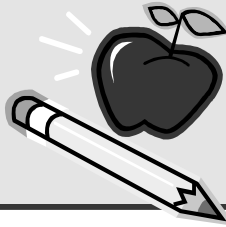


BACK TO SCHOOL!



Shatekon
Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

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Shatekon PTA Newsletter

Welcome (Back)!

Welcome to Shatekon! For some of us, this is a return to school, for others, it is just the beginning. But for all of us, it is the start of something new. We have the opportunity as a school and a PTA to start new traditions, as well as to continue old ones we have brought with us. Together, we can make this a great (first) year!

John Belkevich
Shatekon PTA President

Arts in Education

We are very excited to be in the new school and we want to provide our students with all that is available to them. That is why we have continued the Arts in Education program for Shatekon. For those who are not familiar with this program, Arts in Education uses instruction based activities that take place at various museums, institutes or in the classroom. This new year, we will be bringing back some of our favorite programs, along with some new ones. We have two new co-chairs for this school year: Donna LeCoz and Christina Moulton.

To kick off the year, we have Johnny the K on September 27th. Johnny the K's show was developed as an innovative, participatory, and educational school assembly designed to promote the principles of respect, responsibility, and cooperation. This is accomplished through song, dialogue, movement, and an array of costumed hats and disguises, as well as John's infectious style of humor.

The 4th grade has two programs set up for this fall. On September 28th, Jeffery Bennet will be returning to Shenendehowa to do his program on People, Lakes and Land. This fits in perfectly with the 4th grade learning about Geography at the end of September.

The 4th Grade will also have Buffalo Days on October 9th. This wonderful program sets up a tipi right on the school grounds. They will be dressed in period garb, to teach about how our cultures mixed at that time.

Shatekon Fall Fundraiser

The Shatekon PTA is in its first year of operation and the fundraiser is our main source of income for the year. The money raised from this fundraiser helps pay for the many programs our children participate in throughout the school year. Most items in our catalog generate a 50% profit. The PTA appreciates any support the parents give our school.

Please note: In lieu of an order, donations can be made to the Shatekon PTA.

\$\$ School Banking\$\$

Shatekon Elementary will be participating in the First Niagara School Banking Club. By now your child has brought home an application. If you are interested in opening an account for your child, please fill out the application and return to school. In about 2 weeks you will receive notification of your new account. We hope to begin taking deposits early to mid October.

School Banking is easy to do! It's once a week at the very beginning of the school day. It's a super way to teach not only the importance of saving - but the frequency!!

School Incentives

Forms will be going home on Friday for our Price Chopper Tools for Schools program. Simply return these forms to school with as many Price Chopper numbers as you can get from your family and friends. The points earned from this program get us free equipment for the school.

The Hannaford Helps program is in the form of certificates that print out with your register receipts. This money will help us offer more programs for the kids at school. Simply have your child give these certificates to their teacher and they will get them to me.

Both of these programs end in early December so the sooner you get them in the better. Thanks for all your help. If you have any questions, please call Michele Lehman at 383-9218.

School Pictures

School Pictures are coming soon. The K, 2nd and 4th will be on Wednesday, October 10th; 1st, 3rd and 5th will be on Thursday, October 11th. I will send out call to help forms in the coming weeks, so if you would like to help, please fill them out. Please note that I will try to get as many parents to help as I can. More info will be available soon.

If you have any questions about school pictures, please call Michele Lehman at 383-9218.

Pictures for the Yearbook

You can help us make the 2007-2008 yearbook complete by sending us digital pictures taken at school events as they happen throughout the year! We need pictures from Shatekon parents, family members and teachers who attend functions at school or other school events during the school year. We would appreciate any candid photos (with grade and event annotated). The only requirement is that the pictures be digital and of good quality.

The committee will begin compiling potential photos to be used for the yearbook. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Please email your pictures as attachments to: Jennifer Kyea, akyea@nycap.rr.com

STAR Rebate Program

The NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has launched a public outreach initiative to provide information to taxpayers on the 2007 Middle Class STAR Rebate Program. To receive a STAR rebate this year, property owners with a basic STAR exemption on their 2007-2008 school tax bills must complete and submit an application, which is available on the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance's Web site - <http://www.nystax.gov/>, by November 30, 2007.

Note: Senior citizens who are property owners and receive an enhanced STAR exemption on their 2007-2008 tax bill will receive a rebate check automatically, no application is required.

Shatekon Grab-n-Go

VENDORS WANTED FOR A GRAB N' GO...

The PTA is planning a night of shopping and socializing on November 16th. We are asking any parents or relatives of our Shatekon children that have their own business that would like to participate in our night out, such as: Pampered chef, Home interiors, candles, stationary and so on to please contact Jennifer Connell at 383-0419 or jenn1con@yahoo.com



Back to School Celebration!



Please join us TONIGHT, September 14 from 5-8 PM at Pirate's Hide-Out in Halfmoon for a back to school celebration!

Any student who wears their Shatekon t-shirt will receive a free small ice cream cone. Enjoy a game of miniature golf for a discounted rate \$2.50 per person (discount good for your entire party)! This will be a great chance to meet some of the parents and staff of our new school.

Upcoming Events

Back to School Celebration

@ Pirate's Hide-out
Friday, September 14, 5:00-8:00 P.M.

Shatekon Open House

Monday, September 24, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Johnny the K Assembly

Thursday, September 27 (in school)

September PTA Meeting

@ Shatekon Cafeteria
Thursday, September 27, 7-9 P.M.

School Pictures

October 10th and 11th (in school)

CAPTAIN Offers School Supplies

While supplies last, CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, Inc. is providing backpacks and school supplies to deserving Shen students. Call 371-1185 for more information.

One Book, One Shen Community

The Shenendehowa Elementary School Community would like to share a common reading experience as a way of celebrating a new school year, as well as the opening of Shatekon. During the month of September, all students in grades K-5 will read the story, What Charlie Heard. The story is about the musical composer, Charles Ives. It is a wonderful story that ties in both art and music. The book is written and illustrated by the Caldecott award winner Mordicai Gerstein.

After reading the story, students will receive a button showing that they have participated in the activity. Not only will students be able to discuss the book with their classmates, they could share their ideas, thoughts, and favorite parts with any student that attends one of the Shenendehowa elementary schools!