

October 2011

October Dates:

- 10/7 Early Release Drill
- 10/10 NO SCHOOL
- 10/11 Fire Safety Day
- 10/14 Picture Day
- 10/21 Family Fun Night
- 10/31 Halloween Parade 2:10
- 11/16 Reflections Drop-Off

Make sure you check out all of the details to the above events on the Chango PTA website:

<http://www.shenet.org/community/ChangoPTA/changopta.htm>

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Chango PTA News



Letter from the President

To all of our returning families, I'd like to extend a huge THANK YOU for all the tremendous support provided last year. Our fundraisers were a success, our arts and education enrichment programs were well received, and I think everyone had a great time at our PTA sponsored events. Let's keep the momentum going again this school year! I'd like to extend a big WELCOME to all new Chango families. We are very excited for the new school year! We are lucky to have a fabulous group of teachers and staff that are so dedicated to guiding our children through their elementary school experience.

We want everyone to feel that they are part of the Chango community. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help. If you have any questions or would like to learn about how you can become involved, please do not hesitate to contact myself or anyone on the PTA board.

Karen Calhoun, PTA President





Don't
Forget
Your



AND.....



Soup for Schools

Ways That You Can Help

Help Your School Get FREE Equipment via Tools For Schools

Enrollment for the coming school year is underway! Make sure you're ready to start earning points for your school of choice today.

Go to Price Chopper's Tools for Schools link to ensure you are enrolled for the current year with Chango Elementary school

<http://www2.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools/single.shtml>

Chango's school code is: 15699

Over the years, we've been able to give Chango sports equipment, books, paper products and much more. Keep up the great work for this year too!

Box Tops for Education

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week — or more. Now turn those shopping trip into easy cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios[®], Hamburger Helper[®] and Kleenex[®], in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's Box Tops coordinator — each one is worth 10¢ for your school.

Last year, Chango families helped earn over \$1,000 for Chango Elementary PTA!! Thank you for your continued clipping.

There are more ways you can help collect box top points as well. Go to this link to find out how: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/Default.aspx>

Campbell's Labels for Education & eLabels

Did you know you can also help your child's school through Campbell's E-Labels for Education Program? There's nothing to clip or mail - it's all done electronically!

Electronically collect 1 point for each participating *Labels for Education*[®] product purchased using your shopper card at participating retailers. **You can still clip and redeem UPCs to earn the face value of the *Labels for Education* points (send them to the main office at Chango),** so it's easier than ever to earn more for your school.

Click here to sign-up:

http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePa

District News

Dear Parents,

In 2009, NYS passed the Dignity for All Students Act, "DASA", that goes into effect July 1, 2012 and protects students from harassment, discrimination, and bullying by other students or school employees. It provides that no student should be subjected to discrimination based on his or her actual or perceived, race, color, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, weight, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or sex. DASA explicitly states, that bullying, taunting, and intimidation on these protected grounds are all forms of harassment.

Harassment under DASA

Harassment under DASA is the creation of a hostile environment by:

- Conduct or verbal threats;
- Intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or mental, emotional, or physical well-being.
- Conduct, verbal threats, intimidation, or abuse that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for their physical safety.

Note that under DASA. Conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse includes, but is not limited to that based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex .

What is Shenendehowa doing to create a nurturing environment where all children can learn.

The District's Director of Policy and Community Development, Rebecca Carman, is representing Shenendehowa on the state-wide DASA Task Force. This year she will be in charge of collecting data to determine where and what the issues are to evaluate what needs to be done. The district's Character Education Committee will play a vital role by incorporating character building activities in classroom and school programs. The schools have plans to prevent bullying and encourage positive behavior.

- Two elementary schools (Okte and Orenda) will be implementing the OLEWEUS Bullying Prevention Program. It is the most researched and best known bullying prevention program known today that has been proven to prevent or reduce rates of bullying throughout a school setting.
- Three elementary schools (Arongen, Shatekon, and Orenda) will be implementing the Peaceful School Bus Program, a school-wide program whose purpose is to create a climate of cooperation and respect on the school bus and to decrease inappropriate behavior. It is designed to change the social dynamics on the bus by building strong relationships among students and the bus driver.
- The middle schools are implementing CAPE (Coalition for Achieving a Positive Environment). This committee has shown an overwhelming commitment to making the middle school a safer, more positive place to learn and work.
- At the High School PMIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) is a systems approach to preventing and responding to school and classroom discipline problems. It aims to reduce behavioral problems to create and maintain safe learning environments.

