



Lion's Pride

November 2008

MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENTS

By Julie Plumadore and Kristen Kuhn
WOW! What a year already!

First we would like to thank all the parents and teachers for making our fundraiser so successful.....we succeeded our goal by almost \$5,000! This enabled us to add \$3000 to the Arts-In-Education budget, bringing it to a total of \$15,000 (up from \$8000 last year). This is money that goes right back to your child's education!

We would also like to say thank you to Jill Van Dusen and Beth Haig for throwing such a great Monster Mash. This was the best Halloween party we've had since I've been at Tesago.....can't wait to see what they do next year! ☺

At our last PTA meeting, we voted and approved the start up of a JR. Lego League. Look for more details to roll out about this new program if your son/daughter loves building with Legos.

All voting on programs and money distribution occurs at our monthly PTA meetings. If you would like to have input on activities in your child's school, please join us on Monday November 10 at 7pm in the media Center. Everyone is welcome.....we'd love for you to join our roundtable discussions! If you have an idea, we want to hear it! ☺

ARTS-IN-EDUCATION

The PTA has made a donation of \$1,060 to the 5th Grade for the purchase of Cirque De Soleil - Wintuk tickets. The 5th graders will attend the Cirque De Soleil performance on November 14 at Madison Square Garden as part of their fieldtrip to NYC.

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Friday, November 14, 2008

Stop at the Concession Stand for Dinner and Popcorn

Enjoy the evening with friends! Bring your pillow and blanket to the Cafeteria!

Doors open at 6 pm
Movie starts at 6:30 pm

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Keep sending them in we are doing GREAT!!!!

Shop online and earn cash for our school!

We can earn **cash** for our school simply by purchasing through the Box Tops for Education website at www.btfe.com.

Here's how it works:

1. Sign up to support our school

Sign up at www.btfe.com

2. Shop online

Start each shopping trip at www.btfe.com/marketplace, click the link to the online store of your choice....and shop as you normally do. By starting at www.btfe.com, Box Tops can track earnings and automatically credit our school's account.

3. Our school earns cash

A percentage of every qualifying purchase is automatically donated back to our school!

Shop for everything!

Earn cash for our school *whenever* you shop through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM! Shop over 70 favorite stores such as JCPenney, Target, Gap, Old Navy, Pottery Barn, Wal-Mart, and many more!

Ask me for help or more information!

Margaret Matocha, Box Tops Coordinator
mgtmatocha@nycap.rr.com

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:

- October 25, 2008, 9:30 am in the Acadia Library
- December 6, 2008, 9:30 am in the Skano Library
- 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

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

LEGO LEAGUE

Junior First Lego League

Junior *FIRST* LEGO League (Jr.FLL) is an exciting opportunity for the youngest budding scientists. It encompasses the core concepts of all *FIRST* programs to inspire, excite, and introduce kids to the wonders of science, technology, and engineering.

Come and join the other inspiring young future scientists on **Friday November 14 in the Tesago Library from 2:15 until 3:15**. I look forward to meeting each of you for an hour of stimulating, thought provoking, innovating conversations!

Also, I would like to make a PowerPoint presentation of some of the wonderful Lego projects you have created in the past and show them to the rest of the group. If you have any great picture(s) you would like to share with us please send them to Dr. Faro, at 2send@nycap.rr.com

CAMPBELL'S LABEL

Did You Know.....

- We Need the Campbell's UPC Codes From the Labels...NOT the Labels Itself
- Some Campbell's Soups UPC Codes are Worth 1 Point and Some are Worth 5 Points
- Caps From Any V8 Splash Drinks are Worth Points
- Pepperidge Farm Cookies, Crackers, and Breads are Worth Points Too
- Don't Forget About Campbell's Soup On the Go, Microwaveable Soups, Campbell's Supper Bake, or Campbell's Select

All You Need to Do is Send in The UPC Codes or Lids to School in a Ziploc Bag or Envelope With Your Child's Name and Teacher's Name on Them and Know That You Have Just Helped Your Child's School Earn Some Free Stuff!!!

THANK YOU!!

If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact: Vidia Wray at kaybop27@gmail.com!!

THANK YOU!!!

Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Hickok would like to thank Mrs. Lokhandwalla, Mr. and Mrs. Waryncia, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Herbinger, Mrs. Belott, Mrs. Castricone, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Plumadore, Mrs. Kenney, and Mrs. Alvarez for your help with Popcorn Day. We apologize if we are missing anyone. Thank you also to the wonderful custodial staff for setting up the tables and Popcorn Maker for us.

PRICE CHOPPER TOOLS



We ask every Tesago family to register your Price Chopper Advantage card for the Tools for Schools program. By doing so, you will earn points toward school equipment with every dollar you spend.

Simply stop by the Customer Service Desk or visit www2.pricechopper.com/toolsforschools/ and enter Tesago's code (15764). Or sign-up at an upcoming PTA function. Encourage all of your family and friends to register today! For more information or questions, please contact Kerri Arserio

HANNAFORD HELP SCHOOLS

Hannaford Helps Schools also provides Tesago with funds simply for purchasing the products that you normally buy during your weekly shopping. The program is currently underway and ends December 8, 2008.

When you purchase four participating products, you receive one \$3.00 school dollar certificate at the checkout register. Simply have your child drop off the dollar certificates in the designated box in the school lobby.

