



A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Once again, October has been a very busy month for the Karigon PTA. We have many dedicated volunteers to thank for the wonderful job they've done planning and implementing the many activities that have been taking place this past month at Karigon for our students. Thank you to:

- ◆ Nathalie Laforest, Lisa Burkhammer and Jenn Collazo for keeping our entrance and windows fresh and seasonal.
- ◆ Lori Bennett for updating our website, publishing our journal, updating our email list and for keeping us up to date on all school and community events in the weekly e-mails.
- ◆ Dawn Hubert and Christy Whitbeck for processing all of our membership forms and working on getting the directory together.
- ◆ Anita and Jay McGill for processing all of our fundraising order forms. Look for information from them on when to pick up the gifts and treats that you've ordered on behalf of the PTA.
- ◆ Joanne Serino and Shawn Cerino for organizing a fun and successful McDonald's Night. Thanks also to all of the teachers and staff that volunteered and all of you that came out to make it such a successful night.
- ◆ Linda Cole and Ann Gilbert for organizing and running the K-2 and 3-5 bowling parties. Thanks also to all of the volunteers that helped them.
- ◆ Anita Torrence for organizing another enjoyable Monster Mash. Thanks to everyone that helped to set up, sell food, supervise games and clean up.
- ◆ Linda Doud and Kristin Ciejka for organizing and running a successful bake sale at Monster Mash. Thanks also to all of their volunteers for making and selling their yummy treats.
- ◆ Jenn Collazzo and her committee for working to earn us money on Box Tops, to Christy Wightman for running our Shopping Programs and to Heidi Cavert for running our Campbell's Soup fundraisers. Don't forget to send in your box tops, Campbell's labels and to register your Target and Price Chopper cards for Karigon.
- ◆ Annette Tambasco for getting everyone organized to RISE in support of education at Karigon.
- ◆ Amy Czirr and Paula Fisk for getting the Student Banking program up and running and allowing our kids to learn the importance of saving.
- ◆ Sandy West and Jen Shanahan for running another wonderful Book Fair, keeping our kids excited about reading.

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December Journal
must be
received by 11/20.

Please send your
articles to
tbkb2@nycap.rr.com

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Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Thank you to:

- ◆ Beth Ogle, Heather Lombardo and Jeanine Cunningham for continuing to work with the teachers to book exciting and educational events for our students. All of the students enjoyed Bubblemania. Fourth went to Brookside Museum, Second went to Sunnyside Gardens, and First went to Liberty Ridge and the Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum visits are beginning for the year as well.

We look forward to beginning Legos and Odyssey of the Mind. Look for information on these opportunities coming up soon. We can't wait to see all of the entries for Reflections; the due date is November 2nd, so get those creative juices flowing and get your entries in soon.

Thank you to the committees that informed us about how they serve our students at 6:30 before our meeting during our "What Does That Committee Do?" campaign. Donna Walters, Pat Bloss, Anita McGill and Anita Scott – Thank you ladies. If you want to know more about Hospitality, Holiday Shop/Adopt an Angel, Saturday Science, Recognition/Honorary Life, Boxtops, Campbell's Soup Lables, and our Shopping Programs and how they benefit our Karigon community, please join us at 6:30 pm preceding our November meeting on the 18th to find out!

This month don't forget the picture retakes on the 18th. The composite class pictures will not be distributed until after these pictures are processed. We look forward to seeing you at Bring Your Parent to School Day on the 23rd as well. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Tammy Learn, Tracy Margiotta, Nathalie Laforest, Rob Williams, Christy Wightman and Heather Lombardo

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SCHOOL PICTURES RETAKES



Will be held on
Wednesday, November 18th
Details to follow!



Principal's Update

**November is: National Native-American Month
Great Smoke-Out Month**

The Character Word of the Month is: Citizenship

***“What lies ahead of you and what lies behind you is nothing compared to what lies within you.”
Mohandas K. Gandhi***

The drive to school with spectacular fall leaves around us reminds me of the beauty of our children.