For questions, contact the Director of Policy & Community Development, Rebecca Carman 881-0611.



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



2011-12 Chango PTA Board Contact Info



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Would you like to help the PTA out by becoming our Secretary? Duties include taking meeting minutes during our monthly PTA meetings, being a part of the PTA Board, and shape the future of Chango PTA.

Fast Facts from the PTA

September Fast Facts:

<http://www.nyspta.org/pdfs/publications/FastFactsSeptember2011.pdf>

Link to Food Day School Curriculum File:

<http://www.nyspta.org/pdfs/publications/Food-Day-School-Curriculum-2.pdf>

Link to Food Day Fact File:

http://www.nyspta.org/pdfs/publications/Food-Day-One-Pager_July.pdf

Fast Facts Page: <http://nyspta.org/publications/fastfacts.cfm>



PTA News

PTA's The Advocacy Newsbriefs is a new bi-monthly publication made up of Advocacy News and Legislative Briefs. New York State PTA publishes this newsletter.

Here is the link: <http://nyspta.org/publications/advocacynews.cfm>

Shen Community News

Here is this year's listing of community groups interested in providing information to interested community members about their programs. This list is designed as a service to our Shen families – including contact information for non-profit groups serving adults and children in our local area. While the list is not comprehensive as it is an opt-in listing, it does provide some good information for families looking for positive activities.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – RELAY FOR LIFE

All ages served

Andria Scarchilli andria.scarchilli@cancer.org 454-4064

Ann Schwanda saznt.saznt@verizon.net

CLIFTON BADMINTON CLUB

Serves ages 20 and up

Contact person: Huageng Luo, luoh@nycap.rr.com; 348-0613

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

Welcomes all ages – Holiday concert in December

Contact: Pat O'Donnell patodonnell@cliftonpark.org 371-6681

CLIFTON PARK-HALFMOON PIRANHAS SWIM CLUB

Ages 5-18

Chuck Dunham coachdunham@hotmail.com, 518-881-0600 ext#54582

FRIENDS OF MUSIC OF SHENENDEHOWA

All ages

Contact: Marta Gomez gomezcaticha@gmail.com 371-1847 **GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK**

Girls ages 5-17, parents encouraged to join as volunteers

Contact: Annemarie Papandrea, Volunteer Engagement Specialist 489-8110 volunteering@gsneny.org

HANNAH'S HOPE FUND FOR GAN

Many fundraisers planned

Contact: Lori Sames 19 Blue Jay Way, Rexford, NY 12148 518-383-9053

MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION OF NE NY

2 ½ - 18 years old

Contact: Cheryl Malone cmalone@neny.wish.org 782-4673

NORTHSTAR CHURCH

Birth through High School

Contact: Roscoe Lilly - Roscoe@northstarchurch.com 371-2811

NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS

All ages "Zombie Prom" Fall 2011 at HSE Little Theater 10/21-23, 10/27-30

Contact: Pat O'Donnell patodonnell@cliftonpark.org 371-6681

NY ATTACK VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Ages 10-17 Girls

Shen Community News (cont..)

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND, REGION 7 (Capital Region BOCES)

Ages K-12th grade

Contact: Mindy Iannotti 464-3910 miannott@gw.neric.org

PLAINSMEN JR. CHEERLEADING LEAGUE

Age group: grades 3 - 8th

Contact: Alexandra Wise-Brogna JPCheerleading@yahoo.com, 727-7266

SHENENDEHOWA ADVOCATES FOR GIFTED EDUCATION (SAGE)

Serving Students in Grades K to 12

Linda DeMasi, President 877-5813

Lisa Albagli, Life President 383-7754

SHEN DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

P. O. Box 4390, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Contact: Ann White adwhite@nycap.rr.com 518-371-9048 or Kay C. Hotaling 518-877-5834 All-volunteer group which raises money for college scholarships for high school seniors in the Shen School District.

