

Shatekon Elementary School

February 2010

Ms. Elizabeth Wood
Principal



News from the Principal

SHENSATIONAL

On Saturday, March 27, 2010, the Shenendehowa Central School District will hold its first ever "SHENSATIONAL! Global Expo 2010" hosted by our school's Cultural Diversity Committee. The intent of this year's expo is to acknowledge and celebrate the array of backgrounds, cultures, and viewpoints reflected in our community.

The theme of the upcoming expo is "Celebrating Our Differences." The goal is to promote dialogue on critical topics, foster an enhanced appreciation of the differences that make this community great, and showcase the wide variety of talent within the community. The event includes performances, presentations, art work, games and films that will foster discussion and allow the participants to walk away with a new understanding of the many different backgrounds and cultures that make up this community.

Vendors, booksellers and community organizations will present materials, crafts, foods or information regarding the background, culture or organization they represent.

The Cultural Diversity Committee includes district administrators, teachers, parents, and community leaders, members from local universities and colleges and students. More information will be provided closer to the date of the event.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Main Office	881-0580
Health Office	881-0581
Attendance	881-0584
Office Fax	371-1762
Nurse Fax	881-0498

Have you seen the Shatekon Website? Go to <http://www.shenet.org/shatekon/shatekon.htm> for weekly updates on what's happening at Shatekon.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **FIN DAY -- Wear Green!**
Wed., Feb. 3
- ◆ **PTA Night at Red Robin**
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- ◆ **WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL**
February 15-19
- ◆ **PTA Movie Night**
Friday, Feb. 26
- ◆ **Almost March Madness Tournament**
Sunday, Feb. 28
HS East 11:00 a.m.

ALMOST MARCH MADNESS

Sunday, February 28th, will be our Almost March Madness Basketball Tournament. Staff from the eight Shen Elementary Schools will be competing in a basketball tournament. Shatekon will compete against Karigon, Orenda and Okte to defend our 2009 championship! There are a limited amount of tickets for this special event. We hope many of our young Shatekon Sharks will be able to cheer for our Shatekon basketball team and cheerleaders. Wear your navy blue (the color assigned to our school), and we'll see you at the game!

Shatekon Drama Club Presents

OZ!

Shatekon's Drama Club includes 40 creative and talented 4th & 5th graders, led by director, Miss Meredith Smith. Our 2010 musical production is Oz!, a dazzling musical based on L. Frank Baum's classic story. The actors are working very hard this winter to recite lines, learn stage blocking, and memorize entertaining dances choreographed by Mrs. Kim Smith! We have four months to continue rehearsals and eagerly look forward to our April performances! Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATES: Friday, April 16th at 6:00 PM & Saturday, April 17th at 2:00 PM



Save the Date

- 3/5 Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?**
- 3/10 PARP PJ Story Hour**
- 3/13 PTA Craft/Vendor Fair**
- 3/26 No School - Supt. Conf. Day**
- 3/27 ShenSational**
- 4/16 Drama Club**
- 4/17 Production of OZ!**
- 5/20 Spring Concert**
- 5/27 Incoming Kindergartener Parent Orientation**
- 6/23 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony**

Jackie Sweeney Visit

Shatekon second graders find the perfect words to express themselves when they work with poet/author Jacqueline Sweeney during her recent Poetry and Our World residency. This program was made possible in part through a grant from the Saratoga Arts Council. During her residency, Ms. Sweeney nurtures our young writers as well as motivates many reluctant students to become successful writers. The program encourages students to select words more carefully, and explore and improve specific writing skills and techniques. All student poetry will be featured at Shatekon's Celebrate Reading Night on May 18th. This program is funded in part by the Arts in Education/Local Capacity Building program, a grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by Saratoga Arts.



From the Health Office

Important Notice to All Fifth-Grade

Parents: NYS law requires that students entering 6th grade for the 2010-2011 school year who are over 11 years old have a Tdap booster (Brand Names-Boostrix or Adacel). If your child's birthday falls after the start of school in September, parents should contact your family physician to schedule an appointment. Please let our nurse know when the appointment is scheduled for. She will relay that information to the middle school. If you have any questions, please call Dee Hughes, RN at 881-0581 or fax your information to 881-0498.

HELP WANTED

Parents: Shatekon is looking for another parent to join our School Partnership Team. Are you interested in learning more about school data, district goals, literacy initiatives, and much more? Are you available to attend a meeting at 2:30 on Thursdays bimonthly? Contact Elizabeth Wood if you are interested.

REMINDERS

- **We have seen an increase in the number of parents not using the Parent Drop-off Loop.** We have aides stationed every morning to help students cross safely from the parent drop-off loop to the main sidewalk. Please do not park directly in front of the school. Campus Security will be patrolling our parking lots in the near future.
- Shatekon Elementary School begins receiving students at 7:55 a.m. and dismisses at 2:15 p.m. **Please do not drop your child off prior to 7:55 a.m.** If you plan to pick up your child for dismissal (and you sent in a note in the morning indicating you would pick up your child) you should plan to arrive at Shatekon between 2:10 and 2:15 p.m.
- All visitors are asked to sign in at our main office and prominently wear their visitor sticker.
- **If your child is absent from school,** please remember to call the office at 881-0584 to let us know. A phone call is greatly appreciated!

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Website:
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Starting Time: 8:05am
Dismissal Time: 2:15pm

Kindergarten:
AM: 8:05am - 10:40am
PM: 11:40am - 2:15pm