



Shatekon  
Elementary School  
PTA Newsletter

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## Shatekon PTA Newsletter

### A note from the President

I hope you all had a safe and fun Halloween. It seems like many people forget that there is another holiday before Christmas...

If you did not make it to our Monster Mash, you missed a great night. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped out, businesses who donated food and drink, and the Shatekon teachers and staff who worked the 'Trick-or-Treat Trail'.

The NYS PTA Convention is in Albany this year and I will be attending. On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> (during the convention) there is a Parents Expo at the Empire State Plaza from 10-2. This is a free event, so if you have time, stop by.

Flyers went home last week regarding PTA membership. I urge you all to join. We offer many great programs and events that would not be possible without a strong and active membership.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 PM. I hope to see you all there!

As always, thanks for your support!  
John Belkevich  
Shatekon PTA President

### Show Your Spirit

Our First Annual Spirit Wear sale will kick off next week, during parent-teacher conferences on Monday and Tuesday, November 5 & 6. Look for a sneak preview of the items on our display table in the lobby area. Order forms will be available at the table and will also be sent home with students. All orders are due by November 16<sup>th</sup> and the items will be sent home with your child the second week of December.

**Important:** *as these are customized products, no returns will be made unless an item arrives damaged, so please order sizes carefully.*

Please contact Lisa Campo at 343-4330 or email [ljcampo@hotmail.com](mailto:ljcampo@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Arts in Education...

We will be welcoming the Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum to our school this month for presentations to our first and second grade classrooms.

Second grade will explore the basic elements of the Earth's weather system with the program EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER on November 15-16th. Through demonstrations and visual aids, students will be introduced to various concepts of weather, such as: temperature, wind, precipitation, clouds, humidity and air pressure. Each student will also make a simple weather project to take home.

First grade will learn what a typical day in the life of a child who lived in rural upstate New York in 1876 might have been like through the program IN DAYS GONE BY on November 28 and 29th. This program offers the children many hands on opportunities. They will "act out" some daily chores, using household objects (including washboard, flutter, rug beater, etc.), then there will be time for fun using a collection of mostly hand crafted toys provided by the museum. Students will have the opportunity to see how these toys were played with by children 100 years ago.

### The Book Fair is Coming

Your Shatekon PTA is happy to announce our first annual book fair. This event is sponsored by Scholastic and will give everyone a chance to view and purchase FANTASTIC children's books, computer software and posters.

We will be open during parent-teacher conferences so please stop in and take a look. We will also have a family night on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. The book fair will be set up on the stage in the gymnasium.

Please come to the book fair. You will not only get great books for your children, but support your school as well.

Questions? Contact Sharon Levine at 371-8529, [smlevine@nycap.rr.com](mailto:smlevine@nycap.rr.com) or Jen Kyea 233-7892, [akyea@nycap.rr.com](mailto:akyea@nycap.rr.com).

## Grab-n-Go is Almost Here

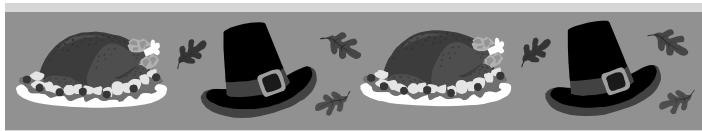
We still have room for a few more vendors. If you, or someone you know, is interested in participating in this event, or if you have any questions or want to help out, please contact Jennifer Connell at 383-0419 or jenn1con@yahoo.com

This will be a good opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Refreshments (coffee and cookies) will be served.

## Do you play piano?

*Attention adults:* Do you have strong piano skills? Would you be willing to accompany the Shatekon Chorus during its rehearsals? Rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, from 1:30-2:00. Although you would not be paid to accompany the rehearsals, you would receive a stipend for accompanying the Chorus during the in-school and evening concerts on December 12th.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Grebe, Shatekon Music, at 881-0580 ext. 48471. Thank you for sharing your talent with Shatekon's students!



## The Shatekon Library

A special thank you goes to the PTA for allowing us to use this newsletter as a vehicle to communicate our library program. Working closely with the PTA benefits our students, families and staff.

We began the year with a collaborative schedule in which the classroom teacher and librarian plan together how to best meet the information and literature needs of our students. During their (Gr. 2-5) scheduled library time every other week they learn how to locate and use the brand new books, reference resources and online databases.

Kindergarten and First grade come to the library each week at the same time. Grades 2 through 5 are on a collaborative schedule (alternating A and B weeks). If a class comes on A week, they will go to the Computer Lab on B week. Book exchanges can be done three times a day – at 8:00 – 8:15, 10:00 – 10:15 and 1:45 – 2:00 or as needed by a student or class. See **Collaborative Schedule** on the Library web page.

Your help is needed at home to read with your child and reinforce the importance and need to become great readers. Without reading we limit our choices in life. If you need suggestions for your child's reading please stop by or give us a call at 881-0580 ext.,. 48501,

**Shatekon Library Web Page** - Please check it out and learn more about our resources and programs. Have your child in Gr. 2-5 show you how to get there because they've been learning about it. <http://www.shenet.org> ► Choose Shatekon Elem. ► Choose Shatekon Library► On the side rail, choose Online Catalogs► Choose Horizon Catalog – Enjoy!



Monster  
Success!



Over 500 kids walked the trick-or-treat trail during our Monster Mash and enjoyed fantastic magic tricks by 'Evan the Magnificent'.

Our thanks go out to all those who helped make this event a **MONSTER SUCCESS!**

## Upcoming Events

### Shatekon Book Fair

November 5<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 2pm

### Shatekon Book Fair - Family Night

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### Grab N' Go

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