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..... From the Skano PTA Co-Presidents



Mark your calendar for school pictures! October 14th!

Hello Skano Families!

We are off to a great school year so far. The start of school with the bright new bus ports made it fun and fresh for all the students new and old returning to school for a great 2009-2010 school year!!!

Skano PTA has already gotten underway with activities. Helping out with Kindergarten screening, Welcoming the students back, Bus Duty, Open House, and lets not forget the Welcome Back Picnic!!!! A great night was had by all. Thank you Susan Hamilton and Melissa Grattan for providing us with a fun filled night of music and entertainment. Also kudos to all the volunteers that helped out that night to provide a very enjoyable evening!

We also had our first meeting which was held on September 22nd. It was great to see everyone, including all of our new families that have joined PTA and are ready to help out where needed. We have a lot of new activities planned this year for the children and their families. We hope that you will also step up and lend a hand in what we are planning. PTA starts with Parents. If we don't have the support of our Parents we don't have a PTA. Please make sure you send in your **Call For Help** blue sheets as soon as you can so we can ensure that we have enough people to cover all the events

planned.

As I am writing this, one thing comes to mind. Our major Fall Fundraiser is underway and I hope we can top last year's numbers. The money raised from the fundraiser provides classroom supplies, agendas for our Third - Fifth graders, Weekly Readers for First grade, a portion of the Rock-wall, all the Cultural Arts Programs, Dolphin Reader events and the list goes on a mile long. If we don't have the budget, the programs cannot exist. Thanks to all of the generous families in the past, we have been able to provide for all of these events.

If you have any ideas or have any comments, please feel free to contact us at skanopta@yahoo.com or call Dana Gould at 505-4786 or Laura Haley at 383-8727. We always are here to listen. Always check our website that is linked right to Skano's page on www.shenet.org . Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Skano Library. We do have baby-sitting available for the meeting right at school. If you are bringing children to the meeting, please contact Dana two days prior to any meeting.

Hope this year is as great as last year was!!!!

Dana Gould & Laura Haley, Co-Presidents

Skano's Scholastic Book Fair

Join us in sharing the love for reading with your kids at Skano's Book Fair. The fair will run on Thursday & Friday, November 12 & 13th during Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM in the lobby. This is a great way to connect your kids

with books they want to read!!!

We are in need of many volunteers to assist our customers and check people out. If you can volunteer an hour of



your time to this great program, contact Linda Jolly - linda.jolly@loxsoft.com or Dana Gould—dana1971@nyacap.rr.com.

We will be in touch with details a few weeks before the fair.

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SKANO'S 1000 BOOK KIDS CLUB

Congratulations to Annalese Winegard and Dylan Zinsley, for having successfully completed the 1000 Book Kids Club! They read through 100 bags with 10 books in each. Keep reading Annalese and Dylan!

Skano's 1000 Book Kids Club (TBKC) is an at-home reading initiative that targets Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten aged children. Children in first grade are

also welcome to continue until they have achieved the program's goal.

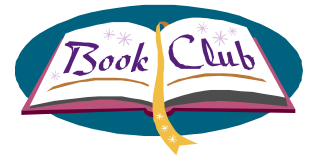
More information will be shared at the Kindergarten Open House.

Please remember to alert Mrs. Kirby-LeMon whenever your child reaches a benchmark (10, 25, 50, 75 and 100 bags) so she can move your child's name along the board. Also, if you have a bag that needs to be

fixed in some way, please do not hang it in the lobby. Instead, bring it to the library and we will rectify the problem before returning it to circulation.

Thanks for your support and please keep reading with your kids!

Interested in joining the TBKC committee? Please contact the Skano PTA or Mrs. Kirby-LeMon at kirbsusa@shenet.org.



PTA Fundraiser

**THIS
FUNDRAISER
HAS
SOMETHING
FOR
EVERYONE!**

If you liked the food the last three years, you are going to love what we have for you this year! There will be two catalogs to choose from. One is the "Family Favorites" featuring: pizza kits, cookie dough, cheesecakes, pretzels, baked goods, and a full assortment of pies. Perfect for

the Holidays and you will have your items 2 weeks before Thanksgiving. In addition to the food, there is also a Holiday Wishes catalog featuring jewelry, gifts, candy, magazines and gift wrap. Order forms will be going home on Oct. 1st and are due back by Oct.

9th. Please take orders from your friends, family and co-workers! Pick-up of items will be Nov. 12th in the Skano Cafeteria from 3 to 7pm. If you are available to help with this year's pick-up night, please contact Wendy DeRose at 373-4992 or wderose1@nycap.rr.com.

Skano's Book Buddy Program

Are you willing to share 15-20 minutes of your time, once a week, reading, with a 1st or 2nd grader to give them that boost for better reading appreciation? If so, Book Buddies is for you! We need many volunteers to help out with this program to meet the needs of our students. The program will start up in November and run through May. The children involved really look forward to

reading with their Book Buddy. If you can help us, or if you would like more information, please contact Linda Jolly (linda.jolly@loxsoft.com) or Laura Huff (LHuff2@nycap.rr.com). We will meet before the program starts to go over the process and answer any additional questions you may have. Thanks so much for considering this wonderful program!