SHEN QUILT PROJECT

All ages

Contact: Ann Schwanda saznt.saznt@verizon.net

SHENENDEHOWA YOUTH LACROSSE

Contact: John Olsen shenlaxclub.com 383-6830 or

Chuck Holohan 881-0330

SOUTHERN SARATOGA YMCA – Childcare Dept.

Children & Families

Contact: Margaret Ramsey Boyle, Child Care Director- mboyle@cdymca.org, 371-2139

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW YORK (Capital Region)

ALL ages

Contact Person: Leah DeCosta, Director of Programs ldecosta@nyso.org 518-388-0790 ex. 142

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK PARKS & REC OFFICE

Serving All Ages

Contact: Myla Kramer, Director, parkrec@cliftonpark.org, 371-6667 www.cliftonpark.org/townhall/parks-rec

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK BOYS WINTER REC BASKETBALL

Grades 2-12, Programs run Nov-March

Contact: Barry McCabe – bmccabe@nycap.rr.com, 877-5248

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ages 2nd-12th grade for recreation, 3-8th grade for travel

Contact: Jerry Holland 373-8548 Jbang39@nycap.rr.com

VOLLEYBALL FUTURES OF SHEN

4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students. Learn how to play volleyball on Monday nights! 9/12/11- 10/17/11

Contact: Coach Lori Kessler kessler@shenet.org / 881-0470 ext.54556

2011 PTA Reflections Program



The PTA Reflections Program is a National arts recognition and achievement program for Chango students in grades K – 5th. The Reflections Program provides an opportunity for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a national theme.

This year's theme is: "Diversity Means . . ."

To participate, students use their imagination to create artwork, take photographs, compose music or dance choreography, write poetry or stories, or create a film or video production which reflects the theme "Diversity Means...". Before beginning your project, please review the rules for the category in which you wish to enter. A copy of the full rules for each category is posted on the National PTA website for the Reflections program at

<http://pta-reflections.s3.amazonaws.com/11-12%20Diversity%20Means/Reflections%20General%20Rules%20Revised%202011-2012%20FINAL.pdf>

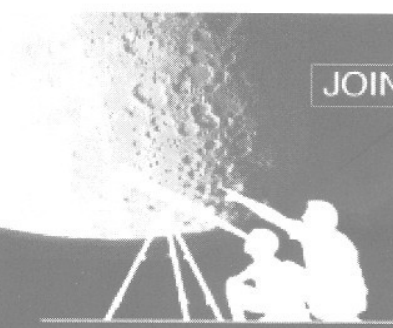
Each project must be dropped off in the Reflections box in the Chango office by **Monday November 7th at 3:00 pm** and must be accompanied by a completed official Entry Form signed by the student and parent or guardian. Forms can be found online at http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/student_entry_form



Students may enter more than once in each category. All entries will be judged on the interpretation of the theme, originality, creativity, and artistic merit. Based on these criteria, judges will determine which projects will be submitted to the New York State Regional PTA for further recognition. Judging will take place in two divisions, K-2 & 3-5. So get out your art supplies, video camera, dance shoes, camera or pencil and start creating that masterpiece! If you have any questions, please contact your Reflections Coordinator, Krista Ferguson at Krista_ferguson@msn.com

Start creating your Reflections entry and have it to the school no later than Monday November 7th at 3:00 pm! Tell or show us what *Diversity Means to You!*





JOIN IN THE FUN!

08 Oct 2011

YOUR MOON,

MY MOON,

OUR MOON.



International Observe the Moon Night

WHAT DOES THE MOON MEAN TO YOU?

Learn more about the moon
and how we can view it.

All ages welcome!

Starts at 6PM on October 8th at
the Clark House.

31 Wesley Ave

Round Lake, NY 12151

Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night at the Round Lake Library!

<http://observethemoonnight.org>





Home of The
EAGLES

Registration is available now for Clifton Park Youth Hockey Association programs for ages 3-18. MITE and Mini-MITE programs are available. Please visit cliftonparkyouthhockey.com for more information.

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Alan LaPage, MITE Director

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