



The Karigon Journal

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Karigon Elementary School, Route 146, Clifton Park, New York 12065

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*Karigon means
"to join together"*

Thank You from the Executive Committee

March has been a busy month with events like Odyssey of the Mind, Young Authors, and Kaleidoscope in addition to Mc Donald's Night and fundraisers. A well deserved "Thanks!" goes out to all of the volunteers who have helped to support the PTA's endeavors on behalf of the students. In addition to thanking all of our members for their support I'd also like to give a well deserved thank you to the following dedicated volunteers for the wonderful job they've done planning and implementing the many activities that have been or will soon be taking place at Karigon for our students and teachers.

- Denise Adams, Susan Schmitt, Lisa Fletcher and Marybeth DiNallo for all of the time and effort that they devoted to the Karigon students that competed at Odyssey of the Mind this year. Thank you to all of the parents of the students who competed for judging, volunteering with the competition, volunteering for the PTA concessions or helping to keep the kids together and getting them to where they needed to go. It was truly a team effort for the parents as well as the kids!
- Joann Serino and Shawn Corino for organizing another successful McDonald's Night.
- Ann Roe and her volunteers for their continued work on putting the yearbook together in addition to distributing, collecting and processing the yearbook orders.
- Katie O'Laughlin and Amy Salzone, and all of her teachers and volunteers for putting together another month of learning, discovery and fun at Kaleidoscope!

Please see *Thank You* on page 2

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Executive Committee
2010-2011**

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Thank You from page 1

- Jennifer Olsen and Diane Meyer and their volunteers for assisting the 5th grade teachers and students with the first annual Fifth Grade's Got Talent. The students were given the opportunity to perform, assist with the set changes and sell baked goods all in the spirit of earning money to provide a gift to the school from their class as they leave us this year. The show was a huge hit!
- Kristen Graber, her committee, the teachers and volunteers for putting on another successful Young Author's week.
- Brenda Fensterer for updating our website and Mary Fran Verostek for publishing our journal.
- Lori Bennett for keeping us up to date on all school and community events in the weekly e-mails.
- Amy Czirr and her volunteers for running the Student Banking program and allowing our kids to learn the importance of saving.
- Sharon Moyer, Beth Ogle and Heather Lombardo continuing to work with the teachers to book educational events for our students.

April begins with watching our teachers play basketball on the 7th at Shen All In! Both the players and cheerleaders have been practicing hard and we look forward to supporting them as they make Karigon proud! At the beginning of April we also have the Spring Book Fair, our BINGO night and our Turn Your TV Off week. At our April PTA meeting Kathy Wetmore will be answering any questions we have about next year's budget.

The district is also presenting Mike Nerney on April 26th to speak on Adolescent Brain Development and Decision Making. If you've ever wondered why your adolescent or teen has done something, then you can't miss the opportunity to hear Mike explain how their brains work!

*Tammy Learn, Heather Lombardo, Jenn Collazo, Rob Williams,
Lisa Burkhammer, Brad Piziali and Jennifer Marin*



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The deadline for the Karigon Journal will be the 20th of the preceding month.

Submissions for the May Journal must be received by 4/20.

Please send your articles to Mary Fran Verostek at mfbvp@yahoo.com



Principal's Update

April is:

**Keep America Beautiful Month
Mathematics in Education Month
National Poetry Month**

The Character Word of the Month is:

Fairness

"Civility costs nothing and buys everything."

- Mary Wortley Montagu

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the last quarter of this school year, the professional staff engages in a number of planning activities that relate to the upcoming school year. One of these activities is the development of class lists and teacher assignments. Although this part of our planning process is not officially completed until class placement is mailed in August, we create tentative class lists in June. Many factors are considered as I work with the professional staff in developing these lists.

