



WINTER WONDERLAND



**Shatekon
Elementary School**
PTA Newsletter

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Shatekon PTA Newsletter

A note from the President

Winter Recess is almost here, the holiday season is in full swing, and the school year is almost half over already! Hard to believe...

It has been a great year so far, but we still have much to do. Our membership is growing, but we can always use a few more people. Many people don't realize it, but the PTA is responsible for many of the field trips and special programs that are made available to the students throughout the year. Please show your support for these programs by joining the PTA! We have had some great events and in school programs so far this year, and we aren't done yet!

In Ms. Wood's newsletter, she mentions that Shatekon will be providing support for some local families in need this holiday season. If you are able to help with this cause, please do. Contact the school counselor, Ms. Mary Quinn at 881-0580 x48452.

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday, December 19th, from 7-9 pm in the Shatekon Library. Please come and join us if you can!

I hope you all have a great holiday season, and as always, thanks for your support!

John Belkevich
Shatekon PTA President

Parent Portal

To accommodate parents who are unable to apply for an account during regular business hours, the district is setting up some early evening hours to accept Parent Portal applications. The following dates have been designated to accept applications in the evening.

- Thursday, December 13, 2007 (until 7p.m.)
- Monday, December 17, 2007 (until 7p.m.)
- Tuesday, January 15, 2008 (until 7p.m.)

For more information and to download the application, go to:

<http://www.shenet.org/Parentportal.htm>

Arts in Education...

Ilze Luneau of the basketball family will inspire students to never give up and go for their dreams when they perform at Shatekon on Friday, December 7th at 9:30 am.

Students will be amazed with never before seen basketball ball handling tricks with three, four, five, and six basketballs. The Luneau basketball family dribble, juggle and spin basketballs on a balance board, while using other props to music and dance.

Students can enjoy the show and at the same time hear a valuable message on setting goals, working hard, never giving up and leading a balanced life, while achieving your dreams and enjoying every day.

Families of PM kindergarten students are invited to the morning show at 9:30 am.

Also in December, the 3rd grade classes will experience the joy of the theatre. They will be taking a trip to the NYS Theatre Institute in Troy to see *Miracle on 34th Street* on December 20th. This play will teach the students about having faith and believing even when common sense tells you not to.

The Shatekon PTA Arts in Education programs have brought many learning through arts experiences to your child's classroom. The children have benefited from many programs which include: Johnny the K, a character education program, Acorn Productions and Buffalo Days which reinforce 4th grade social studies curriculum, Kindergarten field trip to Riverview Orchard, Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum programs Everybody Talks about the Weather for 2nd grade, and In Days Gone By for 1st grade.

Thank you for your support of these programs.



Scholastic Book Fair

Shatekon's first Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. Many thanks go out to all of students and their families for their support. Also a big thank you to all of our parent volunteers for donating their time.

Shatekon Yearbook

Our first deadline for the yearbook is approaching quickly. Any photos you would like to contribute please email to: shatekonyearbook@nycap.rr.com by December 12th.



Some Miscellaneous Updates...

Kohl's cards should be in the end of the week, or early next week.

Spirit wear should be in sometime next week.

Panoramic photos of Shatekon's first day should be delivered in early January.

We are looking into having the first Shatekon restaurant fund raiser at Friendly's sometime in January. Be on the lookout for flyer with the date and time...

December 11th Special Vote

On December 11th there will be a special vote to seek approval for a capital project including:

- Campus connection
- Renovation of existing track and field areas
- Concession and bathroom facilities at the football stadium
- Multi-purpose synthetic turf field for the football stadium
- Additional bleachers at the football and soccer fields

Please remember to vote- December 11th, 7 am – 9 pm at the Gowana Gymnasium

Check out <http://www.shenet.org/fallref2007newsletter.pdf> for more information...

The Shatekon Library

Another exciting Holiday Season is upon us! We hope there will be gifts of books to be unwrapped. The imagination and magic that comes from books cannot be duplicated. If you celebrate the holidays, consider the wonder of magazines – Hopscotch for Girls, Zoobooks, Ranger Rick, Sports Illustrated for Kids, just to name a few. Please take the time to enjoy this season by spending some of that time reading to your child. You will be surprised to find out who enjoys it more!

Have you considered volunteering in the library? There are a few openings available. Why not call us to see if our schedule fits your schedule - 881-0580 ext. 48502 Thank you so much for your support. Holiday greetings to all.



Have a safe
holiday season!



**Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season
and a New Year of Happiness.**

-The Shatekon PTA

Upcoming Events

Budget Vote

December 11th, 7am – 9pm
Gowana Gymnasium

Parent Portal Evening Sign-Ups

Thursday, December 13th, until 7 pm
Monday, December 17th, until 7 pm
Tuesday, January 15th, until 7 pm
District Office (5 Chelsea Place)

PTA Meeting

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Winter Recess (no school)

December 24th – January 1st

