



Lion's Pride

May 2010

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the last quarter of the school year. We have many PTA activities in the coming months, so please stay tuned to the PTA website for all the details. A huge thank you to Sherill Brown and Julie Nelson for coordinating the Spring Carnival. What a fun evening. It could not have been successful without many volunteers, especially Meredith Haskins who coordinated the raffle prizes. Thank you for your hard work ladies!

At the PTA we are trying our best to help facilitate information about upcoming events. Being a paperless school really makes that task difficult, so we are working on some new ideas for the coming school year. Please be sure to keep us up to date with your current email so that we can make sure to give you the latest news from the PTA. Contact Beth Silaika at tesagopta@gmail.com if you would like to receive email updates from the PTA.

The Shenendehowa Council PTA is hosting a Giffy's Barbecue on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Why not pick up dinner after voting on the budget? Order form is on the PTA website. All orders must be received by Thursday May 6th. If you have any questions, contact Jen Landers at jlanders3@nycap.rr.com.

Thank you for supporting the PTA and all of our events. Please let us know if you have any questions or ideas!

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

SPRING CARNIVAL THANK YOU'S



A heartfelt thank you to all, who helped make the 2010 Spring Carnival a huge success. The kids all had a wonderful time! Without your continued support, the Carnival would not have been such a success for our children. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated!
Sherrill Brown & Julie Nelson

ARTS & EDUCATION

May 3 & 4 – **Eco-Line: The Rainforest** – Gr. K
May 10 & 11 – **Scotia-Glenville: Simple Machines** – Gr. 4
May 11 & 20 – **Scotia-Glenville: Mexico – Yesterday & Today** – Gr. 5

June 1 & 3 – **Scotia-Glenville: Canada – Our Neighbor** – Gr. 5
June 4 – **NYSTI: Alice in Wonderland** – Gr. 4
June 16 – **NYSTI: Alice in Wonderland** – Gr. 3

Arts-In-Education Committee News:

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the last couple months of the 2009/10 school year! What fun we've had this year organizing great programs for Tesago. Thanks to the excellent support and fundraising efforts of our parents, teachers, staff and PTA members, 23 enrichment programs were enjoyed by the students. Not only do these programs expose the children to the Arts and develop their creativity, the programs support the existing school curricula in the areas of science, social studies and literature. A complete list of programs is attached to this newsletter for your information.

One of the headliner programs offered this year to the entire school was the Brian Chevalier songwriting residency. Working with each grade level, Brian led students and teachers through the process of writing, editing and recording a song. The result is an amazing collection of songs pertaining to topics hand-picked by the grade level teachers that the Tesago community will be able to enjoy for years to come.

A special new school song was also created by the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. The songs are all really fantastic! The children did a great job on this project. PTA will be selling the CDs in the coming weeks with proceeds to benefit the Arts-In-Education program. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Lastly, Stephanie (Reilly Dobo) has greatly enjoyed her work on the Arts-In-Ed Committee for the past four years. At the end of the school year, she will officially turn the reins over to Margarita (Zacher) who will continue to chair the committee next year. Margarita will be looking for additional parent volunteers to help on the committee. Please feel free to contact Margarita if you are interested at mzacher@nycap.rr.com.

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

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 or 348-1018 for more information.

HELP NEEDED

Call for Help – Membership Committee

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 if you are able to help out. Thanks!

Reflections

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@earthlink.net.

Parents as Reading Partners (PARP)

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.

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. This committee prepares students to compete in the national Odyssey of the Mind program. This program fosters cooperative, creative approaches to problem solving. 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.

DISCOVERY 2010 THANK YOU'S

Discovery 2010 had another successful year! We had roughly 180 spots filled! As always, Bowling had the highest enrollment, then LEGOS, Kidzart, and Mr. Twisty each had about 30 children, and French (The Language Institute), Jewelry (by Jacqui Shutt) and Mad Science had 10-15 children each!! Thank you to all the instructors and businesses! A big thank you to the teachers that let us use their rooms: Miss O'Brien, Mrs. Brobston, Ms. Gerstenberger, Mrs. MacDougall, Mr. Gleason, and Mr. Orsini. Thank you Mr. Pace for your support. Also Mrs. Prairie, Mrs. Bill., Mrs. Tetrault, and Mrs. Laviscka were a huge help at dismissal, we didn't lose any children! Finally, of course this program could not run without all of the parent volunteers, who stay with each class until they are finished: Julie Plumadore, Beth Hart, Jean VanDeCar, Seema Nayak, Pam Karathomas, Carianne Trotta, Kavitha Pradeep, April Douglas, Arwa Lokhandwalla, Mike and Vidia Wray, Linda Lee, Kheryn Pittz, Sheilah McCart, Fran Matson, Dianna Konarski, Erin Malcolm, Matt Trotta, and Sherry Macey. Thank you for all the kids who enjoyed the program this year, see you in 2011!!

If there is anyone who would like to teach a class or help out next year, feel free to email me: kdtri@aol.com,
Sincerely,
Whitney Decker
Discovery Chair.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



This year's Ice Cream Social will be held on Wednesday, May 12th in our cafeteria. This event is held in conjunction with our annual Spring Walkabout. The "make your own sundaes" will be available from 6:30-8:00pm. The cost will be a \$1.00. There will be chocolate, vanilla and rainbow sherbet to pick from along with several different toppings.

We are still in need of volunteers to help at this event, so please contact me if you can lend a hand (Renae Herbinger 428-4245 or devherbinger@aol.com)

Thanks, hope to see you there!

Also, a call for help....

Volunteers are still needed to help at our annual Ice Cream Social on May 12th, if you can help out please contact Renae Herbinger at 428-4245 or devherbinger@aol.com.

**Tesago Elementary School PTA
Arts-In-Education Committee**

2009 / 2010 Events (By Grade Level)

as of April 26, 2010

All Grade Levels

Brian Chevalier Songwriting Residency
Robbie K (PARP Kick-off)
Lake George Opera - The Three Little Pigs
Bubblemania! (Health & Awareness Month Kick-off)

Kindergarten

Eco-Line - Build-A-Bug
Eco-Line - The Rainforest
Making Friends: Puppets with Disabilities, NY State Disability Services
4H: Mystery Box
4H: Incubator & Eggs

Grade 1

Proctor's - The Little Mermaid
Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - In Days Gone By
Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - Honey Bee Business
Making Friends: Puppets with Disabilities, NY State Disability Services

Grade 2

Proctor's - The Little Mermaid
Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - Eating Adventure
Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - Everybody Talks About the Weather

Grade 3

Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - Sounds Good to Me
Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - Mirror Magic
Making Friends: Puppets with Disabilities, NY State Disability Services
NYSTI: Alice in Wonderland

Grade 4

Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - A Random Scoot Through the Adirondacks
Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - Simple Machines
NYSTI: Alice in Wonderland

Grade 5

Cohoes Music Hall: Beauty and the Beast
Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - Mexico: Yesterday and Today
Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum - Canada: Our Neighbor
\$\$\$\$ Contribution to Boston fieldtrip