Decisions regarding classroom placements are taken very seriously and are based on a number of considerations which include your child's educational, behavioral, developmental and social needs. Consequently, all members of the faculty working with your child are involved in the placement process and carefully consider her/his needs. In light of this commitment, please do not request a specific teacher. Any letter that contains teacher specific information cannot be considered. Such a letter will be returned to the sender for resubmission. If there is anything of an extraordinary nature that you feel should be considered in the class placement process, kindly submit this information, via a letter to me, by Thursday, May 12, 2011.

In addition, please realize that your letter will be shared with those professional staff members involved in the class building process. Your views are important to us and we shall work hard to address student needs and create balanced classes.

Thank you in advance for understanding that the school reserves the right to make all final decisions concerning student placement. Should you have any further questions about the placement process, kindly call me.

Sincerely,
Gregory N. Wing
Principal

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Board of Education Report

March 2011

PRESENTATIONS to the Board:

- NYS Report card overview
- “Babes in Arms” vignette (High School)
- Future Cities (Middle Schools)
- 2011 - 12 calendar draft
- 2011- 12 budget draft with public comments
- Bus resolution proposal

BUSINESS for Board approval:

- Accepted various donations
- Approved establishment of Elaine Edelson scholarship
- Passed resolution to freeze contractually obligated salaries for 2011- 12
- Accepted over 40 retirements with regret and appreciation

COMMENTS:

In response to the Board’s salary freeze resolution, the Shenendehowa Administrators Association (SAA) announced agreement to freeze salaries for 2011 - 12. Notification from other labor units at Shen is still pending.

You certainly know that this is a particularly challenging year for the task of budget development. On March 22, the draft copy of the proposed budget for 2011 - 12 was presented to the Board. If you have an idea, suggestion or input you'd like to share as the process moves forward, there are still opportunities to do so. I've attached a copy of the remaining budget development timeline. Of course, I would encourage anyone with suggestions related to the budget to bring them directly to the administration either at the building level or through the District Office. Updates are also posted frequently on the Shen website. Please, please, please be well informed about the budget.

Budget Development Calendar:

(all meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Gowana library and are open to the public)

- Tuesday, March 29 - Board adopts formal notice of propositions for annual budget vote without dollar amounts (required by law). Study session, no public comment.
- Tuesday, April 5 - Update on state budget and school aid.
- Tuesday, April 12 - Budget adopted by the Board of Education. Business meeting with public comment.
- Tuesday, May 3 - Budget hearing (required by law).
- Tuesday, May 17 - Annual school budget vote (polls open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Gowana gym)

OTHER:

“Conversations with the Superintendent” will be held on April 30th at 9:30am in the Acadia cafeteria.

Submitted by Mrs. Mary Blaauboer, BOE Vice President and Karigon BOE Liaison

Budget Information

Wednesday, April 13 - Kathy Wetmore, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, will be speaking at the Karigon PTA meeting about the school district budget. 7:00 PM in the Karigon Media Center

Tuesday, May 3 - Budget hearing (required by law).

Tuesday, May 17 - Annual school budget vote
(Polls open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Gowana gym)

Want to tell your legislatures what you think about the cuts to education?

The NYS PTA has made contacting your legislators easy using CapWiz. Using the tool is a two step process the first time but once signed up it's virtually automatic and allows a person to either use the standard PTA letter or compose one of their own. Cut/Paste this link to access it. <http://capwiz.com/npta2/ny/mlm/signup>

From the Board of Education's link on the district website:
http://www.shenet.org/LatestNews_Archive/LN_2011_12Budget.cfm

The proposed budget would increase spending 1.49 percent. This is below the amount allowed under a contingent budget. The budget proposal includes 36.5 personnel reductions in instruction, 6 in administration and 45.5 in support staff. The breakdown is as follows:

Elementary 11.50
Secondary (6-12) 6.00
Unified Arts 9.00
Special Education 3.00
Instructional Support 7.00
Facilities & Operations 3.50
Transportation 1.00
Clerical - Typists 18.00
Aides 23.00

NOTE: Administration consolidated and abolished 4 positions during this school year and did not fill 2.0 other positions. At the school board meeting on 3/15/11, the Shenendehowa Administrators Association (SAA) announced that they have agreed to a salary freeze for 2011-12.