On Thursday and Friday, November 12th and 13th, there will be no classes due to parent/teacher conferences. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your children's education.

Once again this year, the Karigon School faculty, staff and I invite you to accompany your child in their classroom during a regular school day as your way of celebrating “Invite Parents to School Day” on Monday, November 23, 2009. It is our hope that your attendance in school will further your appreciation of Karigon's educational program. Your participation on November 23rd will also provide encouragement for the school work being done by our children. We believe that not only will your time here be informative, but it will also demonstrate to your child the importance you place on their learning experience. So you may fully appreciate the time you spend in your child's classroom, we ask that you not bring younger siblings. A schedule for the day will be sent home to you soon.

With the winter season approaching so fast, please be sure your emergency information is correct and updated with our office. Also, keep informed about inclement weather by TV, radio and online at www.shenet.org.

As always, we welcome your inquiries here at the school.

Sincerely,

Greg Wing
Principal



NOVEMBER PTA MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 2009



What Does That Committee Do? - 6:30 PM
PTA Meeting - 7:00 PM

Karigon Media Center - All are welcome!

Babysitting Available from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

What Does That Committee Do?

Join us at 6:30 PM to learn more about these committees:

Hospitality, Holiday Shop/Adopt an Angel, Saturday Science, Box tops/
Campbell's/Shopping Programs, Recognition/Honorary Life, and Yearbook

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

The Cultural Arts events for November will include 2 visits from Beth Bidwell, from the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York. She will be presenting to the forth grade classes. On November 3rd, the program will cover the different types of wildlife in our area. On November 10th the program will discuss owls: their place in the food chain and their diet.

The Scotia-Glenville Museum made its first visit to Mrs. Paupini's class and Mrs. Bortoloni's class on October 22nd. They learned about honeybees!

The morning and afternoon kindergarten classes have their first visit from the museum on November 19th. They are going to learn about how the Native Americans lived along the Mohawk River. The museum makes several visits to Karigon throughout the school year.

The PTA pays for 2 visits per class. Some classrooms cover different units at different times of the year. The programs offered through Scotia-Glenville, give teachers the flexibility to schedule the programs to coincide with their curriculum as well as chose the programs that best fit their teaching needs.

Thank you to everyone that assisted us with the Bubblemania show on October 13th. The students really seemed to enjoy the performance!

The Cultural Arts Committee
Heather Lombardo, Jeannine Cunningham and Beth Ogle



SCHOOL BANKING



Every Tuesday Morning Before School

Account through First Niagara

Deposits as low as 25 Cents,

First Niagara will make a \$1.00 deposit in a new account with first deposit

Cool prize with first deposit in a new account and at every seventh deposit

Pick up an application any Tuesday morning in the Lobby

Questions? Call Amy Czirr 877-5823 or Paula Fisk 877-7417

Kaleidoscope

After school program is looking for volunteers...

Our program is offered to ALL Karigon students K-5

It runs during the month of March after school every

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 PM.

We offer classes such as bowling, arts and crafts, Tae Kwon Do, Hip Hop, Magic,
Cooking and much, much more!!!!

This PTA-sponsored program needs volunteers!

If anyone would like to help out teaching classes, babysitting while others teach
or assisting in any other way, please contact...

**Amy Salzone-383-2852 or
salzonegirlz2@yahoo.com**



Share Your Pictures with the Yearbook Staff!

- ◆ Did your child(ren) go on a field trip in October?
- ◆ Or have any fun fall classroom apple/pumpkin activities?
- ◆ What about the after school bowling event?
- ◆ Were you a parent helper for Halloween? Get any good classroom shots?
- ◆ Did you bring your camera to Monster Mash?
- ◆ Did you help out with the fall book fair and remember your camera?
- ◆ And don't forget Bubblemania!

