

June 2010

June Dates:

- 6/11 Half Day—AM K attends
- 6/18 Half Day—AM K attends
- 6/23 Last Day of Kindergarten
- 6/24 Last Day Grades 1-5



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Chango PTA News

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Letter from the President

Dear Parents,

Wow how this year has just flown by. I truly hope that your families have thoroughly enjoyed all of the school activities and PTA events this year such as: Harvest Carnival, Reflections, Movie Nights, Nights out at local restaurants, Shen Inventors, Running Club, ASEP, Shen's 'Shensational' program at the High School West, Boys bowling and Ladies dances to name a few.



We've had some *amazing* Arts in Ed programs this year such as our September "Friends" Character Ed program; Scotia-Glenville Museum programs, Rick Green the "bee keeper", Chris Grub (Planetarium program), Beth Bidwell (Birds of Prey), a visit to CMOST, field trips to the Proctor's Theatre, The Egg, NYSTI and the Palace Theatre and to close our school year: Sadecky's Puppets. We are looking forward to an even more amazing Arts in Ed adventure in 2010-2011. All of these programs are coming to you through your very own PTA membership fees, nights out at various local restaurants: Five Guys, Moe's and the Getaway, fall/spring fundraisers and various donations throughout the year. I want to encourage you to continue to actively support your PTA next year.

The board is sincerely grateful for all of your support and donations of time/money that made all of the PTA programs possible. If you volunteered with PTA sponsored events this year and did not receive an invitation to the PTA luncheon, please contact Krista Ferguson (VP Events: chango-events@yahoo.com) as soon as able. We hope to see you there.

If you placed a DVD order for Shen's Almost March Madness event this year and have not yet received your DVD, please email me (iisepulveda@yahoo.com), I have quite a few DVD's still in hand as yet.

The Chango PTA Scholarship committee is proud to announce the winners for this year. They are: Jennifer Harfmann and Angela Paolucci, both of whom are deserving applicants. Congratulations and best of luck to both of them!

I had an amazing time while serving you as our PTA President this year. I likewise, wish the new board much success this coming year! Have an amazing summer, be well & healthy. Til we meet again in September!

Idalia I. Sepúlveda

Chango PTA President



Don't
Forget
Your



AND.....



Soup for Schools

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

- Recently there have been children coming to school wearing Silly Bands around their wrists. They have become a hazard with children putting multiple bands on, which is causing a circulation problem. We strongly suggest that you ask your children not to wear them to school.

Sincerely, Mrs. Skarka and Mrs. Legnard

- With the warm weather upon us, students should not wear sandals or shoes with very high heels, backless "cros" or "flip-flops". We have had numerous problems and injuries on the playground due to improper footwear, therefore we are asking again that these types of shoes not be worn to school.
- Reminder: Students are to wear comfortable, appropriate attire that will not distract from the learning process.

FROM THE NURSE

1. New York State Education Law requires the following student to have physicals: All Kindergartners, 2nd graders and 4th graders as well as students who are new to the school district. The physical can be accepted to meet this requirement if it was done after September 1, 2009. Physical forms will be sent home with the June report cards.

GOWANA NEWS

Attention All 5th Grade Parents! Gowana PTA Call for Help.

The Gowana PTA is an active and involved group of parents that work to make our children's middle school experience as enriching as possible. In order to continue our involvement we are in need of officers and committee chairpersons for next school year. If you are interested or would like more information on the following openings, please contact Denise Virkler, Gowana PTA co-president, at dvirkler@nycap.rr.com or 371-7302.