Budget Information

From the Shenendehowa PTA Council

As the state and district move forward in the budget process, Karigon PTA encourages everyone to be as informed as possible. Upcoming events and information from the Board of Education are on the previous page. Here are excerpts from an email from the Shenendehowa PTA Council:



To all our members, we are urging you to read and take action today on a very important and time sensitive issue:

- The quality of our children's education - and therefore their future - is at stake due to the drastic cuts to education proposed in the Governor's pending budget. We are facing the greatest reductions in state aid to education in the history of New York State and this will force deep cuts in people, programs and opportunities for our children.
- Shenendehowa is facing a \$6.16 million (14.78 percent) year-to-year reduction in state aid for 2011-12 and bracing for a possible tax cap in 2012-2013.

What is at stake with the proposed cuts?

- To understand the impact of these cuts on our district: If the proposed cuts to state aid are approved, as many as 91 positions in Shenendehowa may have to be eliminated. Under the Governor's multi-year aid reduction plan (known as the Gap Elimination Adjustment) our students will be short approximately \$824.77 per student.

There is something we as parents can and must do:

- Take Action Now: We owe it to our children to speak up on their behalf.

The on-line advocacy tool of the New York State PTA, "capwiz" takes less than 5 minutes to complete and allows you to send email letters to your elected representatives speaking out against these cuts. The letters are already written by New York State's PTA Advocacy Team. We need thousands of voices to ensure our message is heard and to make an impact on the legislature.

<http://www.capwiz.com/npta2/ny/home/>

For more details on the state cuts to education in the Governor's budget see:

<http://www.nyspta.org/pdfs/advocacy/VLD%20Packet%202011%20FINAL.pdf>



PTA Meeting Dates 2011

Wednesday - Karigon Media Center

April 13th
May - *to be rescheduled*
June 15th

Congratulations Karigon!!!

Karigon PTA has won four New York State PTA Membership Awards for the 2010-2011 school year. Details about these awards are as follow:

Membership Growth Award - We currently have 386 members which are up from last year's number of 345 members. Karigon will receive the Membership Growth Award Certificate for having a 5% increase in membership over last year's total.

100% Teacher Membership Certificate - 100% of our home school based certified teachers are members this year. Thanks to all the staff for making this possible.

Early Bird Award Certificate - We submitted a membership payment of at least 50% of the previous year's membership before October 20th to the state.

The Founders Day Award Certificate - At least 15 memberships were submitted to the state PTA during the month of February.

Karigon Elementary should also receive the **Focus on Fathers Award Certificate** for having at least 25% of the membership men.

It has been a great year for membership at Karigon Elementary - thanks to all of you!

Reminders from the Office



Forgotten Items - For safety reasons, a parent/guardian must accompany a student who enters the building after school hours. We are certain you will understand our concern and thank you for your cooperation.

Late Arrivals - When a student arrives at school late, a parent must come in with the child and sign him/her in. Please do not send the child in by himself.

WANTED: Your Old, Used Digital Cameras!



Dear Parents,

As we look forward to spring and going out to our pond for environmental studies, we are looking for donations of digital cameras for the students to use to help us identify the plants and animals that live in and around the pond. The cameras should be easy for students to use and download the images. Should you be willing to help, please call the Karigon Main Office at 881-0530. Thank you!

Menus for April 2011

http://www.schoolmenus.org/Shenendehowa_Central_Schools.htm

You can download the following files:

Elementary Menu April 1-15

http://www.schoolmenus.org/Shen_2011_Elem_April_1-15.pdf

Elementary Menu April 18-29

http://www.schoolmenus.org/Shen_2011_Elem_April_18-29.pdf

Cultural Arts

April 12th & 13th the first grade classes will be visited by the Scotia-Glenville Museum. The program “Oceans in Motion” will teach the students factual information about oceans, their creatures and how we can protect them. They will also complete a craft related to the program.

