



HAPPY FALL!



Shatekon
Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

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Shatekon PTA Newsletter

A note from the President

We had a great turn out for our back to school celebration (albeit a week late!). Seems like we already have a few traditions! If you have not heard, the transportation procedure regarding kids riding home a bus other than their assigned bus has been updated. I don't have the room to give the details, but check out shenet.org to see it. If you have not done so, I encourage everyone to check out the Grapevine while you are there. It is a great resource for information. We have a very busy month planned, including some more traditions we have started. See you all at the Monster Mash!

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday, October 21st, 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

It's fundraiser time again!

We will be distributing the packets on Thursday, October 16th. If you came to Open House, you got a chance to see a sampling of some of the great items for sale this year. A display is also located in the showcase by the cafeteria if you are interested in looking them over.

The proceeds from our fundraiser help to pay for our Arts In Education Programs that provide quality educational opportunities throughout the year for the entire student body. Why not start your holiday shopping early and buy an item or two? We appreciate your support of our fundraiser. The generosity of our Shatekon families allows us to provide many wonderful educational programs.

Get your Spirit Wear

Shatekon's Second Annual Spirit Wear is under way. All orders are due by October 10th and the items will be distributed during parent-teacher conferences in November. **Important:** *as these are customized products, no returns will be made unless an item arrives damaged, so please order sizes carefully.* Please contact Lisa Campo at 343-4330 or email ljcampo@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Arts in Education...

On October 21 and 22 using simple instruments, second grade students will learn how our weather is the result of the combination of wind, air pressure, humidity and temperature when the Scotia Glenville Traveling Museum comes to class and presents "Everybody Talks About the Weather".

School pictures are coming!!

We will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, October 15th for Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades; Thursday, October 16th for 1st, 3rd and 5th grades. Mrs. Allen's 3rd grade class is the only exception. They will have their photos done on Wednesday the 15th due to a scheduling conflict. Forms will go out this week asking for parent volunteers. We will try to use as many people as we can, but if we have a huge response, please be understanding. If you have any questions about pictures or volunteering, please call Michele Lehman at 383-9218.

Help while you shop

Shatekon participates in both the Price Chopper Tools for School and the Hannaford Helps programs. These programs provide things for our school such as playground equipment and digital cameras. Forms for the Price Chopper program were sent home last week. Please return them as soon as possible. The program runs through February 14th this year so we get the benefit of holiday shopping dollars. If you need another form, they are available in the main office. Hannaford issues coupons at the checkout for their program. You can send these to school with your child. They will be collected and sent in. The end date for this program is the beginning of December so please send these in ASAP. Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please call Michele Lehman at 383-9218.

Internet Safety Presentation

Arongen PTA will host a discussion on Child Internet Safety Tuesday, October 28th from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Arongen Gym. All are welcome to attend.

Parent Portal Sign-Ups

All parents are welcome to come to Gowana Middle School from 7 - 8 PM outside of library on October 14th or October 28th to sign-up for the portal. Parents need to bring their driver's license with them to complete the application.

Got snacks?

Ever forgotten to give your child a snack? It happens. If you do, your child will be able to get one from the school nurse. If you have any prepackaged snacks you would like to donate to the school for those who may forget one, please send them to the nurse.

Note: Please make sure they are peanut free. (Check the labels!)

Shatekon Book Fair

Your Shatekon PTA is happy to announce our annual book fair. This event is sponsored by Scholastic and will give everyone a chance to view and purchase fantastic children's books, computer software and posters. The book fair will start Monday, November 3rd and run through Friday, November 7th. We will be open during all parent teacher conferences so please stop in and take a look. We will also have a family night on Thursday, November 6th, from 6pm to 8pm. The book fair will be set up on the stage in the gymnasium.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP...

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sharon Levine at 371-8529 (smlevine@nycap.rr.com).

Community Conversations

All are welcome to attend and ask questions or express concerns/suggestions to the Superintendent:
October 25, 2008, 9:30 am in the Acadia Library

Catie Hoch Foundation Outback Luncheon

Wednesday, November 12
Outback Steakhouse, Clifton Park
2 seatings: 11:30 and 1
Holiday shopping and raffles galore.
Take-out available (must pre-order)
Tickets are \$20.00
To order tickets call 899-7893 or go online to www.catiehochfoundation.org

Hannah's Hope Fund Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 26
Vischer Ferry Fire Station #1
360 Riverview Road, Rexford
8am-noon
Tickets: 4 & under FREE, 5-11 \$4, 12 & older \$7
(Silent auction and raffle the day of the event)

Tickets can be pre-purchased at several locations in Clifton Park. Please contact Evelyn Hickok at 373-2320 or phickok@nycap.rr.com for ticket purchase locations and for questions.

Congratulations Mrs. Meilak!

The Shatekon PTA would like to congratulate Jacqueline Meilak, Halfmoon Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year!



Upcoming Events

School Banking Begins

Tuesday, October 7th

Yom Kippur **NO SCHOOL**

Thursday, October 9th

Spirit Wear Sale Ends

Friday, October 10th

Columbus Day **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, October 13th

School Pictures

Wednesday, October 15th

Thursday, October 16th

Fall Fundraiser

October 20th - 24th

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, October 21st, 7 pm
Shatekon Library

Monster Mash

Friday, October 24th, 6:30-8:30 pm
Shatekon

Book Fair

November 3rd - November 7th
Family Night - Thurs., Nov. 6th, 6-8 PM

Harvest Soup Day

There is not a better way to warm up the staff at Shatekon than with our annual Harvest Soup Day. Last year the staff loved all of our wonderful soups!!! This year will be even better with your help. I am in need of about 10 - 12 volunteers to make soup or chowder, donate rolls/crackers and to set-up/clean-up. Harvest Soup Day will be held on 11/5 during lunch hours. If you are interested please contact me via e-mail at fgrasso@nycap.rr.com or 281-1716.

This year the staff will vote on the "best soup!" The winner will receive a GREAT prize!