In order to have a great yearbook with fun candid photos, we need help from parents and teachers too! Email your pictures as attachments to Ann Roe at amr@nycap.com. The only requirement is that the pictures be digital (JPEG) and of good quality.

Don't wait until the end of the year to send the photos; the yearbook committee has deadlines throughout the entire year and we need to begin our page layouts for candid photos immediately after events happen.

Also, pictures of all grade level activities should be sent to the class historians, in addition to the Yearbook.

Class Historians:

- Grade 1 - Lea Amorosi - 877-0749 - lhill@nycap.rr.com
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BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to work the tables and prepare the treats for the bake sale at the Monster Mash! We really appreciate your help!

Linda Doud and Kristin Cjeka, Chairs

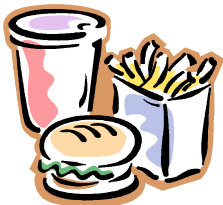
RISE IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

Special thanks to everyone who has volunteered to assist in the Karigon Library! The program is off to a great start!

Annette Stauber, RISE Chair



McDonald's Night



Our October McDonald's Night was a great success—we had more than 250 students attend and earned over **\$500!!!**

Congratulations to Mrs. Kniss's class, who won the ice cream party for having the most attendees - 18 students!

Mrs. Andrews's class came in second place was with 17 students, and Mrs. L'Amoreaux/Mrs. Flynn's class came in third with 15 students.

Thank you all for your support of this fundraiser!



The Junior First Lego League is starting up again!

JFLL “introduces the youngest students to the exciting worlds of science and technology. Just like First Lego League, this program features a real-world challenge, to be solved by research, critical thinking and imagination. Guided by adult coaches, students work with LEGO elements and moving parts to create solutions and present them for review”.

The teams are made up of 2-6 kids, ages 6-9 years old, which meet 1-2 hours per week for about 6-8 weeks. The time, place and frequency of the meetings are decided by the adult coaches. Last year, some teams met after school, some on weekends, some at school and some at houses. In February, the teams will present their models and a poster on the challenge. This oral presentation will be for parents, teachers and friends.

Because we have a limited number of JFLL kits, there is a limit to the number of kids we can accept. The teams also need coaches. As always, priority will be given to children whose parents are able to coach.

Anyone interested in participating in the Junior First Lego League should contact either of the people below by November 5, 2009.

Richard and Jennifer Fullam
Phone: 664-8910
Email: jfullam@nycap.rr.com

Diane Meyer
Phone: 260-1609



SAVE THE DATE!

YOUNG AUTHOR'S WEEK

Monday, March 15th - Friday, March 19th

MARC BROWN

Arthur creator and author/illustrator
will be visiting Karigon (grade K-5) in early May 2010.

More information coming soon!



**Holiday Shop News****November 2009**

The Holiday Shop is coming soon! This year's Holiday Shop will take place on Thursday, December 3rd and Friday, December 4th. All students are welcome to participate!

The Holiday Shop provides students with the opportunity to select and purchase gifts for their families. The gifts range in price from 50 cents to \$2.50. The selection includes choices for all family members...men and women, boys and girls, even cats and dogs!

Each class will be assigned a time to visit the Holiday Shop. Students will visit the Holiday Shop with their class on one of the two shopping days. There are many PTA volunteers at the Holiday Shop to help students make their selections and purchase their gifts. Each gift is "wrapped" in a gift bag and labeled with a gift tag. Students bring their gifts home on the day they are purchased.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a Holiday Shop Shopping List and a set of Gift Tags. Please help your child fill out the Shopping List and Gift Tags. The Shopping List will be used as your child makes his or her selections at the Holiday Shop. The Gift Tags will be attached to the wrapped purchases. Your child will also need to bring in money on his or her shopping day in order to purchase gifts at the Holiday Shop.