The Scotia-Glenville Museum will also be here **April 11th & 26th**, as the fourth graders will participate in the program “Measures for Measuring”. This program is extremely helpful in allowing the students to have hands-on experience with over 40 different devices for both metric and customary units of measure.

A nutrition program will be coming to visit the 5th graders on **April 12th**. “Slim Goodbody” is an interactive musical show designed to help the children learn the value of exercise and good nutrition.

For more information, check out the website at www.slimgoodbody.com

On **April 25th**, Motoko will present the art of Japanese storytelling to the third grade classes. Motoko has visited Karigon several times and is always a wonderful source of knowledge relating to Japanese culture, geography, history and language.

Grandma Tippy Toes (aka Diane Payette) will be making her first of three visits to the kindergarten classes on **April 29th**. She uses music, literature and humor to enhance the kindergarten curriculum (and the kids really like her!!)

Thank you for supporting the PTA fundraisers that have provided the funds to pay for these wonderful programs.

The Cultural Arts Committee

This America

The Karigon musical is scheduled for
April 12th
At
7:00 p.m.

and 2 more performances the following morning.

It is called "This Is America",
and is full of information about our country
communicated by
Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty.

It was created by the Theater Writers Workshop
and Mrs. Peggy Valentine in January.

It is check full of traditional as well as new songs that celebrate the U.S.A.

**OKTE
SHATEKON
SKANO
TESAGO**
April 6th, 2011
5:45-8:00 PM
Doors @ 5:15 PM
Shen High School East



**ARONGEN
CHANGO
KARIGON
ORENDA**
April 7th, 2011
5:45-8:00 PM
Doors @ 5:15 PM
Shen High School East

CHAMPIONSHIP TICKETS WILL SELL OUT! FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

Water, chips and pretzels will be on sale at the event.

Due to capacity restrictions tickets are limited and will only be available pre-sale starting April 11th from 6-8 pm in the Karigon Lobby for \$2 each.

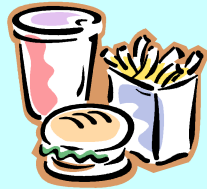
Remember, this is a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE event and we do expect it to sell-out.

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Check payment (made out to Karigon PTA) must accompany all orders.
- Each attendee must have a ticket to enter and all minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- THIS IS NOT A "DROP OFF" EVENT
- Tickets are sold individually and are limited to 8 tickets per order form per family. Need to be present on April 11th to buy tickets.
- Each participating school in the championship game will get 600 tickets and the other 6 schools will get 100 each.

McDonald's Night!

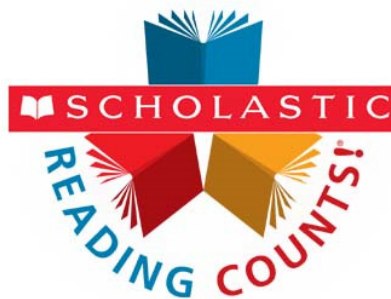


*Thanks to everyone who participated!
Mrs. DiBari's 5th Grade Classroom won the Ice Cream Party!*

SPRING BOOK FAIR 2011



Monday April 4th from 9am-1pm
Tuesday April 5th from 9am-1pm
Wednesday April 6th from 9am-1pm
Thursday April 7th from 9am-1pm
Friday only in the evening during Family night.



Contact Amy Salzone with questions.

Karigon PTA Family Activities Committee presents

Bingo Night

Friday, April 8th

6:00 - 8:00 PM

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

**Join all your friends for a night of fun and
PRIZES!**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Pretzels from **PHILLY PRETZEL FACTORY**
and
water will be on sale for a nominal fee.

There will also be bake sale items to purchase!

For questions or to volunteer to help, please contact:
Kristen Buelow thebuelows@yahoo.com

Anita McGill tabimadi@gmail.com

Thank you to all who donated items, we have lots of prizes!!!

Attention Fifth Grade Parents!