In addition to the funds raised by the school dollar certificates, each individual Hannaford Supermarket store will award a \$1,000 education grant to the school that raises the most dollars through the program of all the schools registered at that particular store. Tesago is registered at the Hannaford in Village Plaza (9 Clifton Country Road, Clifton Park). Let's earn that \$1,000 grant for Tesago this year!

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIERS!!!

Do you like to ski, or would you like to learn how to ski? Come and join the Bill Koch Youth Ski League! BKYSL is a family-oriented ski program for children ages 5-13. We meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at Koda Middle School, in room 709, and then go outside for some skiing fun (or just plain outdoor fun before the snow flies). Ski rentals are available through the club for the season. Parents are welcome to join us as we practice technique through games on skis. The first gathering of the season will be on Tues., Nov. 4, at Koda room 709, from 3:45-5:15. Call Mary at 373-0313 or Eric at 371-7548 for more information. Hope to see you there, and THINK SNOW!!

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

Holiday Extravaganza



Please join us for Tesago PTA's Holiday Extravaganza taking place on Saturday, November 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cafeteria. This holiday shopping event has something for everyone...vendors for adults and craft items for our little ones to do their holiday shopping with their allowance funds! Plus, there will be a Holiday Story Corner to occupy the family while you take a few minutes to browse the vendor area for the perfect gift from vendors like Silpada, Longerberger and Tastefully Simple.

Admission is free and there will be a raffle offering non-traditional opportunities and items like the chance choose a friend to join you as the ball boys/girls for an upcoming Shen Varsity Boys Basketball Game! Refreshments will also be available.

Make sure to check out this newly revamped event and support your Tesago PTA.

Interested in being a vendor or displaying your specialty crafts? Please contact Meridith Haskins at meri0311@aol.com for fees and more information.

Can you spare an hour to volunteer to make this event more successful? Contact Meridith Haskins at meri0311@aol.com.

Fall Fundraiser



The Tesago PTA would like to thank you for your support of the Fall Fundraiser featuring products from Great American's catalogs and on-line specialty items. We are pleased to report that we raised more than \$10,000 and exceeded our original budgeted goal by \$5,000. This was one of our most successful fundraisers in a number of years and all of the proceeds from this fundraiser supported our amazing Arts in Education program which benefits each and every student at Tesago.

Because of the overwhelming success, we are awarding the Top Fifteen Sellers with a special lunch in Mr. Pace's office. Congratulations to Samantha Bielawa (MacDougall), Sarah Butts (Fetsko), Paige Clark (Morse AM), Taylor Feiden (Meagher PM), Brenna Hart (Yattaw), Riley Higgins (Mott), Connor Lacy (Meagher AM), Lindsay Mayo (Jones), Ashley Muller (Brobston), James Murray (Dzikas), Hadiyah Owens (Trent), J'adari Owens (Magher PM), Carson Singh (Measeck), Hailey Wray (Mott) and Nolan Yowell (Fetsko). This group of students sold more than \$5,800 and will get to enjoy one of Mr. Pace's distinctive HUGE cupcakes. Way to go! We appreciate all you did for the PTA!

The orders will be available for pick-up in your child's classroom during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 3rd and Tuesday, November 4th. Should you have any questions, please contact Beth Hart at bethahart@hotmail.com.

MARCH MADNESS.....ALMOST

SAVE THE DATE.....Thursday February 26, 2009. The staff from Tesago will be playing basketball against staff from other elementary schools.....Shatekon, Arongen and Skano!!

More information will follow, but please save the date.....we are going to need lots of school spirit for T E S A G O.....go TESAGO!!

Shenendehowa Wrestling Club



Who? All 1st - 6th grade students

Start Date? December 1st, 2008 (end date: Jan 21st - We will be offering a 2nd session for those who wish to continue. More information to follow).

Registration Date: November 19th and 20th, (Wed/Thurs) 2008 - 6:00pm in HSE wrestling room

Cost: \$40.00

Practice Schedule:

- 1st - 3th grade students - Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00pm - 7:00 pm
- 4th - 6th grade students - Mondays and Wednesdays 7:15pm - 8:30pm

Site: Shenendehowa High School East (Wrestling Room)

Coaches:

Joe Comitto

- Ryan Fenton - Shen Modified coach and PE teacher at Skano Elementary; phone - 881-0560 ext 44552; email - fentryan@shenet.org
- Chris Capezzuti - Shen JV coach and Earth Science teacher at Shen.
- Rob Weeks - Shen Head Varsity Coach and HS PE teacher.
- Steve Hart - Former Varsity coach; currently a personal trainer and Guidance Counselor at HSE.

(Registration on Reverse Side)

Shenendehowa Wrestling Club Member Application

Membership Fee: \$40.00

Checks Payable to: Shenendehowa Wrestling Club

Fee Covers: Membership and T-Shirt

Please complete the form below along with a check to the Registration Meeting (as dated on reverse side) or mail Registrations to:

Ryan Fenton
Skano Elementary School
970 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Applicant Information

Wrestler's Name _____
Address _____
Birth Date _____ Grade _____ School _____

Parental/Guardian Information

Contact: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
E-Mail _____

I, _____, give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Shenendehowa Wrestling Club. I understand that there are inherent risks involved in the sport of wrestling and will not hold Shenendehowa; it's coaches or assistants responsible if my son/daughter is injured while participating in the program. I give the coaching staff my permission to administer any first-aid necessary to my son/daughter in case of an accident.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____