



Lion's Pride

December 2010

Message from the President

After a busy fall, the PTA looks forward to a quiet holiday season and the joy and the excitement the New Year will bring!

I would like to extend a huge thanks to Meredith Haskins who coordinated our Holiday Extravaganza. A special thanks also goes out to Jackson Haskins for helping set up the extravaganza and making his mom's job that much easier!

Toy Story 3 was our first Family Movie night of the academic year and the crowds were fantastic! Thank you to everyone who attended! A special shout out for all the parents who helped with the concession area. Thanks to Jen Landers for coordinating the evening! We cannot wait for the next movie night!

Picture retakes were coordinated by Sandra Butts. Thank you. We would like to get your feedback on the photos and the new company EAP. If you were not pleased with the class photograph print, you can contact me to coordinate a reprint with the photo zoomed in (less white space around the photo). The company printed the class photos this way so that they could fit nicely in the matted frames provided with your package. After contacting EAP, they were willing to reprint the class photo for anyone not pleased with the initial print. In order to get a reprint, you must EMAIL Tesagopta@gmail.com with the subject line CLASS PHOTO REPRINT. You must give your child's full name and classroom teacher. Deadline for the centered, zoomed in reprint requests is December 15.

I hope you have a memorable holiday season. I wish you all a safe and prosperous New Year.

Beth Silaika, President
Tesago PTA
Together Everyone Shares A Great Opportunity

Every Child. One Voice.

DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Discovery After School Enrichment Program will soon be here again!! If anyone has any talents that they are interested in teaching, or know of someone else that has something to offer, please contact me by email. The program will run through the month of March, with a February enrollment.

Thank you,
Whitney Decker
Discovery Chair.
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PARP

PARP begins in January!

Join us for our annual PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) program – it's easy! Your challenge is to read every day as a family for at least 15 minutes. Read the newspaper, magazines, books of any kind...why not listen to an audio book together? PARP lasts from January through March; your challenge is to read every single day in that three month period. More information (including specifics about our special programs: K-2 Story Night, Battle of the Books and Family Library Night) will be available on our Online Bulletin Board and Library Media Center webpage in mid-December. Look for more updates to come through SIS messenger as well.

~Ms. Pierce

PS – K-2 Families, mark your calendars now: On Tuesday, January 4th from 6-7 pm, join us for our new event - Story Night! This special evening features stories, pjs, some of your favorite teachers and a *special guest!* This event is for students in Kindergarten through second grade only and will be held in the café. More details to follow!

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

ARTS-IN-EDUCATION

December

12/1/2010 - **Scotia Glenville - In Days Gone By** - Grade 1

12/9/2010 - **Cohoes Music Hall - A Christmas Carol** - Grades 3 & 5

January

1/4/2010 - **PARP Kick-Off** - Grades K-2 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Limited Number of Tesago Tunes CDs are still available! Send \$3 cash or check made out to Tesago PTA. Please address the envelope to Margarita Zacher, PTA - A&E. Include your child's name and teacher's name with your order. A CD will be delivered to your child. Thanks for your purchase!

Margarita Zacher

Arts-In-Education Committee Chair

Thank you

TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

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 – last year we had 384 people signed up to earn Tools and this year we have 456!!

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 and enroll online. The code for Tesago is 15764.

If you have any questions about the program, please call Kerri Arserio at 248-2663 or send an email to apamba@nycap.rr.com. Thanks for supporting the students at Tesago! Happy Holidays Everyone!

Kerri Arserio, Coordinator

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION



Did You Know.....

We Need the Campbell's UPC Codes From the Labels...NOT the Labels Itself :o)

Some Campbell's Soups UPC Codes are Worth 1 Point and Some are Worth 5 Points

Caps From Any V8 Splash Drinks are Worth Points

Pepperidge Farm Cookies, Crackers, and Breads are Worth Points Too

Don't Forget About Campbell's Soup On the Go, Microwaveable Soups, Campbell's Supper Bake, or Campbell's Select

All You Need to Do is Send in The UPC Codes or Lids to School in a Ziploc Bag or Envelope (With Your Teacher's Name and the Amount of UPC Codes and/or Caps You are Sending in) On It and Know That You Have Just Helped Your Child's School Earn Some Free Stuff!!!

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank You,
Vidia Wray, Labels for Education Program
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BOX TOPS NEWS

Keep sending them!!!!!

Shop online and earn cash for our school!

We can earn **cash** for our school simply by purchasing through the Box Tops for Education website at www.btfе.com.

Here's how it works:

1. Sign up to support our school

Sign up at www.btfе.com

2. Shop online

Start each shopping trip at www.btfе.com/marketplace, click the link to the online store of your choice....and shop as you normally do. By starting at www.btfе.com, Box Tops can track earnings and automatically credit our school's account.

3. Our school earns cash

A percentage of every qualifying purchase is automatically donated back to our school!

Shop for everything!

Earn cash for our school *whenever* you shop through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM! Shop over 70 favorite stores such as JCPenney, Target, Gap, Old Navy, Pottery Barn, Wal-Mart, and many more!

Ask me for help or more information!

Margaret Matocha, Box Tops Coordinator
mgtmatocha@nycap.rr.com

HELP NEEDED

Odyssey of the Mind is looking for a chairperson and volunteers ...

Odyssey of the Mind provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and world level. Volunteers are needed to serve as team coaches. If you are interested in chairing or volunteering, please contact Robin Lamb at robinlamb@nycap.rr.com.

THANK YOU

The PTA would like to send a special thanks to the wonderful ladies who put together this year's Fall Family Fun Night - Jill VanDusen, Julie Nelson, Julie Plumadore and Caryn Warman. You guys did an amazing job! Thank you also to all of the volunteers who helped either prior to or the day of the event as well as the wonderful custodial staff who are always willing to help the PTA out in setting up our events.

The first Movie Night of the year Toy Story 3 was a HUGE success. Thank you to all the families that came out and enjoyed the movie, to Evelyn Hickok and Kristen Sawicki for working the concession all night, and Paul Yattaw for setting up the audio. Keep your eyes out for future movie nights! Thanks, Jen Landers

Thank you to the following businesses for their donations to the Holiday Extravaganza. Each of the businesses donated items for our raffle.

Smoothies 4 Life West Mountain Siena Athletic's Hayners Sports Barn Golds Gym Starbucks

Thanks also goes out to Mr. Pace for donating a holiday wreath and lunch with one lucky student and 3 friends and to Miss Pierce for donating her "Librarian for the day" prize.

A special thanks to Sheilah McCart for handling all of the raffle items and coordinating the raffle table during the event and to Jen Landers for her help throughout the event.

The Holiday Extravaganza pulled in \$1500 for our Arts in Education Programs.

Thanks,
Meridith Haskins

HOPE FOR A HOLIDAY MIRACLE

Hannah's Hope Fund made it to #3 last month in the Pepsi Refresh Challenge and fell just shy of the \$250,000 prize. Although it was disappointing and frustrating to be so close and not win, we know that Tesago and Shenendehowa can come together and win this for the Sames Family this month. The challenge is back on for December because they came in the TOP TEN last month.

Please vote EVERYDAY via TEXTING, PEPSI REFRESH and FACEBOOK! You can vote from EVERY valid email account! Please share this with your friends and family and co-workers. Remind them to vote EVERYDAY.

Can SHENENDEHOWA come together and WIN THIS MONTH for HANNAH? Can we make a holiday miracle?

THE TEXTING NUMBER IS THE SAME! 73774 (PEPSI) is the number you text to and the message is 104051 (HHF). You can text from every cell phone and the text is FREE.

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