Moving Up Day will be here before you know it!



A DVD showcasing our children's elementary school experiences will be produced and shown at the Moving Up Day ceremony.

Your help is needed by providing the following:

1. An individual Kindergarten school picture or any individual picture of your child while they were in Kindergarten
2. Candid shots from any activities during their years in elementary school (Karigon or other school). We need photos from class parties, field trips, etc. Group shots are best.

Please submit your photos by April 1st.

Photos can be submitted via email, as attachments, to allenira@shenet.org

Or, you can send photographs to your child's teacher (please label with your name).

Information regarding the purchase of the DVD will be sent home in the Spring.

Thank You!

Karigon Class Historians



With so many activities happening at Karigon during the year, it is easy to lose track of those wonderful photographs that are taken.

If you have any pictures that you would like to see in the yearbook, and most importantly in your child's 5th Grade video, PLEASE SEND THEM TO YOUR GRADE LEVEL HISTORIAN(S) NOW!

(Historians, please send any pictures you may have received of those activities to our Yearbook Chairs Ann at amr@nycap.rr.com or Denise at dleary@nycap.rr.com)

Historians

Kindergarten AM and PM - VACANT

Grade 1 - Tracy Tidgewell - ttidgewe@nycap.rr.com - 877-9849

Grade 1 - Karla Anderson - kjanesand@aol.com - 877-7477

Grade 2 - Lea Amorosi - hill@nycap.rr.com - 877-0749

Grade 3 - Kathy Watrobski - gwatrobs@nycap.rr.com - 373-6643

Grade 3 - VACANT

Grade 4 - Dana Gores - danagores@nycap.rr.com - 261-1671

Grade 4 - Kim Elmer - dockke@pol.net - 857-4054

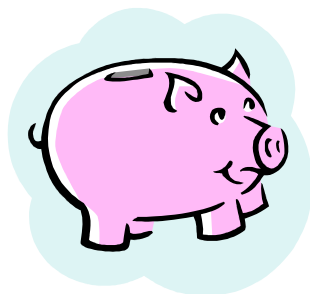
Grade 5 - Denise Adams - AdamDeni@shenet.org - 881-0530 ext 42024

Grade 5 - Jenn Collazo - jcollazo@nycap.rr.com - 665-0154

As you can see, we are still in **need of help in Kindergarten and Grade 3.**
If you love taking pictures or if you just love pictures – we need you!

Memories are made and lost in a moment.
Help us preserve as many as we can by volunteering to help with your child's grade.

For more info please contact
Jenn Collazo - jcollazo@nycap.rr.com - 665-0154



School Banking



Karigon is still participating in the First Niagara School Banking Program. Each week, on Tuesday mornings, students, the school's staff and banking volunteers will be able to make deposits into their own savings accounts.

We have a new location for School Banking this year. Instead of being in the lobby, we will be in the little room directly across from the main office, next to the nurse's office. There will be a sign next to the door so you can find us.

- The minimum deposit is 25 cents.
- This banking program encourages frequency rather than amount of deposit. This way, students will learn that one of the best ways to accumulate money is through regular saving.
- The savings account belongs to the child, not the parent/guardian.
- Only deposits can be made at school. Withdrawals and deposits can be made at any branch of First Niagara Bank.
- Incentive prizes are earned after every seventh deposit at school.

If your child would like to open an account: (open to all 1st - 5th graders)

1. Pick up a new account envelope from the banking volunteer on any Tuesday morning.
2. Complete the necessary information and return it to school on any banking day.
3. First Niagara Bank will mail you a letter and banking materials. You must have the letter from the bank with the new account number before making a deposit in a new account.
4. The Bank will make a \$1.00 deposit to the new account after it is activated by the child's first deposit. Semi-annual statements are mailed to the student's home.

School Banking is Tuesday!

