



# Lion's Pride

June 2009

## MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENTS

### Message From The Co-Presidents

By Julie Plumadore and Kristen Kuhn

"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye...."

The past 2 years as Tesago PTA Co-President have been incredible. I would like to thank the parents, teachers, staff and my executive board for the support, guidance, loyalty, encouragement and friendship you have provided me during these 2 years. Most of all, thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in Tesago and your child's education.

I would like to congratulate our incoming President, Beth Silaika....good luck Beth! ☺ Beth has an amazing team coming in with her....Robin Lamb as VP of Academics, Julie Nelson as VP of Non-Academics, Sherrill Brown as Secretary and Tony Morelli as Treasurer. Good luck and I'm looking forward to next year!

Have a GREAT summer!  
Julie Plumadore

## FIELD DAY DATES

### TESAGO FIELD DAY

- Grades 1 & 2 -June 5th (Friday)
- Grades 3 & 4 -June 9th (Tuesday)
- Grade 5 -June 10th (Wednesday)

## PARP

Thank you to Miss Pierce and Fran Matson for a very successful year with PARP (Parents As Reading Partners).

The support for this program from the Tesago families resulted in **150,000 reading minutes** during the 10 week challenge. The PTA was also able to purchase **334 NEW BOOKS for each CLASSROOM.**

## ARTS-IN-EDUCATION

### Upcoming Arts-In-Ed Events:

6/2 & 6/4 - **Scotia-Glenville: Canada: Our Neighbor** - 5th Grade

A special thank you to Mrs. Darlene Kern for her volunteer work on our monthly Arts-In-Ed bulletin board over the past five years. We appreciate all the thoughtful and creative ways you've presented the Arts-In-Education news and photos for the school to enjoy. Excellent job!

It has been an incredible year for Tesago's Arts-In-Ed Program. A total of 24 enrichment programs were funded by the PTA providing valuable learning experiences for our children. The students enjoyed the music of Red Grammer and the Lake George Opera, the literary and writing programs of James Bruchac, Tom McCabe and The Storycrafters, as well as the science and history programs presented by the Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum, among others. All the programs met the NYS Arts Standards and served to tie the arts into Tesago's educational curriculum.

The Arts-In-Ed program at Tesago is truly something to be proud of. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, community supporters, Tesago's principal, Mr. Pace, and the teachers and staff who support our PTA and fund this exceptional program for our children.

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

## TESAGO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Tesago PTA Scholarship committee is proud to announce the winners for this year. They are Patrick Maguire and Kayla Hutchinson. Both very deserving applicants. Congratulations and best luck to both of them.

I would also like to thank the members of the committee for all their efforts in helping to determine the winners. So thank you to Ms. Morse, Mrs. Trent, Mrs. Almeida and Mrs. Yattaw. – Rose Savallo, Chairperson.

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

## DISCOVERY THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to all who helped with another successful Discovery program, (our after school enrichment). Any people that would like to teach a class or help with chaperoning can contact me anytime. Classes are planned in late fall through January, enrollment takes place in February and classes run in March. Thanks to all the teachers for use of their classrooms, all of the parent chaperones and class instructors, Mrs. Prairie for attendance help, and Mr. Pace for approving it all!!! Next year we can add to our course list of Kidzart, Stampin it up, Bowling, Mr. Twisty, Chess, Mad Science, LEGOS, and Dance!!  
THANKYOU!  
Whitney Decker

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU

To all of the volunteers who helped out at the Ice Cream Social a very special...THANK YOU! With out your help it would not be possible. It was a BIG success thanks to all of you! Renae Herbinge

## BOX TOPS

Keep saving those Box Tops over this summer!!!! WE HAD THE BEST YEAR YET!!!! We made \$2044 this year.

We are 12th out of all the schools in a 25 mile radius, 111th out of 5105 in NY and 4,218th out of 99,446 in the US.

I am so proud of Tesago!

Please sign up (if you haven't already) at [www.boxtops4education.com/passion](http://www.boxtops4education.com/passion) - we will get \$ .50 for every person that signs up and confirms it through their e-mail.

Please shop through the box top website - we get free money!!!! Old Navy and the Disney store are just two out of too many to list.

My goal for us is \$3000 next year!!!