Openings - Committees that need chairperson/s:

6th Grade Dance/Activity Night

Book Fair co-chair (we already have 1, need another)

Membership co-chair (we already have 1, need another)

Scholarship

Two more parent liaison for the Gowana Partnership Team



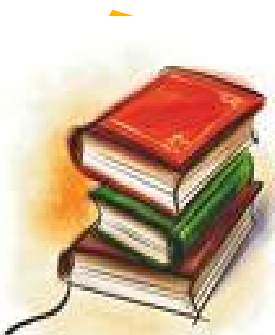
PTA In The Classroom

June 2 & 3 - Grade 4: Scotia Glenville's **Life on the Erie Canal**. Canal Days come to life through slides and a collection of hands-on artifacts. Topics include

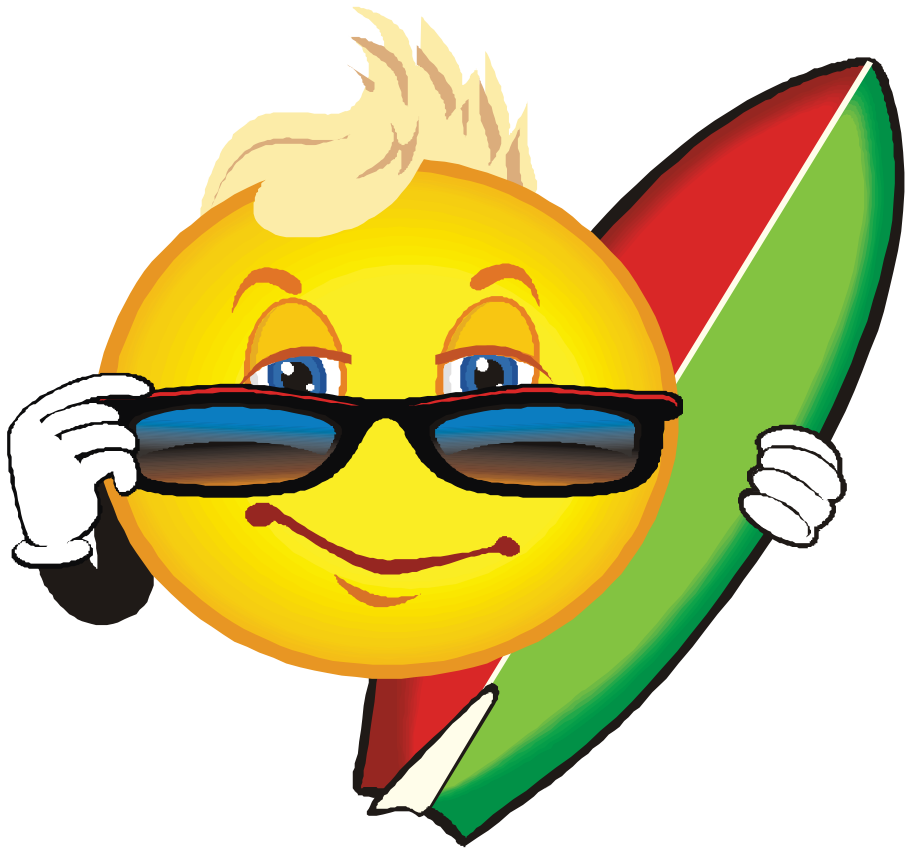
how the canal was built and what it was like to live and work along the canal.



June 14: All grades: Sadecky's Puppets: "Whateva" assembly – a sassy-mouthed boy is surprised when he wins a chance to meet his favorite football player. He is challenged to change his ways after he insults a fellow classmate in front of his hero. The results bring a transformation that is reflected throughout the entire school.



Do you realize that many of the educational programs your children enjoy are paid for by the PTA?





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Character Kids

May ~Courtesy & Kindness

- K: Elijah Ramos (J-AM)
- 1: Chase Morgan (J)
- 2: Caroline Motler (S)
- 3: Joshua Hamilton (F)
- 4: Ben Lunden (W)
- 5: Jacob Szwarcberg (B)

SUMMER



Chango Checkpoint

Check in here each month to learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities! Here's what the month of May has offered through the PTA and Chango:

Teacher Appreciation Week and Lunch

Teacher appreciation week is the perfect time in the year to take a moment to show your appreciation to teachers for all the effort they put in each day to teach and for the education that we receive thanks to them. And Chango did its teachers proud as the children brought in flowers, wore their teacher's favorite color and made cards and pictures for them. It all ended in a grand celebration of Chango's teachers and staff at the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Many thanks to Noel Day and Tiffany Morgan for organizing the lunch and to all the parents who helped by providing delicious edibles! Thanks to Idalia Sepulveda for planning the daily ideas.



