



Lion's Pride

May 2011

Message from the President

There is much to do in May! The highlight of the month is the Ice Cream Social and Spring Walkabout on May 13 (a Friday night). The event is at 6:30 pm. We still need people to help scoop and serve ice cream!

Spring also means it is time for the school budget vote! Be sure to check out the Board of Education website for all the latest details on the budget:

http://www.shenet.org/LatestNews_Archive/LN_2011_12Budget.cfm
Be an informed voter!

Tesago will be hosting a meet the candidates night and open forum during the May PTA meeting. The event is on May 16 at the Tesago Media Center. There will be a Q&A session that night. The event begins at the conclusion of the PTA executive board vote, which will take place at 7:30 pm. Any person wishing to become a member of the executive committee should contact TesagoPTA@gmail.com to get more information.

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped make my job as PTA president so much easier. Thank you to the teachers, staff and parents who came out and supported our events by volunteering their time to make things successful. A heartfelt thanks goes out to the members of the executive committee: Jen Landers, Vidia Wray, Evelyn Hickok, Sherrill Brown and Robin Lamb who worked so well together.

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

Every Child. One Voice.

THANK YOU'S

Evelyn Hickok and Vidia Wray would like to send a huge thank you to Jenny and Steve Hicks for their hard work and dedication making the fantastic games for Spring Carnival and for working with Evelyn to coordinate all aspects of the event.

A huge thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers as well - without all of you helping out this event wouldn't have been the great success it was.

Special thanks to Scott McCart for acquiring a radar gun and running the ball throw over in the Skano Gym and Jen Landers for helping the committee figure out how much we needed of certain things, helping get some of those things and her willingness to help out with all things PTA.

And last, but not least, a big thanks to the ever accommodating Custodial Staff - you guys are the nicest and most helpful group of people and always go out of your way to help make sure all of our PTA events run smoothly.

Thanks to all of our Tesago Families for coming out to Family Library Night. Everyone did a great job on the Classroom Window Scavenger Hunt - we had over 30 students who guessed all of the books correctly. The Book Sale raised \$475 for Hannah's Hope, and we had a lot of students enjoying the crafts and activities in the library.

Keep up the good work with your PARP reading and you'll be ready to go next year when our challenge begins again.

Happy Reading!

~Ms. Pierce

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



This year's Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, May 13th in our cafeteria. This event is held in conjunction with our annual Spring Walkabout. The "make your own sundaes" will be available from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The cost will be \$1.00. There will be chocolate, vanilla and rainbow sherbet to pick from along with several different toppings.

Monday, May 16

Contact **Pam Karathomas** at pkaratho@nycap.rr.com.

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

ARTS-IN-EDUCATION

May

5/3 & 5/2011 - **Scotia - Glenville- What Makes A Bird's Nest?** - Grade 1

5/3 & 4/2011 - **Eco-Line - Build-A-Bug** - Grade K

5/9/2011 - **Cornell Co-operative Extension - 4H - Can You Dig It?** - Grade K

5/9/2011 - **Author Visit - Bruce Coville** - Grades 3-5

5/3 & 9/2011 - **Scotia - Glenville - Mexico- Yesterday & Today** - Grade 5

5/17/2011 - **Proctors - Jigsaw Jones** - Grades 1 & 2

5/17 & 19/2011 - **Ndakinna Education Center - Field Trip** - Grade 4

5/24, 25 & 26/2011 - **Eco-Line - Rainforest** - Grade K (Rescheduled)

5/26/2011- **Jeff Bennett - Immigrant Seeds** - Grade 4

June

6/7/2011 - **Author Visit - Jarrett Krosoczka** - Grades K-5

Margarita Zacher
Arts-In-Education Committee Chair
Thank you

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Reminder.....

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MAY 24th, Tuesday AND **MAY 26th**, Thursday.

AM K and 2nd Grade...Breakfast foods

Tuesday the 24th

Contact Heather Courtney
courtney15@nycap.rr.com

PM K, grades 1 and 5..... Lunch foods

Thursday the 26th

Contact Stacey Shanahan
staceyshanahan@yahoo.com

Grades 3 AND 4.....Desserts and Goodies

Thursday the 26th

Contact Kristen Brown
dbrown86@nycap.rr.com

For more info contact Nicole Vincenzi at nvincenzi@gmail.com

DISCOVERY THANK-YOU

DISCOVERY 2011

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Discovery program this year.

