



# WELCOME BACK!



**Shatekon  
Elementary School**  
PTA Newsletter

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## Shatekon PTA Newsletter

### A note from the President

As we start our second year, I have already noticed many new faces becoming involved in the Shatekon PTA. It is a very encouraging sign, and I hope we can continue the momentum!

Last year, we were able to bring some traditions from other schools and PTAs, and incorporate them with some new traditions to make Shatekon unique. As the year progresses and we get more and more people involved, I think that will continue to happen.

With the new year we have to again ask for all of you to please join the PTA (memberships run from September to September, so even if you joined last year, you would need to join again this year). A strong membership will help the school, the community, and most important of all, our kids.

On Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a back to school celebration at the Pirate's Hide-Out. Please come and join us (kids: remember the word 'shark' for your free ice cream!). Last year we had a great time, and I am sure we will again this year.

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 pm in the Shatekon Library. Please come and join us if you can!

Thank you for your support.  
John Belkevich  
Shatekon PTA President

### Arts in Education...

Welcome back! We are very excited to kick off our Arts in Education programs for this year with Double Vision. These Massachusetts based performers will ask for a little RESPECT from Shatekon students when they perform on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Mime, song, illusion, circus, characterization and monologue will be part of the act, and valuable lessons such as: bullies, teamwork, sportsmanship, cooperation and the power of words will be learned.

On September 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. Bennett will be visiting the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. He is an expert on New York State Geography. He will get the children excited about the People, Lakes and Land around us.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> we will bring back Buffalo Days. This is an exciting program for all the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. A tipi is set up on school grounds and students get to go inside for an exciting lecture on the history and cultures during that time. The presenters will be wearing period garb which only adds to this memorable day.

In September and October second graders will welcome "Monarchs in the classroom." Students will watch how larvae become beautiful butterflies. Students will record information and tag monarchs which will be used as part of a University of Kansas Monarch study.

This year's first PTA Meeting is  
Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 pm  
in the Shatekon Library



Come join us for coffee and sweets!  
We will also be discussing (and hopefully voting on)  
the 08-09 budget.



## Library Update

Can you believe our second school year has begun? Summer is a wonderful time to relax and have fun, but now it is time for students and parents to return to the school routine.

Please check out our web page for information on district databases, library schedules, literature and much more at:

<http://www.shenet.org>→Shatekon Elementary→Shatekon Library→Online catalogs→Shatekon Library Catalog – Enjoy!

We hope your children found time to maintain and improve their reading skills and they are ready to join us for another great year of reading and research adventure!

If your child borrowed library books over the summer, they can be returned at any time. If you found lost books, we would love to have them returned. It is more economical to have our books back than to replace them with a new copy. Your cooperation is always appreciated. We are only a phone call away – 881-0580 – extension 48502.

## Open Committees

We still have a few open committees. If you are interested in any of them, please let us know. Also, please check our website for the list of committees and the chairs of each committee to see if there is something that you would like to help out with.

Open Committees:

- \* Historian
- \* Reflections
- \* Shen Inventors
- \* Spring Family Fun Night

Please contact Jenn Connell ([jenn1con@yahoo.com](mailto:jenn1con@yahoo.com)) or John Belkevich ([j\\_belkevich@hotmail.com](mailto:j_belkevich@hotmail.com)) if you are interested in taking on any of these committees.

## Upcoming Events

### PTA Meeting

Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm  
Shatekon Library

### Back to School Celebration

Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 4-8 pm  
Pirate's Hide-Out

### Spirit Wear Sale Starts

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

### Shatekon Open House

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8 pm

### Double Vision (Arts in Ed assembly)

Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

## Clifton Park Youth Hockey

Register now for the 2008 season!

### Mini-Mite Program –

- \* Learn to skate and play hockey
- \* Girls and Boys ages 4-7 with little or no skating experience
- \* Periodic games
- \* Contact Frank Suozzi @ 877-8328 or [minimite@nycap.rr.com](mailto:minimite@nycap.rr.com)

### Mite Program –

- \* Learn to play hockey and increase skating skills
- \* Girls and Boys ages 6-8 with Skating experience
- \* Practices and games
- \* Contact Joe Leinwol @ 817-6974 or [mitehockey@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mitehockey@nycap.rr.com)

Both programs offer professional skill development.  
Website: <http://eteamz.active.com/cpyha/>

## Waterford Youth Council

The Waterford Youth Council offers playgroups, pre-school programs, before & after school care, drop-in center, teen nights and many more family oriented activities. The Waterford Youth Council also has a wide sports program - baseball, basketball & soccer.

Check out our websites:

[http://town.waterford.ny.us/youth\\_council.htm](http://town.waterford.ny.us/youth_council.htm)  
&

<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=199821867> for more information and for our current newsletter! We are also looking for a few Waterford residents that would be interested in helping out on the Board, please contact Andy Walters, President at 235-0165 for more information.