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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

..... From the Skano PTA Vice President



Dear Helpful Skano Families,
October and November have been wonderful months for PTA. We have been very busy with various events. Luckily the weather has been great for all of these. This time last year we were just weeks away from the historic December Ice Storm. Let's hope for a much more mild December this year.

The Halloween party was a huge success with a larger turnout than ever before. We ordered almost triple the amount of pizza as in prior years! The Fall fundraiser went off without a hitch as usual. The 2nd annual holiday vendor bazaar was profitable for all involved and had a record number of participants.

I would like to take this moment to thank all of the Skano PTA families for all of the hard work you have done this month and

throughout 2009. Skano PTA is entirely run by volunteers and is always looking for help. There is still time for you to sign up to be a member of the PTA if you have not already!

The next time I write to you it will be 2010 and we will be planning our Winter and Spring events. I know you will all be excited to hear that Almost March Madness is returning!! We will be needing volunteers to help make this event a huge success!

I wish you all a Wonderful and Healthy Holiday Season. I hope you enjoy quality time with your families and that all of your Holiday wishes come true!

Kelly Saposnick
Skano PTA Vice President



After School Fun

Skano's After School Fun Program begins on Thursday, January 4th!

There is still room in the Scrapbooking, Clowning, and KidzArt classes. Registration forms will be accepted until December 10th.

To register, send in completed registration and PTA permission forms and a check for the class fee to school in an envelope marked "PTA After School



Fun". Class descriptions, registration forms, and PTA permission slips can be found on the PTA's webpage: www.shenet.org/

community/skanopta/skanoptaafterschoolfun.html

Contact Laurie Partridge at: lauriep621@aol.com or Kathy Mauch at: kmauch@verizon.net for additional information.

School Banking



Parents and Bankers, when you send in your deposit, please write on the envelope the date and the amount of money that is being deposited. Also, please write your account number on the back of any checks you are depositing. Thank you -these little details make it easier for the volunteers to keep track of your deposit. What a great way to ring in the New Year by getting in the habit of saving money!

To my banking friends and fellow banking volunteers, I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and a Joy-Filled New Year!

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Landscaping

Ever wonder where all of the weeds at Skano go? Well, a group of parents (sometimes with children) come in and snatches them up when nobody is looking! They crouch, pull, clip, rake and decorate all with the aim of keeping the school grounds looking so nice. It is an on-going process and we would like to thank Keri, Andrew & Christian Horton; Deb Jackowski; Ian & Kathy Mauch; and Mary



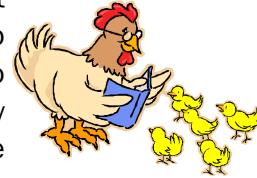
From the Hospitality Committee:

Thank you to all the Volunteer Bakers who helped to make the Staff Harvest Breakfast such a great success!



1000 Book Kids Club

What is it? *Skano's 1000 Book Kids Club* is an at-home reading initiative that targets Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten-aged children. Children in first grade are also welcome to continue until they have achieved the program's goal.



What is the objective? Our goal is to provide parents a way to help their children become better readers. Children who frequently read, or are read to, become better lifelong learners.

Why should we participate? Listening to stories read aloud promotes independent reading; and the single factor most strongly associated with reading achievement—more

than socioeconomic status or any instructional approach—is independent reading.

How does it work? There are 100 bags hanging in the lobby, with 10 books in each. Grab a bag and bring it home. Once you have finished sharing the contents with your child(ren), return the bag and borrow another one. Once you have borrowed all of the bags, your child(ren) will have read 1000 books!

As always, if you notice a problem with one of the bags, please bring it into the library so we may fix it. Do not hang it back on the hooks in the lobby. Together we can keep the program functioning smoothly.

Skano Dolphin Readers News

Got buckets? Fill 'em with all the right stuff!

Pull out your favorite pajamas—whether they're flannel, footed, frilly or furry! Why? Well, because January 22nd, 6:30-7:30 p.m. will be the SDR Pajama Party. This is a wonderfully fun time for special adults to come read their favorite books to our children. Come party with SDR!

Get out your calendars! On March 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m., SDR is teaming up with the Skano Student Council and Green Team for a book swap. What a great way to make room on your bookshelves for more

age-appropriate books. It's also a chance to pass on our books to others, rather than add to the landfill!

Don't forget: The goal of Skano Dolphin Readers is to encourage families to squeeze some reading time into their busy schedules. So whether you read the same book together, or simply turn off the television and designate some "family reading time," please make this a priority. The benefits for your child(ren) are countless.

Finally, Capital Communications Federal Credit Union (CAPCOM) co-sponsors our program by donating

money to our chosen charity; which for this year is Hannah's Hope. We earn 25 cents for each person who attends our SDR events. What is Hannah's Hope? Hannah's Hope is a fund for research to find treatment and a cure for Giant Axonal Neuropathy (GAN)—a rare genetic disorder that slowly takes away one's ability to walk, use one's hands, speak or swallow. Go to www.hannahshopefund.org for more info.



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Shenendehowa Wrestling Club

Who? All 1st – 6th grade students

Start Date? December 7th, 2009

Registration Date: November 30 and Dec 2nd, 2009 @ 6pm in Shenendehowa High School East near the wrestling room.

Youth Wrestling Cost: \$40.00

Practice Schedule (HSE Wrestling Room):

1st – 3rd grade students – Monday and Wednesday 6:00pm – 7:00 pm

4th – 6th grade students – Monday and Wednesday 7:15pm – 8:30pm

Site: Shenendehowa High School East (Wrestling Room)

Coaches: (Former HS and College Standouts)

- Brian Jutton
- Phil McGeough.
- Rob Weeks
- Steve Hart

Questions: Contact Ryan Fenton, Skano Teacher