We had over 200 spots filled between all the different classes. (Mad Science had 20 students, Mr. Twisty 18, Bowling had 75, Video Game and Lego Robotics had 10 each, and Kidzart with 46, Lego club 44.) That is fantastic!! Thank you to all the teachers that allowed the use of their classrooms, the program could not have run without that, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Trent, Miss O'Brien, Mrs. Brobston, Mrs. Della Porta. As well as Ms. Pierce for use of the library, Mr. Lotano for use of the music room, and Mr. Orsini, Mrs. Jasinski for use of the band room.

Thank you also to Mr. Pace, Mrs. T, Mrs. L, Mrs. Bills, and Mrs. Prairie for her daily support, as well as all the parent chaperones that helped week after week!! (the list is long: Margarita Zacher, Mike & Vidia Wray, Laura Lawless, Cindy Lacey, Matt & Carrienne Trotta, Julie Plumadore, Jean Van de Car, Caryn Warman, Beth Hart, Kavitha Pradeep, Stephanie Spiak, Dianna Konarski, Katherine Curran, Sheilah McCart, Jamie Depaola, Casey Morris, Erica Kupic, Lisa McCarthy and Kim Hayes.)

Hopefully next year will be just as successful! As always, if anyone has any classes they would like to offer please contact me.

Thank you again!

Whitney Decker

Discovery Chair.

Help Needed

Tools 4 Schools

Being the Tools 4 Schools chairperson is a great way to be involved when you don't have a lot of time to give 'on-site'. Most of the work is done from home. You have to sign up for the program each year at www.pricechopper.com. It is there that track monthly progress also. Each month you write a submission to the PTAs newsletter with info on how to sign up and to keep people posted on our progress. At the beginning of the year, info is distributed to each classroom and a table can be set up at the PTA night. Most people sign up for themselves but some hand in the forms and you can pick them up at the office and go online at home to sign them up. In the spring, once the program has ended, the points earned are used to purchase items for all specials, i.e. Library, Phys Ed, Art, etc. Kerri Arserio, this years' chair, is willing to review the details of the position with whoever takes over. If interested in this position contact Evelyn Hickok at phickok@nycap.rr.com or Vidia Wray at kaybop21@yahoo.com.

Movie Night

The Chairperson of the Movie Night Committee is responsible for selecting the movie, picking the night the movie will be shown and getting volunteers for the Movie Nights. We serve pizza, popcorn, drinks, and other food items and the Chairperson is responsible for ordering/arranging the items sold. We normally show 2-3 movies a year. If you would like more information on this position, you can contact Jen Landers @ jlanders3@nycap.rr.com. If interested in this position contact Evelyn Hickok at phickok@nycap.rr.com or Vidia Wray at kaybop21@yahoo.com.

Holiday Extravaganza

The chairperson coordinates vendors and tables for the Holiday Craft Fair. The Chairperson works with the school custodial staff as well as advertises the event to recruit vendors and to increase participation in local community. If interested in this position contact Evelyn Hickok at phickok@nycap.rr.com or Vidia Wray at kaybop21@yahoo.com.

Arts in Education

The Arts-In-Education program at Tesago provides enrichment opportunities to all students by hosting a variety of Arts related programs throughout the school year. These programs help support the grade level curricula as well as stimulate creativity, self-expression and imagination in the students. A large portion of the Tesago PTA budget is committed to bringing these Arts related enrichment programs to our children. In past years, Tesago has received many compliments on its well managed, quality, Arts-In-Education programming. We want to continue to be one of the best elementary programs in the district. If interested in this position contact Robin Lamb at robinlamb@earthlink.net.

Website Maintenance

This committee maintains the Tesago PTA website. Volunteers are responsible for maintaining the website to ensure the site provides the most up-to-date and accurate information at all times. If interested in this position contact Robin Lamb at robinlamb@earthlink.net.

Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that 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. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program. This committee prepares students to compete in the national Odyssey of the Mind program. This program fosters cooperative, creative approaches to problem solving. Tesago teams have a proud history of doing well in the competition. Volunteers are always needed to serve as team coaches. If you are interested in chairing or volunteering, please contact Robin Lamb at robinlamb@earthlink.net.

Special Education Representative

The Tesago Special Education Rep attends meetings regarding special education in the Shenendehowa school district and reports back to the Tesago PTA. If interested contact Robin Lamb at robinlamb@earthlink.net.