We look forward to a fun and successful Holiday Shop! If you have any questions, please contact the Holiday Shop Committee Chairs:

Karla Anderson, Jody O'Neill, and Kathie Conner
(kjanesand@aol.com), (jodylynn2020@aol.com), (Kconner@nycap.rr.com)

Thank You!

PS: Adopt An Angel, a program that benefits the Make A Wish Foundation, will also be available during the Holiday Shop. The donation for each angel is \$1. With a donation, a child will receive a paper angel to write his or her name on and display on the lobby windows. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Nancy Wengert, Adopt An Angel Chairperson (nwengert@nycap.rr.com). Thank you!



A Note from Mrs. Niles, the School Nurse



Please keep your children home if they have a fever of 100° or more. Children need to be fever-free, without medication, for 24 hours before they are able to return to school.

Also, if your children have vomited or had diarrhea, please keep them home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours.

In order to prohibit the spread of germs, please remind your children to wash their hands and cough into their elbows, instead of their hands.

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.



Keep Clipping for Karigon!



The results from October's Box Tops contest will be posted in the December Journal.

Thanks for your continued support!

For more information, contact Jenn Collazo @
jcollazo@nycap.rr.com



PTA COMMITTEES - CALL FOR HELP!

SPRING FUNDRAISER CO-CHAIR

We are looking for a Spring Fundraiser Co-Chair to join our seasoned team to learn how the spring fundraiser is run. As the profits from the PTA fund raisers support PTA sponsored activities, it is a crucial committee.

KALEIDOSCOPE CO-CHAIR

We are looking for someone to assist our experienced Kaleidoscope chair with this year's program. For those of you not familiar with Kaleidoscope, this after school program, offered in March, consists of four weeks of a variety of class offerings (cooking, crafts, dance, science, magic, etc.) for students in all grade levels. In addition, volunteers are needed to teach classes as well as to help as classroom aides while the after school classes are in session.

COMMUNITY COALITION

The Shenendehowa Community Coalition is committed to a safe and healthy community for youth. The coalition utilizes accurate data and shares it in forums with youth, parents, schools, businesses, town officials and other residents and organizations in order to develop community partnerships that will respond to issues and risks with effective, proven methods

The coalition conducts focus groups dealing with such things as underage drinking, rates of marijuana use among older high school students, binge drinking, perceived availability of drugs in grades as low as 6th grade, the increased inhalant use at the middle schools, "sexting," peer approval of anti-social behavior, parental approval of anti-social behavior, and gambling.

The committee has established sub-committees which will involve local physicians to develop parent/teen improvisational role groups, hold educational events on topics such as "sexting," and hold community meetings as well as discussion groups related to those topics. These sub-committees will utilize guest speakers during certain school activities to introduce kids to health alternative activities, promote community-wide awareness of risky behaviors, and also challenge students to consider their own accountability for the choices they make.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Tammy Learn at nylearns@msn.com
Please note that the committee will be meeting during the business day..



Call for Help

All 5th Grade Parents

The following is a list of sub-committees needed for the
5th Grade “Moving Up Day” – June 24th

Many of these committees do not require you to be in school during the day to participate.

Please contact: Sharon Moyer 371-9563 msharon2@nycap.rr.com or

Sandra Mongelluzzo 877-6014 monges@verizon.net

- Video – arrange and collect pictures, choose music, take orders
- Diplomas – getting them printed in conjunction with the Karigon Computer Lab
- Invitations/Tickets – designing/distributing to families
- Bake Sale – making up flyers/baking/selling
- Guest Speaker
- T-Shirts for Class
- Refreshments - pick up/set up Refreshments at Graduation
- Decorations – setting up the night before Graduation
- Flowers – order and pick up for the morning of Graduation
- Class Picnic – chaperone kids to Commons and back, help organize games, serve snack
- Lobby Window – decorating lobby windows and taking down on last day of school

Name _____

Phone _____ or E-mail _____



Karigon Shopping Programs

While you are shopping, you can be earning school tools!

