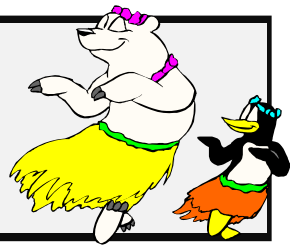


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Shatekon Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

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A note from the President

Each month we seem to have less and less people at our meetings. I know for some people, the PTA seems like the last thing they have time for right now, but I think we can always take a little time out to help make our children's education a priority. In these times, our children (and our schools) need parent involvement more than ever. At our last meeting, BoE member Mary Wiggins presented a unique insight to the budget process, but we only had 7 parents that heard it! We were not even able to conduct business as we did not have a proper quorum. Please, come to the meetings, get involved. You will not be sorry!

We have nominees for 3 of the 4 officer positions for next year (we still need someone to step up as a Treasurer) and will be finalizing the 'ballots' at our April meeting. We will be voting for the new officers at our May meeting. **We need the support of our membership during this process! Please try to make these meetings!**

Once again, this month I am moving our scheduled meeting. It is now **Thursday, April 30th**, from 7-9 pm in the Shatekon library. Please come and join us if you can!

As always, thank you for your support.
John Belkevich

Shenendehowa Budget and Board Election Dates and Deadlines

- **April 1, 2009-** Absentee ballots will be available Applications for absentee ballots for the budget vote and school board elections may be picked up at the office of the District Clerk weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- **April 20, 2009-** Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk at Shenendehowa Central School, 5 Chelsea Square, Clifton Park, New York, no later than Monday, April 20, 2009, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Petitions are available in the office of the District Clerk. There are three positions up for election, the positions currently held by Janet Grey and Sharon Bowles carry a three-year term and the position held by Bill Casey carries a 1-year term due to his early resignation.
- **May 5, 2009, at 7 p.m. -** the Annual Budget Hearing will be held in the Gowana Middle School Library.
- **May 19, 2009, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. -** The Annual Budget Vote and School board Election will be held in the Gowana Middle School gymnasium.

Arts in Education...

First grade will discover "What is in a Bird Nest?" when the Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum visits their classrooms on April 22 and 23. Children will discover that birds are ingenious builders. The Museum's collection of bird nests gives samples of the surprising materials birds use, including mud, spider webs and moss. Each child will make a "bird" nest to take home. Don't worry, mud and spider webs will not be used in this project!

Kindergarteners will discover "RAINFOREST FUN" when Agnes Ripoli from EcoLine visits their classroom on April 23 and 24. Children will learn how plants & animals live & depend upon each other in a rainforest community. The kindergarten classes will create a model of a rainforest in their classroom.

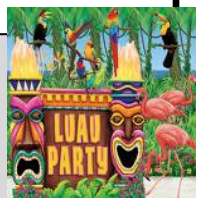
Scotia Glenville will be visiting the 4th Grade on April 23rd and 24th. Students will participate in demonstrations and exciting hands-on activities that help them discover the properties and uses of a lever, pulley, inclined plan, wedge, screw and the wheel and axle.

Thank you for your support of the Arts in Education programs at Shatekon.



Join us for a Luau!!!!!!
Friday, April 24th 6-8pm
Shatekon Elementary Gym

3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to Shatekon's Luau for Dancing, Limbo, Food & FUN!!!



Note: Luau attire welcome but not necessary.

Please contact Alice Thornton at 237-2853 or Jessica Robinson at 952-4128 with any questions.

Children should follow Shenendehowa's School Code of Conduct when dressing for the luau. Student dress should be appropriate for an elementary school. Students shall not wear garments that are revealing or see-through (including those that expose one's midriff, etc.). Students must also wear footwear that is safe. Please refer to the Shenendehowa Student Code of Conduct for more specific details.

Parents must stay for the duration of the dance. Every child must have adult supervision.