Ice Cream Social

There's nothing better than a night with ice cream....yes there is...free ice cream. The PTA sponsored the Ice Cream Social in partnership with the Chango Science Fair, Latin America Presentations, and Reflections Display and all children received free ice cream. Thanks to Donna Cramer for organizing all of this. It was a fun night out to celebrate all the accomplishments of the students (and eat ice cream!!).

Reflections

The Reflections program offers students the opportunity to create works of art outside of the classroom for fun and recognition. Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to create and submit works in six areas: literature, musical composition, photography, film/video making, dance and the visual arts. This year's theme was "Beauty Is..." and we had entries from the following children:

Visual Arts

Nicole Schreiber

Mikayla McGarry

Drew Canterbury

Morgan Shepard

Grace Poniatowski

Visual Arts (cont'd)

Kaitlin Socola

Annabelle Sala

Ella Weldy

Christopher Penman

Joshua Penman

Literature

Abbie Canterbury

Paige Canterbury

Claire Merkle



Congratulations to Ella Weldy, Joshua Penman, Christopher Penman, Abbie Canterbury, Paige Canterbury and Claire Merkle, whose works went on to the Northeast Regional Level.

To top it all off, all of the above participants were honored the night of the Science Fair and awarded medals and certificates by ***Fly92.3 DJ Marissa, who has already promised to come back again next year*** for our Reflections ceremony.

If you are looking for ideas for things to do with the kids over the summer, the theme for next year's Reflections program has been announced. It is ***"Together We Can..."***. To learn more about the program, please go to http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/about_reflections

Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone for their support of the PTAs Spring Fundraiser. Our earnings exceeded our expectations which will set up funding for next year's Arts in Ed programs.

Reminder to all Event Chairpeople

Just a reminder to all those that chaired events this past school year....we (OK...Krista Ferguson) will need completed Event Report Forms for your event which includes a list of all those that helped with the event. This information is important for passing along to the "next generation" of volunteers but also it is vital for us to have in order to thank and recognize all the volunteers that have made these events possible. Watch your email for this request for info...



Summer Programs:



Looking for something to do this summer? Check out these great website for family concerts, events and educations program in our area and most of them are free!!

www.Cliftonpark.org – all the happenings of Clifton Park, as well as the town’s summer concerts, camps and holiday events.

www.Albanyevents.org – listing of events offered in Albany, including the free outdoor concert series.

www.Saratoga.com – check out the calendar of festivals and concerts offered in downtown Saratoga.

www.Cdkids.net – capital region kids directory lists museums, concerts and local park events.

www.Timesunion.com/moms - a list of family events, general information, blogs and camp listings.

www.Shenet.org – keep up to date with our school district changes as we prepare for September.

Places to Go

www.kidsbowlfree.com – register for your summer bowling passes of 2 free games daily over the summer!

www.nationalamusements.com/programs/bookworm.asap - Bookworm Wednesdays - free admission to children’s films at participating movie theatres with a book report! Age 6 & under free without report.

www.reqmovies.com/nowshowing/familyfilmfestivalschedule.aspx? – Free family movies at Cross-gates/Clifton Park Center every Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the summer!

Summer reading and online activities:

<http://shenkidsread.blogspot.com/> - a book blog created by Shen librarians full of tons of great reads!

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com> – awesome poetry site

<http://www.guysread.com/> - great site about boys and reading – reviews

www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading - free book with completed summer reading journal.

www.summertime.org/

www.scholastic.com/summerreading/ - help read for a world record!

www.heb.com/aboutHEB/media-PR-050903-buddy.jsp> - read 15 books for a free prize.



Hands On Fun



Home Depot Kids Workshops – www.homedepot.com – free workshops usually the 1st Saturday of each month from 9-12 PM. Even includes a free orange apron for your child.

Lowe’s How to clinics for kids – www.lowes.com – offered on a bi-weekly basis from 10-11 AM. All building materials and tools are provided.