Price Chopper: Time frame: Now – February 14th

Parents/Caregivers/grandparents or any supporter of Karigon can sign up for an Advantage Card and designate Karigon. This can be done one of 3 ways:

- ◆ In the store
- ◆ Go to www.pricechopper.com
- ◆ Fill out a Tools for School form and send it in to PTA and we will enroll cardholders.

Hannaford: Time frame: Now till December 6th

Purchase 4 specific items marked for school = \$3

Purchase 8 specific products = \$6

Purchase 12 specific products = \$9

No sign up required: Receipts are given at check out. Simply place them in the school box at Hannaford or send the receipts in to the PTA.

Target: Time frame: All Year

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

To get a Red Card:

-Apply in person at Target

-Go to www.Target.com/redcard

-To register your card: Go to Target.com/tcoe or call 1800316-6142

Nestle Pure Life: Time frame: All Year

Collect labels from Nestle Pure Life Purified Water bottles, Natural Fruit Flavored Water bottles or Green Tea Refreshers bottles. Please send in your labels in a bag marked for the PTA or place them in the clear plastic container in the lobby.

Christy Wightman
Shopping Program Committee Chair
Christyw3@yahoo.com





Community Resources Survey

We invite you to become a partner in our HOME-SCHOOL CURRICULUM CONNECTION by completing the survey below. The information collected will be used to develop a COMMUNITY RESOURCES database to be shared with our teachers. We would like to strengthen our social network and curriculum by finding local family, business and community members who can assist in our educational programs. If you are interested or you know of someone who would be able to assist and have a hobby or expertise in a particular area(s), please fill out this survey and return it to the school office.

Name _____ Email address _____

Address _____ School _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Please check as many areas of expertise as apply and include a brief description of your expertise.

Town/Village Government (Councilperson, Village Trustee, Planning Board, etc.)

Community Volunteer Groups (Local Hospitals, 4-H, Audubon, Fireman, Rotary, etc.)

Hobbies (History of . . . Literature, Art, Nature Study, Music, Clifton Park, etc.)

Slides, pictures, home movies, etc.

Crafts (Spinning, Weaving, Ceramics, Crochet, etc.)

Local History (Clifton Park, Saratoga County, Hudson River, Mohawk River, New York, etc.)

Other Countries (Cultures, African, South American, Canadian, Asian, European, Indian, Native American)

Career (Veterinarian, Computer, Author, Social Welfare, Pilot, Artist, Journalist, Mechanic, Builder, TV, News, Engineer, etc.)

**KARIGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA****HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM****New York State PTA Honorary Life Membership**

New York State PTA Honorary Life Memberships are given by the Karigon Elementary School PTA to individuals in recognition of their *distinguished* contributions to the welfare of children and youth.

- ❖ The recipient need not be a member of the PTA.
- ❖ The recipient receives a pin in the presentation card as a symbol of honor.
- ❖ Life memberships are given only to individuals, not as couples or groups.
- ❖ Honorary memberships do not confer upon recipients active membership status. This can be achieved only through the payment of annual dues to a PTA unit.

New York State PTA Distinguished Service Award

New York State PTA Distinguished Service Awards are given by the Karigon Elementary School PTA to certain individuals in recognition of their *outstanding contributions* to the welfare of children and youth or to a PTA organization.

- ❖ Recipients must be PTA members who have been awarded an honorary life membership. Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award need not have previously been awarded an honorary life membership at Karigon Elementary School; any Shenendehowa District Council honorary life membership award may serve as a predicate.
- ❖ The award is given to PTA officers and members who had served faithfully, but it is reserve chiefly for those who have *devoted exemplary service to the maintenance and growth of the PTA*. Service to children and youth may encompass work within the community and/or school.
- ❖ Recipients of the award receive a certificate and a distinguished service pin.