Attn: Parents of 4th & 5th grade chorus members:

Our concert is quickly approaching!
Important information is as follows:
What? Shatekon Concert
When? May 21, 2009 @ 7:00pm (students should arrive no earlier than 6:30, and no later than 6:45).
Where? Shatekon Gym
Attire? Traditional concert attire is dark pants/skirt, white top, with ties for boys.
If you do not have the above, please look good (NO: sneakers, heels, jeans, shorts, tee-shirts).
Questions? E-mail: grebmary@shenet.org or call 881-0580 X48360 to leave a message.
All Chorus members are expected to attend. If you cannot provide a ride for your child, please arrange for a ride with a friend or neighbor. All voices are important! Your children have worked so hard, and are eager to perform for you! Please come and support your Shatekon singers. -Mrs. Grebe

Please note:

Due to a scheduling conflict, we will once again be moving our meeting this month. We will be meeting Thursday, April 30th, 7-9 PM in the library.

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is May 3-9 this year - our theme this year will be "Shatekon's Staff is Out of This World!!!". We are in the process of coordinating a few surprises for the staff at Shatekon. We need several volunteers for the following jobs:

- Saturday 5/2 decorating the hallways 9am-11am (need approx. 8 people)
- Wednesday 5/6 setting up, taking deliveries of pizza and cleaning up lunch (need 3 people)
- Friday 5/8 baking some yummy treats (need at least 10 bakers)

If you are available to help us please contact Tami Grasso at fgrasso@nycap.rr.com or Lisa Campo at ljcampo@hotmail.com

2nd Annual SAGE Science Discovery Night

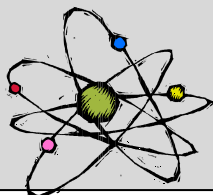
At Science Discovery Night students of all ages can explore science in their world—with exciting exhibits, displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities by more than 30 exhibitors! View the night sky in the Star Lab, ride the Energy Bike, see how Forensic science can help solve crimes, fly a jet airplane via simulator, visit reptiles and insects, and take home a FREE tree! Kids can do some career exploration. And maybe win a cool science prize, too!

When? April 22, 2009 6:30-8:30 pm

Where? Gowana Middle School

Ticket cost: FREE!

Complimentary cookies, beverages and Starbucks coffee will be served.



Save the date!

The 2nd Annual Shatekon Spring Family Fun Night will be on May 29th from 4-8 pm at Pirates Hide Out!

(Rain date of June 5th)



Upcoming Events

Good Friday & Spring Recess

April 10th, April 13th - 17th

****NO SCHOOL****

SAGE Science Discovery Night

Wednesday, April 22nd

Gowana

Luau (for 3-5 grades)

Friday, April 24th, 6-8 PM

Shatekon Gym

Community Conversations w/Dr. Robinson

Saturday, April 25th, 9:30 AM

Cheryl's Lodge

PTA Meeting (Note Date Change!**)**

Thursday, April 30th, 7 PM

Shatekon Library

Parents Only!

On Monday, May 4th, at 6:30pm in the High School East Little Theatre, James Murphy, Saratoga County DA., will speak about the recent "Sexting" problem facing our district. At this time it is for PARENTS ONLY. Mr. Murphy will determine later whether any students should be permitted to attend. Please make this information available to the parents in your respective schools. All are invited to attend.

Attn: Parents (or soon to be!) of Koda students

Koda PTA is looking for a person to fill an open Partnership Team position for the 2009 -2010 school year. The term is 2 yrs. The Koda Partnership team meets every other Thursday, from 7:45 - 8:45am. Please send Renee Barlow (rbarlow2@nycap.rr.com) your name, phone and email if you are interested by May 8, 2009.

Give your child a head start...

Saratoga County EOC Head Start and Early Head start offer **free** preschool programs for children 6 weeks to 5 years old at locations throughout the capital district. Call Head Start at 226-0450 for more information. *(Head Start is for limited income families)*

Middle school boundary changes

Changes have been announced. All of Shatekon 5th graders will go to Koda for 6th grade.