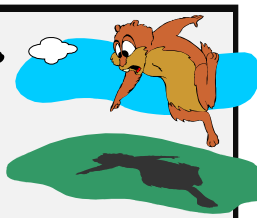


# SIX MORE WEEKS!



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## Shatekon PTA Newsletter

### A note from the President

Six more weeks of winter! Can we make it?

It may be cold outside, but that won't slow us down this month. We have tons of stuff happening in February. Not only is our PARP program running throughout the month, but on the 26<sup>th</sup> we will have the first Almost March Madness inter-school basketball tournament. It should be a great time; I hope to see you there.

Our meeting this month had to be changed due to a scheduling conflict. We will now meet on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7-9 pm in the Shatekon library. We will be having an update on the parent portal by Mr. Bob Melia, Assistant Superintendent, and we will be revealing our Honorary Lifetime Membership award winners. Please come and join us if you can!

As always, thank you for your support.  
John Belkevich  
Shatekon PTA President

### Spring Fundraiser

Our spring fundraiser packet was sent home this week. Orders are due back Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Delivery date is Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. For every 7 items you sell, your name goes into a drawing for a Great Escape Family Fun Package (4 tickets). This fundraiser (along with our fall fundraiser) account for most of our income for the year. Without good turnouts for both of them, we would not be able to continue to offer the quality Art and Ed programs we do throughout the year. We truly appreciate your support!

### Arts in Education...

We welcomed award winning storyteller, Jonathan Kruk to Shatekon on Tuesday, February 3 to kick off our PARP month. He entertained, enchanted and educated all students with tales about New York and the Hudson, Squiggly Squirmers and World Fables & Fairy Tales.

If your child would like to listen to Jonathan Kruk storyteller at home, please visit his web site at [jonathankruk.net](http://jonathankruk.net) CD's are available to purchase through his web site.

On Friday, February 6, poet & author, Jackie Sweeney will come back to finish up her poetry residency with our second graders.

On Monday, February 9, first grade students will travel to the Palace Theatre, Albany to see Marcus Pfister's bestselling book Rainbow Fish performed on stage in a delightful and touching musical about the value of sharing true friendship with others.

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

### February is PARP Month

We kicked off our program with James Kruk (voted #1 story teller in the Hudson region). Are you reading with your children 15 minutes a day? Learning to read is one of the most important activities in a child's education. We have some other events planned to make this a fun experience and help students realize that reading can be magic!



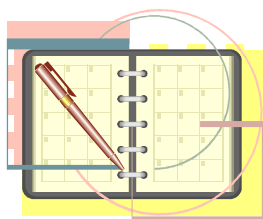
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## OUR MEETING THIS MONTH HAS BEEN MOVED TO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>!

Due to a scheduling conflict, we have had to move the meeting this month from the Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> to one day earlier.

**We will be meeting on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> instead.**

Please make a note of the date change.



## Family Library Night

Mrs. Russell, our librarian, will be hosting a family night on February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:30 PM. There will be hot cocoa, cookies, and crafts. Come and join us, you will be able to find out more about our library, and students will be able to check out books to keep over the mid-winter recess!

## Got pictures?

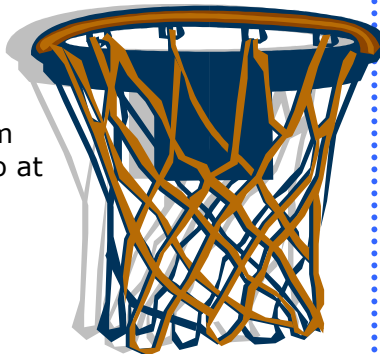
We are looking for parents to submit pictures for consideration for the yearbook. Any candid shots you may have taken at any school events will be considered.

Photos can be emailed to Alice Thornton and Becky Strait at Shatekon\_Yearbook@hotmail.com.

## Almost March Madness

On Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> (5:30 - 8:30) we will be holding the Almost March Madness basketball tournament featuring faculty and staff as players and cheerleaders from five Shen Elementary Schools. Come cheer on Shatekon as we face off against teams from Tesago, Arongon, Okte or Skano. Wear your navy blue (the color assigned to us) and come out to support the Shatekon Sharks! Limited tickets and t-shirts are available for this special event.

For more information, contact Michele Lehman at trevsmom@nycap.rr.com or 383-9218 or Lisa Campo at ljcampo@hotmail.com.



## ASEP Registration

**When: Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 PM**  
**Where: In front of the Shatekon Library**

Come on in and sign up for one of the quality programs that will be offered this year!

## Upcoming Events

### Family Movie Night

Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8 PM  
Shatekon Cafeteria

### Shen Inventors Display

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>  
Clifton Park Center

### ASEP Registration

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 PM  
Shatekon Lobby

### Family Library Night

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 PM  
Shatekon Library

### President's Day

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

### Mid-Winter Recess

**\*\* NO SCHOOL \*\***

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

### PTA Meeting

Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 PM  
Shatekon Library

### BOE Study Session

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM  
Gowana library

### Almost March Madness

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30 PM  
HS East Main Gym

**Please join us for the 2009 Founder's Day Dinner  
Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Michael's Banquet House  
1019 New Loudon Road  
Latham, NY

Meet and greet begins at 6:30 PM  
Followed by dinner at 7 PM

Dinner Choices:

Chicken Florentine \_\_\_\_\_  
Choice Cut Sirloin Steak \_\_\_\_\_  
Penne From Heaven \_\_\_\_\_

How many?

Cost is \$28 per person; Question? Contact John Belkevich @ 371-8384

**Reservations, along with dinner choice and payment, are due no later than Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Please send in this portion of the newsletter, with a check payable to Shatekon PTA for the total (\$28 each) in an envelope marked 'Founder's Day'**