To submit a nominee for consideration by the Karigon PTA Honorary Life/Recognition Membership Award Committee, please complete this form and place in a sealed envelope labeled Karigon PTA Honorary Life/Recognition Award and return the envelope to school with your child, drop it off in the PTA mailbox at Karigon or mail the envelope to: Karigon Elementary School, 970 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065, Attn: PTA Honorary Life/Recognition Committee.

All nominations must be received by **Friday, December 11, 2009**.

For a listing of all past recipients of the Karigon Honorary Life Membership Award and Distinguished Service Award, please visit:

www.shenet.org/community/karigonPTA/karigonpta.htm



KARIGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

To submit a nominee for consideration by the Karigon PTA Honorary Life /Recognition Award Committee, please complete this form and place in a sealed envelope labeled Karigon PTA Honorary Life /Recognition Committee. Return the envelope to school with your child, drop it off in the PTA mailbox at Karigon, or mail the envelope to: Karigon Elementary School, 970 Route 146, Clifton Park, New York 12065, Attn: PTA Honorary Life Recognition Committee. All nominations must be received by **Friday, December 11, 2009**. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Name of nominee: _____

Nomination For: Honorary Life Membership
 Distinguished Service Award

Reason for nomination:

Contribution to children or youth:

Memberships and organizations:

Biographical or personal information regarding nominee:

Nominated by: _____



Dear Parents,

Our class is participating in a school-wide community service project. Each Karigon class will produce a quilt to be donated to an organization that will distribute them to children with chronic or terminal illnesses, those who are abused, in foster care or experiencing trauma.

How can you help?

1. We will be assembling and machine-sewing quilts in the Karigon cafeteria on Martin Luther King Day, January 18th. Come join us! Babysitting will be available.

OR

2. If you would like to help, but cannot come on this date or do not machine sew, we will take donations of bagels, baked goods, cotton or flannel fabric. The fabric must be 2 yards and 43” wide or greater for the quilt backs.

We hope that you will be willing to help in this worthwhile endeavor. It is a chance to demonstrate to the children how all of us working together can make a difference in someone’s life.

Thank you for your support in this project,

Ann Schwanda and Charmaine Schaefer

383-4410 or shenquilts@gmail.com



Yes, I can volunteer to help on January 18th

_____ Experienced sewer willing to mentor _____ Experienced sewer, just want to sew

_____ Inexperienced sewer- have a basic knowledge, yet need mentoring

_____ Willing to iron and assist an experienced sewer

_____ Donation: _____ bagels & cream cheese _____ baked goods

_____ Fabric: 2 yards, 43” wide or greater: either 100% cotton or flannel

Name _____

Phone _____

Child’s Teacher _____

_____ **I’ll need babysitting** Name(s) and age(s) _____



Successful Parent Teacher Conferences

From Northaestern PTA News, Volume 9, Issue 1, September 2009

With the beginning of the school year just around the corner, here are some ideas to how a parent/guardian can have a successful parent teacher conference. An average conference usually takes about 20 minutes. Now I know your already thinking that 20 minutes isn't nearly enough time to talk about your child. Here are some tips to help you:

1. Remember that the teacher is getting to know your child. Help the teacher to understand anything about the individuality of your child, what needs your child may have, and his talents.
2. Before the conference, sit down and talk to your child about what you should ask his teacher. Maybe he is confused or struggling in a subject and you can get a better understanding of how to help your child.
3. Write down any questions that you would like to talk about ahead of time. This will help to manage your time better.
4. Make sure to be at your conference on time, maybe even a few minutes early.
5. Approach the conference with a positive attitude. Avoid confrontation.
6. While in the conference stay on task in talking about your child and their schoolwork. Avoid personal conversations.
7. Be willing to listen to any suggestions that the teacher may have in helping your child to succeed.
8. Bring a notebook with you to take notes of the conference. You might want to keep this throughout your child's education. This will help in your child's education and will be fun to look at in the future with him.
9. Remember to thank your child's teacher. Maybe send her a hand-written note expressing your feelings of working together.
10. Give your child's teacher all of your communication information. Remember to keep this updated in the event of a phone number or address change.
11. Do not stay beyond your conference time period.
12. Keep a line of communication open with the teacher. Don't wait until your child is severely struggling or failing before contacting the teacher.
13. Check your child's school work/agenda **everyday**. This helps in knowing how your child is doing in school.



