



# Lion's Pride

**JUNE 2010**

Summer is nearly upon us and the school year is coming to a close. For some parents, this year will be their final year as Tesago families. Of these families, several have been instrumental in the success of the Tesago PTA over the past few years. As organizers, volunteers, chairpersons or just plain helpers, these people have dedicated time to help make Tesago PTA and our school a better place. I thank them from the bottom of my heart and know it is a bittersweet time for them. The memories which they helped create for our children are so great. A huge thank you to:

Judy Thayer	Kathy Ricci	Beth Haig
Jackie Smith	Janet Chamberland	Wendy Page
Fran Matson	Nancy Koval	Rose Savallo

There have been so many highlights over the past school year. This past month, Renae Herbinger chaired another incredibly fun Ice Cream Social. The turn out was fantastic! Thank you to all the parents who came to scoop & serve ice cream. The First Annual Tesago Talent show was also so much fun! Thank you to Miss O'Brien and Mrs. Weber for coordinating such a fun night of terrific performances. Thank you to Nichole Vincenzi, Stacey Shanahan, Kristin Brown and Heather Courtney for coordinating the week long Staff Appreciation week festivities. It is a huge undertaking and the event went off without a hitch to RAVE reviews! Finally, to all the parents who came to and helped out with McDonald's night...we appreciate your support!

The events were amazing this past year and the volunteers incredible! Thank you for making my job as president fun and exciting. I look forward to another academic year of fun PTA events. I welcome your suggestions, comments and concerns to help make the Tesago PTA grow and flourish. I encourage you to join the PTA next year and to encourage fellow Tesago families to join the PTA with you. I invite you to look at the PTA classifieds to see if there is an area where you think you may help out and help our PTA become even more successful. Together we can make our children's school memories something that they will cherish forever.

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Beth Silaika, President  
Tesago PTA

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU



To all the volunteers who came out and made the annual Ice Cream Social a great success...THANK YOU! Without all of you supporting this event we could not make it possible for the kids. Renae Herbinger

## ARTS & EDUCATION

### June

6/1 & 6/3/2010 - **Scotia Glenville - Canada - Our Neighbor - Grade 5**

6/4/2010 - **NYSTI - Alice In Wonderland - Grade 4**

6/16/2010 - **NYSTI - Alice In Wonderland - Grade 3**

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

## TESAGO PTA VINCENT R. DELUCIA SCHOLARSHIPS

The two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to Nicholas Dibble and Matthew Telesca.

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for all their hard work and dedication to the choosing of the winners. I won't be around to work with them again next year but want them to know how much their efforts were appreciated. The committee members were Mrs. Trent, Ms. Morse, Mrs. Yattaw and Mrs. Almeida.

Thanks.  
Rose Savallo

## SUMMER FRESH AIR PROGRAM

Host a Child this Summer Fresh Air is a program that gives NYC children a chance for a vacation. They get to leave the city, become a part of your family, and see another way of life. They get to escape the dangers, noise and pollution. You would be giving a child (ages 6-12 for first time visit) a chance to enjoy the small things we take for granted each day. Many of these children don't get to sit and see the stars, play outside in the yard, swim, bike, or just have a picnic in the park. It is truly a rewarding experience both for the child that comes and for your own family. Children will be in the Clifton Park area from July 2 - July 16, July 20 - August 3, and August 9 - August 19. Please consider hosting a child. Contact Deb L'Amoureux at [freshair@nycap.rr.com](mailto:freshair@nycap.rr.com) or 348-1018 for more information.

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

## SUMMER TECH CAMPS

“Summer Tech Camps – Bits, Bytes & Bots – Computer Adventures. Camps in Lego Robotics, Computer Video Game Creation and Animated Movie Making. Location: Shenendehowa Methodist Church, 971 Route 146, Clifton Park. Visit website for class descriptions, schedules and online registration. [www.bitsbytesbots.com](http://www.bitsbytesbots.com)”

### Got Three Hours? Tesago Needs You

Many fun & exciting programs will be losing their chairs this year. Just three hours of your time over nine months is all it would take to continue these wonderful programs.

#### **The Arts-In-Education Committee is looking for an additional member ...**

Do you have strong organizational skills? Do you enjoy working with people? The Arts & Education Committee would like to speak to you! Come help Tesago's teachers enrich our children's education! Please contact Margarita Zacher [mzacher@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mzacher@nycap.rr.com) for more information.

#### **Hannaford Helps Schools is looking for a chairperson ...**

During the early part of the school year Hannaford Supermarkets runs their Hannaford Helps Schools Program. Hannaford will give our school reward certificates for eligible purchases made at their supermarkets. A list of eligible items is distributed toward the beginning of the school year.

The School family merely does its regular grocery shopping and Tesago benefits! The coordinator of the program for Tesago promotes the program and collects reward certificates that are brought to school. At the end of the promotion period any reward certificates collected at school are returned to our local Hannaford store to be combined with those collected there.