Any questions or suggestions feel free to e-mail me at [mgtmatocha@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mgtmatocha@nycap.rr.com)

## HELP WANTED FOR ACADIA

### Future 6th grade Moms and Dads

Acadia is for a few good men and women to fill some vacancies for next year.

**Arts in Ed co-chair:** Work with current chairperson and the faculty to plan and implement the educational programming PTA sponsors throughout the year.

**Hospitality chairperson:** Organize the PTA hospitality efforts including refreshments at meetings, water and cookies for events (i.e. Open house, Accent on Acadia) and arranging for snacks for some school events when requested (Respect day, movie night , volleyball).

**Council delegate:** Attend Shen PTA council meetings (4 times per year) and report back to Acadia PTA either in person at our meetings or forward a report to the president.

**Moving Up/ Graduation co-chair:** Work with the current chairperson to plan and implement the June Moving Up ceremony.

**Environment committee:** Act as our parent representative on this Acadia committee that strives to enhance the feeling within the building to be welcoming and conducive to the education and growth of our children.

**Web master:** We are looking to update our website to something that is more interactive and flexible.

**Newsletter:** Editor of our newsletter that comes out 4 times a year. Next year we would like to go as paperless as possible.

**Volunteer lists and e-mail facilitator:** Using a spreadsheet application manages our volunteer's lists and e-mail database. This requires collecting forms from school but the rest can be done from home. As the keeper of the e-mail data base you would occasionally be asked to send out e-mails. The volunteer lists would need to be forwarded to the respective chair people.

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## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### Summer Programs for Families & Kids:

Looking for something to do this summer? Check out these great websites for family concerts, events and educational programs in our area...and most of them are free!!! Print out the events that spark your family's interest and post by the fridge for a quick reference all summer long.

[www.Cliftonpark.org](http://www.Cliftonpark.org) - all the happenings of Clifton park, as well as the town's summer concerts, camps and holiday events.

[www.Albanyevents.org](http://www.Albanyevents.org) - listing of events offered in Albany, including the free outdoor concert series.

[www.Saratoga.com](http://www.Saratoga.com) - check out the calendar of festivals and concerts offered in downtown Saratoga!

[www.Cdkids.net](http://www.Cdkids.net) - capital region kids directory lists museums, concerts and local park events

[www.Timesunion.com/moms](http://www.Timesunion.com/moms) - a list of family events, general information, blogs and camp listings.

[www.Shenet.org](http://www.Shenet.org) - keep up to date with our school district changes as we prepare for September. Click on Tesago for our new online bulletin board and a link to our PTA's website.

[www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com) register for your summer bowling pass of 2 free games daily over the summer!

[www.nationalamusements.com/programs/bookworm.asp](http://www.nationalamusements.com/programs/bookworm.asp) Bookworm Wednesdays... free admission to childrens films at participating movie theaters with a book report! Age 6 & under free without report.

[www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/familyfilmfestivalschedule.aspx](http://www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/familyfilmfestivalschedule.aspx)? Free family movies at Crossgates every Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the summer!

### Summer reading and online activities:

<http://www.shenet.org/skano/elementarylibrary/home.htm> a summer reading website created by our own shen librarians.

<http://shenkidsread.blogspot.com/> a book blog created by Shen librarians...full of tons of great reads!

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com/> awesome poetry site

<http://www.guysread.com/> great site about boys and reading - reviews, etc

\*\*\*\*\* All of Tesago's databases are available for students to use from home over the summer with the following link...<http://www.shenet.org/tesago/mediacenter/mcddatabases.htm>. Please visit Ms. Pierce in the library to pick up your password sheet.

[www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/) free book with completed summer reading journal.

[www.summerreading.org/](http://www.summerreading.org/)

[www.scholastic.com/summerreading/](http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/) help read for a world record!

[www.heb.com/aboutHEB/media-PR-050903-buddy.jsp](http://www.heb.com/aboutHEB/media-PR-050903-buddy.jsp)> read 15 books for a free prize.

**The Home Depot Kids Workshops** [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com) Free workshops the first Saturday of each month from 9am-noon at all store locations, and even include a free orange apron for your child. Adult participation is required.

**Lowe's How-To Clinics for Kids** [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) Clinics are offered on a bi-weekly basis from 10am-11am, and all building materials and tools are provided. Spend an hour with your child, and come away with a cool project that you built together.