



# AUTUMN GLORY



Shatekon  
Elementary School  
PTA Newsletter

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## Shatekon PTA Newsletter

### A note from the President

What a great October! I hope you all had a fun and safe Halloween and were able to join us for the Monster Mash. It was a very fun (and scary!) night.

November and December will be filled with great events also. Please be on the lookout for flyers for the planned events that will be coming home.

This is the last year for all of the original officers, so if you or someone you know of would be interested in running for one of the positions, please contact me. I will work with those who are thinking about running so that they know what is expected and what the duties of each position entail.

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Shatekon PTA President

### PTA Awards

Details for submission and the form that needs to be used for the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award and the Distinguished Service Award will be available at the November meeting. The form will also be available on the website after the meeting. All submissions will be reviewed by our nominating committee and we will honor the recipients at the Founder's Day dinner in April. Please come to the November meeting if you think you may want to nominate someone. Last year, we honored Elizabeth Wood with our first honorary Lifetime Membership award.

### Family Fun Movie Night

First Annual Shatekon Family Movie Night featuring "WALL-E" Rated G, will be on November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6 PM – 8 PM. Volunteers are needed, please call Jessica Robinson at 235-1320 or email Jess121770@yahoo.com for details of what is needed. Hope to see you there!

### Arts in Education...

Thursday, November 6, kindergarteners will discover how people lived Along the Mohawk when the Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum visits their classrooms. This program for young children focuses on the original people of this area. Children will see and touch many authentic handmade objects that will reveal how the earliest inhabitants of the Mohawk Valley learned the secrets of nature in order to survive. Friday, December 5, Hats of to Johnny the K, back by popular demand. He will entertain, educate and remind us to respect and understand each other's differences when he performs his show "Citizens of the World." November 10 Jeffery Bennett will be in the 5th Grade classes to teach on The US Federal Government. We are so glad to have him right after Election Day. On November 17, 19, 21, and 24 Cheryl Gorn will be visiting the 3rd Grade classes. The Students will be tracing the 7 continents onto a 10" ball. They will make each continent into a distinctive Mosaic by gluing on bits of fabric, varying textures and colors.

### Fun on Snow!!!

Do you like to ski, or would you like to learn how to ski? Come and join the Bill Koch Youth Ski League! BKYSL is a family-oriented ski program for children ages 5-13. We meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at Koda Middle School, in room 709, and then go outside for some skiing fun (or just plain outdoor fun before the snow flies). Ski rentals are available through the club for the season. Parents are welcome to join us as we practice technique through games on skis. Join us any Tuesday in Koda room 709, from 3:45-5:15. Please call Mary at 373-0313 or Eric at 371-7548 for more information. Hope to see you there, and THINK SNOW!!

### Cub Scout Pack 43

Did you know that Scouts is included in the Shenendehowa Student Code of Conduct as a positive alternative for students? Cub Scouts provides fun and adventure, while promoting and building good citizenship and character in boys. Boys in 1st grade through 5th grade are eligible to join Pack 43. We currently have over 30 boys, most of whom attend the Arongen or Shatekon Elementary School. New boys are welcome at any time. To find out more about the Cub Scouts visit [www.joincubscouting.org](http://www.joincubscouting.org) or call our Cubmaster, Tom Lessard at 371-5207.

### **Shen Wrestling Club**

**Who?** All 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

**When?** December 1<sup>st</sup> - January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Registration:** November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM in the High School East Wrestling Room

#### **Practice Schedule:**

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students - Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 PM - 7 PM

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students - Mondays and Wednesdays 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

**Cost:** \$40.00

**Contact:** Ryan Fenton fentryan@shenet.org or 881-0560 ext. 44552 with any questions

## Holiday Tea and Sweets...

...will be December 12<sup>th</sup>, for the staff. We are looking for 2 volunteers to set-up at 10:30, 2 volunteers to clean-up at 1:15 and about 15 to bake some yummy treats. We also will need a large coffee maker/hot water machine for the coffee and tea. Please contact Tami Grasso at 281-1716 or fgrasso@nycap.rr.com by 12/4 if you are able to help. Thanks!



## A Monstrous THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all of our Shatekon Teachers and Custodial Staff, Jessica Belkevich, Tara and Roger Sayward, Sharon Levine, Maggie Himes, Rodney and Tara Smallwood, Cindy and Ed Sokol, Kathy Riley, Michelle Williams, Samantha Barringer, Matt Telesca, Daryn Williams, Trevor Lehman, for all your help with the Monster Mash. It was a lot of work, but well worth the effort, and would not have been possible without all of you.

### **THANK YOU!**

- Amy Bonville and Megan Feith,  
Monster Mash Co-Chairs.

### **Community Conversations**

All are welcome to attend and ask questions or express concerns/suggestions to the Superintendent.

December 6, 2008, 9:30 am in the Skano Library

### **Parent Portal Sign-Ups**

Evening hours are available to sign-up for the parent portal on November 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8 PM outside the Gowana Middle School library. Please bring your driver's license with you to complete the application.

## Looking for ASEP Programs!

*Are you creative? Do you know another language? Why not facilitate an ASEP program? If you're are interested, please contact Jenn Connell at jenn1con@yahoo.com*

## Upcoming Events

### **PTA Meeting**

Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm  
Shatekon Library

### **Family Fun Movie Night (WALL-E)**

Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-8 PM  
Shatekon Gym

### **BOE Study Session**

Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm  
Gowana Library

### **Thanksgiving Recess\*\*NO SCHOOL\*\***

Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> -  
Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Picture Retakes**

Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Community Conversations w/ Superintendent**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM  
Skano Library

## Book Fair

The book fair and family fun night was a great success. Thank you to all who volunteered and all who helped out by buying books.

## Family Night at McDonald's

**Please note: there will be not be a family night fundraiser on November 19<sup>th</sup>, as we spoke about at our meeting.** We are looking at dates in early December. More information will be sent home as we have it. Keep on the lookout for a flyer with details...

## Harvest Soup Day Winner!

Harvest Soup Day was a great success! Thank you to everyone who helped and donated the food. It was hard to pick a winner, but it had to be done:

**The 2008 Harvest Soup Day winner is:  
Jay Campo, for his Pasta Fagioli**

Jay will receive a gift certificate from Lavender Fields Florist. Again, thanks to all who helped out!