



# Lion's Pride

December 2009

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Beth Silaika

### *Message from the President*

I can hardly believe that November is nearly over! Soon the snow will be on the ground and our thoughts will turn to the magic of this Holiday Season! Please take a moment to check out our new website (you can simply click on the PTA link on the right sidebar of the main Tesago page). Karen Doescher did a wonderful job making the site clean and user friendly! Thank you Karen!

Our busy November was marked by some wildly successful events! The Holiday Extravaganza - coordinated by Meridith Haskins - was a huge undertaking and went off without a hitch. A special thanks to Jackson Haskins and Victoria Silaika, who volunteered their time setting up the event and selling popcorn and pretzels the day of the event. We also had a great turnout for our first Movie Night: Monsters vs. Aliens, coordinated by Jenn Landers! Our first Tuesday night movie (thanks to the midweek Holiday) was well attended and the kids really enjoyed the movie! Thanks to everyone who helped out with both events!

Fall Fundraisers distributed just in time for the Parent/Teacher conferences thanks to Stephanie Goodman and her volunteers. School photos were also distributed by Sandra Butts the same week! Thanks Sandra & Stephanie for taking on those big projects!

The PTA would like to thank everyone who joined as members over the past few months. Our membership drive is not yet over; there is still time to join the PTA!

Please do not think that joining the PTA is a huge time commitment! If you would like to help out with an event, we welcome your assistance, but you are not **EVER required** to help out because you are a member.

We want dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors to join our PTA. Together, we can make a huge difference in our children's education! Membership forms are available on our wonderful new website.

Wishing you a beautiful holiday season and a New Year of peace and happiness.

Beth Silaika  
Tesago PTA President

## DISCOVERY 2010

Discovery/After School Enrichment program 2010:  
Discovery will again be held between February and April breaks.

If there are any ideas for classes, and/or instructors to lead classes please contact me at [kdtri@aol.com](mailto:kdtri@aol.com). The schedule should be set in January for a February enrollment. Thank you and I look forward to another great Discovery program!!  
Whitney Decker

## SAVE THE DATE

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Outback Steakhouse Luncheon and Raffle to  
benefit Hannah's Hope Fund  
Saturday, January 30, 2010  
12:00 Noon**

Hannah Sames is a Kindergartner at Tesago Elementary School who was diagnosed in March of 2008 with G.A.N., an extremely rare genetic disorder. For more information about G.A.N. and Hannah, please visit [www.hannahshopefund.org](http://www.hannahshopefund.org).

## ARTS AND EDUCATION

### Upcoming Arts-In-Education Events:

#### December

12/2 & 12/3 - **Scotia-Glenville - In Days Gone By** - Grade 1

12/7 & 12/8 - **Brian Chevalier Writing Residency - Music**

**Recording Days** - Grades 1 - 4

12/17 - **Beauty and the Beast - Cohoes Music Hall** - Grade 5

#### January

1/22/2010 - **PARP Kickoff - Robbi K. - Turtle's Shell** - Grades K-5

Stephanie Reilly Dobo & Margarita Zacher  
Arts-In-Education Committee Co-Chairs

Check out our website at <http://www.shenet.org/community/Tesagopta/TesagoHome.htm>

## JOIN THE PTA!!

### It's not too late to join...

If you have not already joined the Tesago PTA for 2009-2010 it is not too late! This year PTA members will be receiving a membership directory, emails announcing school and PTA programs, and even occasional "perks" such as free raffle tickets at our events. It is only \$7 per member and we encourage all teachers, parents, grandparents and community members to join. Membership does not obligate you in any way, it simply shows your support for our many programs and educational initiatives. The membership form is located on the Tesago PTA web site and can be sent in to the Tesago office at any time. Questions? Contact Susan Flint, Membership Chair at [rflint@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rflint@nycap.rr.com) or 373-9119.

## CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION



"Labels for Education" is beginning for this school year!! We are looking for the students to bring in as many UPC codes from ALL Campbell products, Pepperidge Farm products, Swanson products, and V8Splash drinks (caps).

The more UPC codes your child brings in, the better chance his or her classroom has to win the Campbell's Star Class of the Month plaque. One plaque will be given to one class from grades K-2, and one plaque will be given to one class from grades 3-5. The plaques will be handed out at each BEST assembly!!

All UPC codes will then be turned in as points (1 or 5 points) and then can be cashed in for FREE school supplies!!!!

So, keep cutting out those UPC codes from the items listed above and send then in either an envelope or sandwich bag with your child's name, their teacher's name and the amount of UPC codes being sent in. I can't wait to see which two classes will be the first winners of the Campbell's Star Class of the Month plaques!!!!

For more information on what Campbell products are eligible for point redemption, you can check online at:  
<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/eligibleproductsEN.aspx>.

Thank You,  
Vidia Wray ([kaybop27@gmail.com](mailto:kaybop27@gmail.com))

So, let the competition begin!!!! Good luck everyone!!

## TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

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Doing your food shopping for the holidays at Price Chopper can save you money on gas...and at the same time, you're earning free equipment for Tesago! The Tools For Schools program is off to a great start this year – we are well on our way to reaching our goal of 100,000! To earn "points", your Price Chopper Advantage card must be enrolled with Tesago. If you signed up with Tesago last year, you do not need to re-register. To register your card or SWITCH your school (i.e. from your former elementary school to Tesago), visit [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com) and enroll online. The code for Tesago is 15764.

If you need assistance or do not have internet access, please call Kerri Arserio at 248-2663 or send an email to [apamba@nycap.rr.com](mailto:apamba@nycap.rr.com). Thanks for supporting the students at Tesago! Happy Holidays Everyone!

Kerri Arserio, Coordinator

## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS

### CALLING ALL 5th GRADE PARENTS

Send in those photos.....keep them coming! Old photos, recent photos....we want them all for the year end 5th grade DVD. You can send the pictures in an email to [mrsjules@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mrsjules@nycap.rr.com) or you can send a disk with photos into school attention Julie Plumadore.

## THANK YOU

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