If you have any questions regarding the banking program, or if you would like to help with the School Banking Program, please call the banking coordinator:

Amy Czirr 877-5823 or amyczirr@yahoo.com

Shenendehowa presents...
A Special Evening with
Michael Nerney
The Adolescent Brain...
"Why Children Make the Decisions that They Do"
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
HSE Auditorium - 7 PM

The Shen District, Shenendehowa Community Coalition and the High School PTSA presents an evening with Michael Nerney.

Michael Nerney is a consultant in Substance Abuse Prevention and Education with over thirty years experience in the field. Mr. Nerney's understanding of adolescent issues stems from twelve years experience as a teacher and coach at the junior and high school levels. He is a certified instructor in violence prevention and management with the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), has served as a consultant for learning centers and has been a consultant for two major television networks and most recently appeared on the ABC program "20/20".

Whether we worry out loud or keep quietly to ourselves, parents have cause for concern regarding teen behavior, especially substance abuse. National, state and local indicators show that rates of substance use and abuse are rising among teens.

The evening with parents and other concerned community members will:

- learn about the scope of the problem nationally, statewide and within our own community;
- explore the underlying reasons for the increase in substance abuse among teens;
- put new information into a framework that makes sense;
- discuss new drug trends and concurrent high risk behaviors; and
- explore possible prevention strategies.

Join us for this informative evening. Learn what every parent should be aware of as to "why children make the decisions that they do."



4th Annual SAGE
Science & Health Discovery Night

At *Science & Health Discovery Night* students (K-8) can explore science in their world with exciting exhibits, displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities by more than 50 exhibitors!

- Participate in Live NASA Video Conference
- Explore Nanoscience
- Build a DC motor
- See how Smoking can AGE you!
- Solve crimes using Forensic Science
- Fly a jet plane on a Flight Simulator
- Visit reptiles and insects
- Speak with a Veterinarian
- Find out how Service Dogs train
- Take home a FREE tree!
- Learn why your heart pumps and
- See CPR in action

April 28th, 2011 6:00-9:00 pm

**Gowana Middle School
Shenendehowa Campus
Rte. 146, Clifton Park**

For detailed exhibit information please visit: www.worknotes.com/ny/cliftonpark/sage.
to VOLUNTEER please contact:

Laura Essa or Linda DeMasi

lessa@nycap.rr.com ldemasi@nycap.rr.com Ph: 383-9169 Ph: 877-5813

Sponsored by the Shenendehowa Advocates for Gifted Education (SAGE) and the
Shenendehowa Science, Technology & Health / FACS Departments

The Latest News from **Box Tops**



There is still more collecting to do!
Keep on collecting Karigon!

Shopping Programs Help Karigon



Target Take Charge of Education

Use your Target Red Card anywhere and Karigon receives 1% of the purchase amount.

To get a Target Red Card apply in person at Target or go to www.target.com/redcard and select Karigon as your school of choice. If you have a Target Red Card, go to www.target.com/tcoe to check that Karigon is listed as your school to receive cash back. We receive cash back and great school products and all it takes is for you or anyone you know (relatives, friends, etc.) to designate Karigon as their school of choice.



Price Chopper has introduced a new way for Karigon to earn free resources. Now you can electronically collect Labels for Education points. Simply register your Price Chopper Advantage Card at www.pricechopper.com/eLFE and select Karigon as your school of choice. Please note you must register separately for this program from the Tools for Schools program. You can still clip, save and turn in Labels for Education to the school. Participating products include Campbell's, V8 juice, Pepperidge Farms, Gold Fish, Prego, Swanson, Pop Secret, Bic and more. Just look for the Labels for Education logo on the package.

If you have any questions about these programs or would like to help facilitate these plans, please email Lauri Hess at Lauri_J_Hess@yahoo.com.

TYSON PROJECT A+ FOR KARIGON



Calling all Tyson chicken eaters. Karigon is participating in Tyson's Project A+ program. The money we raise will go towards buying books, equipment, field trips or anything else that we need. All we have to do is clip and save the entire Project A+ label from participating Tyson products. Each label we collect is worth 24¢ for Karigon. A collection site has been set up at the school where you can drop off your redemption labels. Don't forget to ask grandparents, aunt, uncles, friends, etc. and send them in.

