



# Lion's Pride

February 2009

## MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENTS

By Julie Plumadore and Kristen Kuhn

First, we would like to say that the enthusiasm and participation this year has been incredible. Tesago is really making some GREAT elementary experiences for our children. The only thing better than seeing a smile on one child's face, is seeing it on 550 faces.

In an entire school year, the Tesago PTA needs about 200 hours of volunteer time to make our events possible for our children. We have about 550 students...that breaks down to about 30 minutes of volunteer time per child you have in Tesago. Everybody's little really can turn into a lot.

With all that being said, we'd like to share some upcoming PTA events for the rest of the school year. If you have questions, or would like more information on how to volunteer at any of these events, please email Julie Plumadore at [mrsjules@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mrsjules@nycap.rr.com).

2/9 PTA meeting  
2/13 Box Tops deadline AND Movie Night  
2/24 PARP Library Night  
2/26 Almost March Madness  
2/27 Jr. Lego League meets  
3/9 PTA meeting  
3/26 PARP – Battle Of The Books  
4/3 Spring Carnival  
4/6 Founder's Day Dinner  
4/9 PTA meeting  
5/4 – 5/8 Staff Appreciation Week  
5/11 PTA meeting and election of new executive board (co-pres, VP, etc)  
5/14 Ice Cream Social

## SHEN INVENTORS

### Shen Inventors

All students are invited to invent something new and fun in this year's Shen Inventors Program. Inventions will be displayed at the Clifton Park Center Mall on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 8-4, where they will be judged and each participant will receive a Shen Inventor T-shirt. For more info. please call Kathy Ricci at 371-9838 or [kricci@aol.com](mailto:kricci@aol.com)

## CAMPBELL LABELS

Thanks again for another great month of bringing in Campbell's UPC codes for our school. Since September, Tesago students have collected more than 3100 points!!! These points are used to purchase merchandise for our school. We already used last year's points to purchase Legos for the Junior Lego League. Let's see what other school supplies we can get by collecting more UPC codes throughout the rest of this school year!!!

The Campbell's Star was combined for the month of December and January because of the holiday break. The Campbell's Star for the Months of December/January goes to **Mrs. Mott's Class!!!**

Their class brought in 133 UPC codes!! Great job!! A special thanks goes to Cassie Goodman for bringing in the most UPC codes and V8 Splash lids for her class!! THANK YOU!!!!

Campbell's Soups and Tesago PTA continue to recognize all of the other children that participated during the months of December and January:

Hailey Wray, Juliana Peek, Carter Dobo, Jacob Pelton, Allyson Arserio, Jason Canterbury, Michaela Matocha, Madelyn Arserio, Ryan Pelton, Alec Herbert, Mackenzie Whiting

Thank You for all your hard work!!! Your continued support is what makes the Campbell's Labels for Education Program so successful at Tesago!!

Please remember to clip the actual UPC code off of the Campbell product and to send it in with your child's name, his or her teacher's name and the amount of UPC codes you are sending in!

Let's see if we can send in another 3000 UPC codes before the school year ends.

Also, keep in mind that there are many Campbell's products out there...all Campbell's products are valid for this program and all V8 Splash Lids and V8 Soup UPC codes are valid as well. If you are not sure what products are eligible, please check online at: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/eligibleproductsEN.aspx>.

Thanks For All Your Hard Work,  
Vidia Wray ([kaybop27@gmail.com](mailto:kaybop27@gmail.com))  
<<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>>

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

## SPRING CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

The Spring Carnival is a highlight of Tesago's spring session and will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009. This event features many fun carnival themed activities for the students and their families. Lots of fun food, games and music.

Volunteers are needed to help with this event: set-up, clean-up, serving food and more! For more information please contact Sherill Brown at (518) 371-4648 or [sbrown@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sbrown@nycap.rr.com) or Julie Nelson at (518) 280-2677 or [nynelsons@yahoo.com](mailto:nynelsons@yahoo.com).

Tape the Teacher is Back!

For: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Date : Friday, April 3rd at Tesago's Spring Carnival

More information will follow. Please contact Nancy Chatelain (Mrs. C) with questions.

## ARTS IN EDUCATION

2/6/09 - Proctors: **Magic Tree House: The Musical** - Grades 1 & 2

2/2/09 - 2/6/09 - **Tom McCabe Writing Residency** - Grade 3

2/25/09 - **Lake George Opera: Three Billy Goats Gruff** - Grades K-5

Stephanie Reilly Dobo & Margarita Zacher

Arts-In-Education Committee Co-Chairs

## KINDERGARTEN READINESS PANEL

The Shenendehowa PTA Council Preschool Committee presents a Kindergarten Readiness Panel at 7PM on February 10th in the Tesago/Skano Cafeterias. Snow Date is February 11th. Contact Evelyn Hickok at 373-2320 or Kate Kirkpatrick at 280-1176 for more information.

## TESAGO MOVIE NIGHT



**Madagascar 2**

**February 13th**

**Details to follow!**

## PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS



The Tools 4 Schools program ends in mid-February with some GREAT news!! We increased our enrollment in the program by 70 families - going from 280 last school year, to 350 this year!! We will use all the \$\$ earned to purchase some great 'Tools' for Tesago! Thanks so much for supporting this program!!  
Kerri Arserio-Coordinator

## THANK YOU!!

Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Hickok would like to thank everyone who helped make the January Popcorn Day a great success. Again, thank you also to the wonderful custodial staff for setting up for us.