Dates to Remember



EVENT	DATE	TIME
District Early Release - 15 minutes early	11/10	2:00 PM
Veteran's Day - No School	11/11	
Parent Teacher Conferences - No School	11/12	
Parent Teacher Conferences - No School	11/13	
School Picture Retakes	11/18	
NYS Grade 5 Social Studies Exam	11/18	
PTA Meeting	11/18	7:00 PM
Bring Your Parents to School Day	11/23	
Thanksgiving Recess - No School	11/26-27	
Karigon/Orenda 5th Grade Orchestra Concert	12/03	7:00 PM
Holiday Shop	12/03	
Holiday Shop	12/04	
Holiday Dessert for Staff	12/10	
Choir Concert	12/15	7:00 PM
Winter Recess	12/24-1/3	
School Begins Again	01/04	



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



Community Lap Swim



Shenendehowa is proud to offer 6 lanes of lap swimming, 6 days a week, to community members at our new Aquatic Center.

The program is run through the district's Community Education Program.

Dates:

Session 1: 11/2 -4/1

The Pool will be closed for Lap Swim for the following dates:

November 6 (AM LAP SWIM ONLY), 7, 11, 26, 27 and 28

December 19, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 and 31

January 1, 2 and 18

February 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20

Evening Lap Swim will be from 6:30-8:00 PM on the following dates:

*****(Lap swim is available in the morning on these dates)**

December 8

January 7, 12

February 2,

Times:

- 5:45 to 6:45 am: Monday- Friday
- 6:00 to 7:30 pm: Tuesday and Thursday
- 11:00 to 3:00 pm: Saturday

Fee:

- \$40.00 Pass --per session

Registration: ****BY MAIL:** Completely fill out the registration form and a photocopy of your driver's license with a check or money order payable to-"Shenendehowa Central School" and send to:

Shenendehowa Community Education Dept.
High School West
970 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Maximum Capacity Per Day: 30 Swimmers--5 Per Lane, first come/first serve basis. Must be 18 or older. Individuals must show a valid drivers licenses at the time of swim that will be cross-checked against the registration list. Lap Swim is open to individuals who prefer to swim for conditioning, fitness or practice. **No coaching or organized swimming practices are permitted during Lap Swim!**



Adult Learn to Swim Classes

Shenendehowa is proud to offer Adult Learn to Swim Classes, 3 days a week to community members at our new Aquatic Center. The program is run through the district's Community Education Program.

Dates:

- Session 2: (7 Weeks)--11/2 --12/19
- Session 3: (7 Weeks)--1/4--2/27

The Pool will be closed for Adult Learn to Swim classes on the following dates:

November 7, 26, and 28

December 19, 24, 26, 29, and 31

January 2

February 13, 16, 18, and 20

Times:

- 6:45 to 7:30 pm: Tuesday, Thursday
- 12:00 to 1:00 pm: Saturday

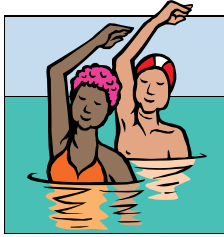
Fee:

\$40.00 per session

Registration: ****BY MAIL:** Completely fill out the [registration form](#) and mail with a check or money order payable to-"Shenendehowa Central School" and send to:

Shenendehowa Community Education Dept.
High School West
970 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Maximum Capacity Per class: 15 Swimmers. Must be 18 or older. This course is designed to teach adults basic swimming and water safety skills. The goal of this course is to increase personal comfort in and out of the water among adults. The class is taught by a certified American Red Cross Water Safety instructor.



