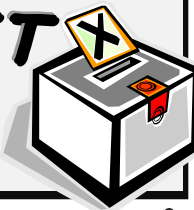




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Shatekon PTA Newsletter

A note from the President

Two years have flown by. It was two years ago this month that the Shatekon PTA was formed. I am proud of what we have accomplished, and I feel we have set the groundwork for many years to come.

This week is 'Teacher Appreciation Week'. If you get a chance, please try to show the staff and teachers at Shatekon how much the community appreciates their hard work and dedication.

This month we have some very important things to do. First, the school budget vote. We have had very informative presentations the last two meetings on budget topics. If you were not able to make it, I hope you have had time to review the material on shenet.org so that you can make an informed vote. All I ask that you please go out and vote. We need the support of our parents to keep the school strong. Second, we need to elect our officers in the PTA for the next 2 years. We have someone willing to take on every opening this year. Jenn Connell has stepped up to run for president, Cindy Sokol for vice-president, Deb Condon for treasurer, and Amy Bonville for secretary. Please, show your support for these new officers and come out to our May meeting and vote in the PTA elections. Third, we have some very fun evenings planned. Please try to make as many as you can to show your support for our school!

We have done some great things these last two years and I am very confident the group that will take over will continue the work we started.

Once again, this month I am moving our scheduled meeting. It is now **Thursday, May 28th**, from 7-9 pm in the Shatekon library. Please come and join us if you can and vote on the officers for the next two years!

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

Shenendehowa Budget and Board Election Date



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 Gym

Arts in Education...

May 8th is the return of Dragonfly Designs to the 5th grade. She will highlight the fifth grade rock and mineral curriculum. The program discusses rocks and minerals, their cultural and everyday uses in society, how they are all around us in nature and how some are created in laboratories. Each student will design and create a bracelet using various rocks, crystals and minerals.

What is the difference between a butterfly and a moth? Ask any second grader when Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum visits their classrooms on May 13th - 14th and presents "*Beautiful Insects and Butterflies*" to each class. Students will learn how moths and butterflies survive the seasons, what they eat, their predators. Students will examine mounted specimens of butterflies, moths, and cocoons, and study wing scales using hand-held microscopes and lenses. Students will make a 3-dimensional model of the life cycle of a butterfly to bring home.

On May 20th, Motoko will be visiting our 3rd grade classes. Motoko specializes in telling folktales from Japan, China, Korea and Southeast Asia, combined with participatory songs and mime movements. A native of Japan, Motoko has performed in schools and festivals throughout New England and New York, and is nationally known by her appearance on 'Mr. Roger's Neighborhood'. We are so happy to have her return to Shatekon for her second year.

Felix Pitre will be visiting the 5th grade classes on June 2nd. He will be presenting "Stories and Songs of Latin America". Felix Pitre celebrates the culture of Latin America with puppetry, stories, songs and musical instruments, sharing many of the Hispanic traditions passed down to him from his own family.

On June 5th, for our last assembly of the year, we will be presenting "*Attitude of Gratitude*". This performance uses real-life stories, spectacular movie clips, animation & vibrant music, let us take your students on a journey with Rachel, an unappreciative girl who has no idea why or what to be thankful for. Along the way, our quirky host will guide us and bring insight, instruction, and get the inside scoop from kids. We'll find out just why we should live everyday with gratitude.

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

Shatekon Drama Club Presents:

Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood
A 1950's Rock 'n' Roll Fairy Tale



Show times:

Friday, May 15th, 6 PM
Saturday, May 16th, 2 PM

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children. On sale from May 4th - May 12th with a limited number available at the door.

Spring Box Top\$ Contest

We are working out the details of a Box Tops contest for this spring! Details will be sent home soon! Keep clipping!



Upcoming Events

Community Conversations w/Dr. Robinson

Saturday, May 16th, 9:30 AM
High School West Cafeteria

Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood

Friday, May 15th, 6 PM
Saturday, May 16th, 2 PM

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 19th, 7 AM - 9 PM
Gowana Gym

Celebrate Reading (and BOGO book fair!)

Tuesday, May 19th, 6 PM - 8 PM
Shatekon

Shatekon Spring Concert

Thursday, May 21st, 7 PM
Shatekon Gym

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

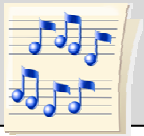
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Shatekon Library

Spring Family Fun Night

Friday, May 29th, 4-8 PM (rain date of June 5th)
Pirate's Hide-Out

Shatekon Spring Concert

Thursday, May 21st, 7 PM
in the Shatekon gym



Spring Family Fun Night

The 2nd Annual Shatekon Spring Family Fun Night will be May 29th, 4-8 PM at Pirate's Hide-Out. Enjoy discounted miniature golf, free ice cream for every child and more! If you did not make it last year, you missed a very fun night. Come on out and celebrate spring and school spirit at the same time! (Rain date of June 5th)



Please note:

Due to a scheduling conflict, we will once again be moving our meeting this month. We will be meeting Thursday, May 28th, 7-9 PM in the library.

Celebrate Reading! (Vote too!)

On May 19th, after (or before) you vote, come over to Shatekon and celebrate reading! You and your child can 'Guess the Mystery Doors' and visit the 'buy one, get one' book fair. You will also be able to enjoy a treat! Hope to see you there!



SchoolKidz School Supply Kits

This year, we will be offering school supply kits custom made for Shatekon to all families. Order forms and details will be sent home soon. This is not a fundraiser for the PTA, but rather a service we offer parents.

**To the teachers and staff of Shatekon:
THANK YOU!
We truly appreciate all that you do!**



"Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition." -Jacques Barzun



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)