## GET PUBLISHED

Would your kids like to be published?

Both Highlights and Skribblers accept childrens artwork and literary pieces for their publications with a parent's permission.

Skribblers - Capital Region, NY children 12 and under are invited to submit original creative works of fiction, poetry, non-fiction, comics and other written pieces (or artwork) for consideration in the next publication of Skribblers Magazine. Entries can be emailed or mailed by March 15, 2009. Visit [www.skribblersmagazine.com](http://www.skribblersmagazine.com) for more info.

Highlights – Poems and artwork is displayed on Your Own Pages. Art must be on unlined paper. Poems must have fewer than 75 words and be something you made up. Include name, age, and address. Mail to Highlights, Your Own Pages, 803 Church Street, Honesdale, PA 18431.

If published, we'd love to hear about it!!

## DISCOVERY

We're really excited to offer a variety of programs during our after school enrichment program this year beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each program will run after school one day a week for 4-6 weeks. If you are interested in helping or have a talent to share, please contact Whitney Decker at [kdtri@aol.com](mailto:kdtri@aol.com).

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

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



We have exceeded last years Box Top earnings - Congratulations!! Keep sending them in!! Thank you to the people who have bought through the Box Tops marketplace - you have helped us earn \$29 with your purchases!!

The February mail in submission date is February 28<sup>th</sup>. I will be mailing them on the February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Please Make a Difference for Our School with Box Tops!

- **Clip** Box Top coupons from favorite products and send them to our school.
- **Shop** at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace<sup>SM</sup> ([btfe.com/marketplace](http://btfe.com/marketplace)), and up to 8% of your qualifying purchase will automatically be donated to our school with no additional cost to you!
- **Purchase books** through the Box Tops Reading Room<sup>SM</sup> at Barnes & Noble.

Sign up to support our school at the Box Tops website ([www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com)). You'll get updates on our school's Box Tops earnings, money-saving coupons, family-pleasing recipes, chances to win Bonus Box Tops for our school and the latest Box Tops news!

Thanks,  
Margaret Matocha, [mgtmatocha@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mgtmatocha@nycap.rr.com)

## PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS (PARP)

Tesago's PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) is here once again! Our annual reading program encourages children to discover the joy of reading by making it a fun family event. Please be sure to mark your child's calendar which will be collected on March 20. Our theme this year is a "Community of Readers" and our daytime January kickoff event will feature "The Storycrafters". Next up is our annual Family Library Night on February 24<sup>th</sup>. At this event, families are invited to come to the library to check out books, create crafts, and take part in the always popular Scavenger Hunt. Siblings are welcome and parents must stay with their children. Also, pizza and drinks will be provided this year compliments of the PTA. Lastly, we have added a new event this year, Battle of the Books, which will be on held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. During this evening "game show" event, students, teachers and parents will get to compete by drawing on their knowledge of books. So, mark your calendars for these fun filled events and get set to cozy up with some good books!

## FRENCH CAMP

The Language Learning Institute is proud to present a winter camp in French for kids! This year's theme is Mardi Gras and Winter Fun. The camp will run Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm for children ages 5-12. To register or for more info. visit [www.LanguageLearningInstitute.com](http://www.LanguageLearningInstitute.com) or call 346-7096.

## SPRING FUNDRAISER



The PTA will host its Spring Fundraiser Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> through Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Finished product will be distributed the end of April...just in time for Mother's Day.

So many of you requested we bring this fundraiser back. It's the perfect way for you to create distinctive, personalized gifts for your family while creating funds for the PTA's Arts in Education program.

All of Tesago's students have been busy creating a full-color unique masterpiece for this special fundraiser. A special thanks to Mrs. Whalen, Mrs. Meagher and Miss Morse for their assistance with this fundraiser.

Through our Spring Fundraiser you turn your child's individual full-color masterpiece into a memorable mug, tote, re-usable water bottle, pen holder, or cutting board...just to name a few of the many exclusive items available. These custom gifts are perfect for a Mother's Day gift or simply something for the hard-to-shop-for person in your life.

Mark your calendar now! More information will be sent home with your child/ren in March.

If you are interested in assisting with product distribution (anticipated date of product receipt is April 29<sup>th</sup>), please contact Beth Hart at [bethahart@hotmail.com](mailto:bethahart@hotmail.com).

## TESAGO SCHOLARSHIPS

Again this year, the Tesago Elementary School PTA will be offering two (2) \$750 scholarships in honor of Vincent R. DeLucia, a former principal of Tesago. Shen HS seniors who have an 85 GPA or better, attended Tesago for at least a period of two consecutive years and who will be attending either a two or four year college or university are eligible to apply. Applications can be obtained from the Shen HS Guidance Counselors Office. Deadline for submission is Friday, March 6, 2009. Please address any questions to Rose Savallo, Scholarship Chairperson, at 373-9135. Thank you!

## SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Community Conversations with the Superintendent are scheduled for the following Saturdays listed below. All are welcome to attend and ask questions or express concerns/suggestions:

March 14, 2009, 9:30 in the Arongen Library

April 25, 2009, 9:30 am in Cheryl's Lodge

May 16, 2009 9:30 am in the High School West Cafeteria