S School Banking is up and running on Wednesday mornings in the library. We've had many new bankers this week. It's great to see new faces! If your student brought in a card to open an account, you will receive a letter from the bank in the mail within a few days. When you get that information, send your student in to banking with the information to get the account started. Your student can make a deposit that first day. It's so easy!
A If your student has previously opened an account, send them in on Wednesday mornings! It doesn't matter how long it's been since your last deposit – you can always make another one.
Stephany Holmes & Bridgid Schaepekens
School Banking Co-Chairs

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Skano Dolphin Readers News


Got Buckets? Fill 'em with all the right stuff!

Skano Dolphin Readers (SDR) is a Skano PTA-sponsored reading program based on New York State's "Parents As Reading Partners" (PARP). Our goal is to encourage families to squeeze some reading time into their hectic schedules. Information explaining the program will be distributed this week. Each year, Capital Communications Federal Credit Union (CAPCOM) co-sponsors our program by donating money to a charity of our choice. We earn 25 cents for every person who

attends our SDR events. This year our efforts will support Heifer International.

The first event we would love to see you attend is the Skano Dolphin Readers' Family Kick-off. This will be a **Battle of the Books**, where students, parents and Skano staff members will compete to answer questions about some of our favorite stories. We are excited to announce that news reporter, **John Craig**, will be our emcee for the evening! Admission is free and open to all Skano students and their families. It will be held this Friday evening, October

2nd, from 6:30- 7:30 p.m., in the Skano café.

Hopefully, our SDR t-shirts will be in this week as well. These are funded by our Skano PTA—thank you Skano PTA! We have tied into our building's theme of filling our buckets with positive actions, thoughts and words. Nothing  has a more positive effect on our community than quality family time; especially when it includes reading.

Interested in joining the SDR committee? Please contact the Skano

Help Wanted for After School Fun

The Skano PTA is currently in the planning stages for After School Fun 2010 which will run for five consecutive Thursdays in January and February from right after school until 3:30.

Currently it looks like we will be running:

- Junior Cooking for grades K-2
- Cake Decorating grades 4&5
- Bowling grades 1-5.

We are looking for volunteers to

teach After School Fun classes. We are always willing to consider something new!

*****As an instructor you choose what ages and how many children attend your classes.*****

Some ideas:

- Cooking for grades 3-5
- Crafting Instructor: Craft classes are very popular and we don't have one right now. Can you help out?
- Scrapbooking or Beaded Jewelry:



In the past students have enjoyed these classes. Would you be interested in teaching a class like this?

Any other class ideas or questions? Please contact Laurie Partridge at 383-2210 or LaurieP621@aol.com by October 10.

Remember, as an instructor/coordinator your kids get first pick of the classes and we DO provide babysitting for your younger children.

Shenendehowa Advocates for Gifted Education

invites you to our

Open House & CTY Webinar

Tuesday, October 6 — Acadia Library

7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

- Meet the board members
- Get updates on QUEST and other programs
- Find out news about upcoming SAGE programs
- Pickup informational resources

- Ask questions
- And stay for the . . .

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Information Webinar

Encourage a bright student's love of learning through the CTY program—find out more at this webinar event.

SAGE is a chapter of AGATE—a nonprofit organization of concerned parents and educators designed to promote the education and welfare of gifted and talented in New York State. While AGATE serves the entire state, SAGE focuses on students in the Shenendehowa and surrounding school districts.

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October 6. Save your place. Save your girls from bullying.

Spend an evening with best-selling author
Rachel Simmons,
a nationally recognized expert
on bullying among girls.

The Women's Fund of the Capital Region presents **Rachel Simmons, New York Times best-selling author of *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls* and the new *The Curse of the Good Girl*.** Offering inspiring and humorous presentations, she has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Today, Dateline NBC and NPR, and will be featured on PBS. Our emcee is Benita Zahn of NewsChannel 13 and Health Link on WMHT-TV.

Who should attend: Middle and high school parents and girls

When: Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

Where: The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
32 Second Street, Troy, NY

Admission: \$20/adults; \$10 /girls under 19

Order your tickets today at
www.womensfundcr.org/RachelSimmons.html

or call 518-273-0038

**Be sure to spread the word - to your family, friends
and colleagues**

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The Women's Fund of the Capital Region

Six Tower Place

Albany, NY 12203

Back to School Picnic - A HUGE Thank

You to all who came out and supported our back to school picnic! Thank you to all who volunteered to help setup, serve and clean up - we couldn't have done it without you. An extra special thank you to Jr. Mister Twisty, Kids Art and Kevin the DJ for making our event so special!



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Box Tops For Education

Got Box Tops??? It's that time again - clip and save! Remember each box top coupon with a valid expiration date on it earns Skano 10 cents! Please put them in an envelop or plastic baggie and submit to the main office.



Price Chopper Tools for Schools

program began August 3rd and runs until February 13th, 2010. Last year we earned 103,462 points and were in the Top 200 schools. You only need to register once. If you are new to Skano or want to sign up family members go to pricechopper.com and use Skano's school code 15759



Hannaford Helps Schools began

September 6th and runs til December 6th 2009. Purchasing participating products will earn school dollar certificates. For every 4 participating products you buy you will get a \$3.00 school certificate. Certificates must be turned into the school no later then December 6th to receive credit. All certificates can be turned into the main office.