This program is an easy way to donate your time to Tesago and only lasts from September through December. If interested, please contact Evelyn Hickok at [phickok@nycap.rr.com](mailto:phickok@nycap.rr.com) or Vidia Wray at [dia025@yahoo.com](mailto:dia025@yahoo.com).

#### **Membership Committee is looking for some volunteers ...**

We are looking for one or two volunteers to help with our membership committee next fall. This is an easy job, which can be done mostly at home. It involves entering member information into a spreadsheet, filling out the membership cards and staffing the membership table at various PTA events. Please contact Susan Flint at [rflint@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rflint@nycap.rr.com) if you are able to help out. Thanks!

#### **Movie Night Committee is looking for a co-chairperson ...**

We are looking for a Co-Chair to run Movie Nights. The committee shows a couple of movies throughout the year on evenings. Responsibilities include selecting the movie, setting up and taking down after movie, making posters and organizing concession. This is a great committee for those who can only help after school. If interested, please contact Jen Landers at [jlanders3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jlanders3@nycap.rr.com).

#### **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](mailto:robinlamb@nycap.rr.com).

#### **Outside Bulletin Board is looking for volunteers ...**

Wonder who places the message in the box located outside the school entrance?? The PTA!! We are in need of volunteers to change the message at the end of each month to inform staff and families of upcoming events at Tesago. Please contact Robin Lamb at [robinlamb@nycap.rr.com](mailto:robinlamb@nycap.rr.com) if you are interested in volunteering for this committee.

**Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) is looking for a co-chairperson and/or volunteers ...**

This committee works with the school librarian to support the PARP program. During the program, parents are urged to spend a minimum of 15 minutes a day reading with their child(ren). School events include a BEST assembly kick off, evening library scavenger hunt and our new Battle of the Books! If you are interested in co-chairing the program next year or volunteering, please contact Jennifer Paradise at [jparadise917@gmail.com](mailto:jparadise917@gmail.com).

**Photocopying Committee is looking for volunteers ...**

This Committee is in need of some people who can volunteer to go into the school and make copies of flyers that the PTA is sending home with the students. The person must be available in the evenings since we can only use the copier after school hours. If interested, please contact Jen Landers at [jlanders3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jlanders3@nycap.rr.com).

**Reflections is looking for a chairperson ...**

Each year, Tesago students participate in the national PTA Reflections program. This program provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Our current chairperson will be leaving Tesago after 2009-2010. If interested, please contact Robin Lamb at [robinlamb@nycap.rr.com](mailto:robinlamb@nycap.rr.com).

*You're invited to:*

# PERFORMANCE SCHOOL OF THE ART'S SUMMER MUSIC AND FINE ARTS PROGRAMS

Come and be a part of our exciting summer music and arts programs available this July and August for the experience of a lifetime! Summer programs include:

**Suzuki Strings Camp, Summer Music and Art Camp**, and introducing the capital district's first ever **Rock'n Roll Camp**. Each program lasts one week and runs throughout the day. No previous music or art experience needed. All programs are geared toward ages 7-12.

**Suzuki Strings Camp**- Explore all instruments in the string family, (upright bass, cello, viola, and violin) while learning the history of chamber music. Students will choose a primary instrument for private lessons as well as discover the fun in playing with small ensembles and an orchestra. Students will also have the excitement of arranging, composing, and improvising songs of their own.

**Summer Music and Art Camp**- Come take a walk through music history with classical, to rock, folk, country, jazz, and music of today while trying out a wide variety of musical instruments. Students will choose a primary instrument for private lessons and get to play in groups. Students will also experience many different mediums in the wonderful world of art (such as sketching, painting, and sculpting) to create original masterpieces of their own. Discover lots of cool surprises in a fun introduction to the visual arts.

**Rock'n Roll Camp**- Spend a week in the life of a rock star (on a kid friendly level). Meet guest rock artists in person and take in the awesome feeling of live performances. Learn how to play all of the instruments in a rock band. Choose a favorite instrument for private lessons, and then experience what it is like to be a band member and perform in a rock band of your own. Also, get to explore the production side of how to mix and master recordings to make a CD of your own.

\*For more information including dates, duration, and pricing, contact **Performance School of the Arts** at (518) 383-6654

We are located at 54 Crossing Blvd. in the Crossings' Plaza, Clifton Park



## *Talented Students with a Cause*

Performance School of the Arts presents a Benefit Music Honors Recital featuring the school's most talented students. The concert is to benefit the **Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Prevention Center of Saratoga County.**

The performance will be held on

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM in the Shenendehowa High School West Auditorium.**

There is no charge for admission, but attendees may make a tax deductible contribution or bring a gift card from a grocery store, Stewart's Target, Walmart etc. or make a monetary donation to support the youth and family support programs of DVRC of Saratoga County; our county's domestic violence shelter and family support agency.

Performance School of the Arts will be giving away free music lessons to patrons in attendance.

Questions,  
Call: 383-6654