Aqua Aerobics/Fitness Classes

Shenendehowa is proud to offer Aqua Aerobics classes, 3 days a week to community members at our new Aquatic Center. The program is run through the district's Community Education Program.

Dates:

- Session 2: (7 Weeks)--11/2 --12/19
- Session 3: (7 Weeks)--1/4--2/27

The Pool will be closed for Aqua Aerobics for the following dates:

November 6, 7, 26, and 28

December 19, 24, 26, 29, and 31

January 2, 7, 12

February 13, 16, 18, and 20

Times:

- 6:00 to 6:45 pm: Tuesday, Thursday
- 11:00 to 12:00 pm: Saturday

Fee:

\$40.00 per session

Registration: ****BY MAIL:** Completely fill out the registration form and mail with a check or money order payable to-"Shenendehowa Central School" and send to:

Shenendehowa Community Education Dept.
High School West
970 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Maximum Capacity Per Day: 30 Swimmers. Must be 18 or older. Aqua Aerobics can help you get fit and stay fit. Aqua Aerobics allows you to customize your workout by choosing a higher or lower intensity, taking the impact off those overworked joints. You will look good and feel good as a result of "working the water" safely and sweat-free. Aqua Aerobics is for both men and women of all fitness levels and non-swimmers are welcome.



American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course

Shenendehowa is proud to offer American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, 2 days a week to community members at our new Aquatic Center. The program is run through the district's Community Education Program.

Dates:

- Session 2: (7 Weeks)--11/2 --12/19
- Session 3: (7 Weeks)--1/4--2/27

No American Red Cross Life Guard Training classes for the following dates:

November, 11,

December 28, 30

January 18

February 15, 17

Times:

- 8:00 to 10:00 pm: Monday, Wednesday

Fee: \$275.00

Registration: ****BY MAIL:** Completely fill out the registration form and mail with a check or money order payable to-

"Shenendehowa Central School" and send to:

Shenendehowa Community Education Dept.
High School West
970 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 1206

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training is a 40 hour class is available for those 15 and older wishing to be certified as a lifeguard. Certification also includes First Aid and CPR for Lifeguards with AED. Equipment and text books are provided. Attendance is mandatory for all class dates. Maximum capacity is 15 people per session.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET



The Malta Ballet Company comes alive on stage in their 16th season of “The Nutcraker” at the Empire Center at The Egg. On Saturday December 5th The MBC will feature special guest Rachel Rutherford, from the New York City Ballet Company, as the Sugar Plum Fairy and David Hallberg from the American Ballet Theatre as her Cavalier.

Come see our magical holiday classic loved by both young and old. Area youth will delight you with their wide array of talents and grandiose costumes all bright and new. You will marvel over gymnasts who magically come alive as dolls and rats, and soldiers who tap dance with spectacular sounds. The Choir will sing joyous songs of the holiday season. Don't miss Joseph the magician as he mystifies you with his magic. Then watch the Silberhaus's tree grow before your very eyes and get ready to enter a world full of adventure and whimsy. You will witness ballerinas so eloquent, they will entice snowflakes to fall from the sky and angels with wings and candlelight will fly! Enter the land of sweets to watch delicacies from around the world come alive to excite and entertain you. Watch MBC's exclusive dances from Ireland , Poland , Hungary , and Scotland , along with the traditional dances of Spain , Russia , the Netherlands , China and Arabia . And before this magical dream is over you will observe the great George Balanchine's original variations of the graceful Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY SANTA AND HIS REINDEER.

Saturday December 5th – 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL RATES - Adults - \$29.50, Seniors - \$24.50, Children - \$16.50

Group rates – parties of 20 or more receive a 10% discount per performance

Tickets are available at the [Egg box office](http://www.theegg.org) – (518) 473-1845 or www.theegg.org and The Malta Ballet Company – (518) 899-6664.

