for a few Waterford residents that would be interested in helping out on the Board, please contact Andy Walters, President at 235-0165 for more information.