If you would like more information about the Tyson Project A+ program, visit <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com> or contact me, your school's coordinator at Lauri_J_Hess@yahoo.com.



Prego

PEPPERIDGE FARM

GOOD IS IN THE DETAILS™

SPAGHETTIO

SWANSON

CAMPBELL'S CHUNKY CHILI

POP-SECRET

Campbell's Labels for Education....

Campbell's has partnered with some great products lines (Post, Bic and Pop-Secret) for the Labels for Education program - we can earn more great supplies! Since 1973, the Labels for Education program has provided the tools and opportunities that have helped schools earn over \$113 million in FREE educational merchandise, supporting Arts, Athletics and Academic programs that enrich student's lives.

Note the bonus item: Pop Secret Popcorn Products - 10 Bonus Points!!

Need help picking the right movie for any occasion - go to www.popsecret.com

(Don't forget: participating products include Pepperidge Farm, Franco American, Prego, Spaghetios, Swanson, V8 and Wolfgang Puck)

Thank you. Heidi Cavert



Dates to Remember



EVENT	DATE	TIME
Scholastic Book Fair	4/4 - 10	
TV Turn Off Week	4/4 - 10	
School Banking	4/5, 12 and 26	Morning
Shen All-In Arongen Chango Karigon Orenda	4/7	5:45 - 8:00 PM <i>(Doors open 5:15 PM)</i> Event at Shen HSE
PTA BINGO Night	4/8	6:00 - 8:00 PM Karigon / Orenda Cafetorium
Shen All-In (Tickets for Championship Game)	4/11	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Karigon Choir Concert	4/12	7:00 PM Karigon / Orenda Cafetorium
PTA Meeting Guest Speaker: Karen Wetmore	4/13	7:00 PM
Shen All-In (Championship Game)	4/13	
4 th Grade Orchestra Showcase	4/14	7:00 PM Karigon / Orenda Cafetorium
No School	4/18 - 22	Spring Break
Michael Nerney "The Adolescent Brain..."	4/26	7:00 PM HSE Auditorium
Health and Wellness Fair	4/28	6:00 - 9:00 PM MS Gym
SAGE Science Discovery Night	4/28	6:30 - 9:00 PM Gowana Middle School
Reflections Awards Night Northeastern Region PTA	TBA <i>(originally 4/28)</i>	TBA Ballston Spa High School
Community Conversations With Dr. L. Oliver Robinson	4/30	9:30 AM Acadia Cafeteria



Dates to Remember



EVENT	DATE	TIME
School Banking	5/3, 10, 14, 21, 28	Morning
PTA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	5/12	TBA
Community Conversations With Dr. L. Oliver Robinson	5/14	9:30 AM Cheryl's Lodge
Annual School District Budget Vote	5/17	7:00 AM - 9:00 PM Gowana Gym
Kindergarten Orientation	5/17	3:00 PM Karigon Library
PTA Meeting	5/18	7:00 PM
Karigon/Orenda Grade 5 Band Concert	5/18	Karigon/Orenda Cafetorium
Karigon/Orenda Grade 5 Orchestra	5/19	7:00 PM Karigon/Orenda Cafetorium
Earth-Arbor Day Celebration	5/20	1:15 PM
No School	5/30	Memorial Day

***When visiting Karigon
please remember to sign in at the office FIRST!***

Community Connections

*This section lists upcoming activities in our local community.
The PTA does not endorse or support any of the items included.*

Host a Child this Summer

*The Fresh Air Fund is a program that gives
NYC children a chance for a vacation.*



Children 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
June 29 - July 9,
July 20 - August 3 (a return on 7/28 is possible), and
August 9 - August 19.

Please consider hosting a child.
Contact Deb at freshair@nycap.rr.com
or 348-1018 for more information.