

August 18, 2008

Dear Parents:

On behalf of the Shenandoah Elementary PTA, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you. Welcome back to all of our returning parents, and for our new parents, you will find that Shenandoah Elementary is one of the best schools in our area with a long history of having a very active and successful PTA. We are looking forward to another great year!

The first step we can all take to be involved in our school is to join the PTA. We have many exciting opportunities to show your support of our school, our teachers, and our children. This year we are starting a program just for Dads. It is Dads Actively Developing Successful Students - DADSS. We encourage the Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and other family members to join PTA and become an active participant in your child's education. Membership dues are only \$8.00 per family, and as a special perk, **every PTA family will receive a student directory**. Our PTA coordinates many volunteer efforts, raises funds throughout the year, and allocates the funds raised to benefit many areas of our school. We need you to join us with your membership, time, and talents as we continue to make Shenandoah Elementary the best that it can be!

On **Thursday, August 21st @ 6:00pm**, we will have a school-wide **PTA General Assembly meeting and Open House**. You will learn about the different PTA upcoming events followed by an introduction of the teachers. You will then have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, meet their teacher, and learn about their plans for the school year. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

You are receiving order forms today for PTA Membership and Spirit Wear. The students are allowed to wear their Spirit Wear shirts on Fridays. Please enclose all order forms with your check payable to Shenandoah PTA or if paying cash, send exact cash only in a sealed envelope. You may write one check for everything! The first Spirit Wear order deadline is Thursday, September 4th, so please send your order forms back soon.

On the back of this letter is a list of many of the upcoming events scheduled for the year. Please keep it handy for future reference. **When you join the PTA and provide your email address**, we will keep you informed throughout the year, with **email updates and reminders**. We are looking forward to working with all of you, and thank you for supporting the PTA!

Sincerely,

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PTA Calendar of Events – 2008/2009 (subject to change)

Reminder – Save your Community Coffee labels, Box Tops for Education, used printer ink cartridges. Send them to the office and the school will receive money for every item collected!

- August 18th - PTA Membership, Spirit Wear, and Yearbook Order forms sent home.
- August 19th – 10:00am – Room Parent Tea (off site)
- **August 21st – 6:00pm – PTA General Assembly meeting & Open House**
- September 3rd – PTA Fall Fundraiser begins and ends September 24th
- September 3rd – 10:00am - PTA Board & Chairperson meeting
- September 4th – Papa John’s Pizza Night
- October 1st – Reflections art contests begin and end October 22nd
- October 1st – 10:00am – PTA Board & Chairperson meeting
- October 2nd – Papa John’s Pizza Night
- October 16th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Skate Galaxy Skate Night/or Family Night
- October 31st – Halloween treats for all students provided by PTA
- November 5th – 10:00am – PTA Board & Chairperson Meeting
- November 6th – Papa John’s Pizza Night
- November 10th – November 14th – Book Fair (Book Fair Family Night – Nov. 13th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.)
- **November 13th – 6:00pm – PTA General Assembly & Reflections art contest awards**
- December 3rd – 10:00am – PTA Board & Chairperson Meeting
- December 4th – Papa John’s Pizza Night
- December 17th – 2:00pm – 3:00pm – Classroom Christmas Parties (Please note: Not an early dismissal day)
- December 18th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Skate Galaxy Skate Night
- January 7th – 10:00am – PTA Board & Chairperson Meeting
- January 8th – Papa John’s Pizza Night
- January 20th – Talent Show entry forms sent home
- February 4th – 10:00am – PTA Board & Chairperson meeting
- February 5th – Papa John’s Pizza Night
- February 6th - Deadline for Talent Show entry forms & music submitted to committee
- February 9th – February 13th – Teacher Appreciation Week
- February 10th – 3:30pm – Talent Show Tryouts for Pre-K – 2nd grade
- February 11th – 3:30pm – Talent Show Tryouts for 3rd – 5th grade
- **February 19th – 6:00pm – PTA General Assembly meeting & Talent Show**
- February 20th - Mardi Gras King Cakes provided for each classroom by parent volunteers
- March 4th – 10:00am – PTA Board & Chairperson meeting
- March 5th - Papa John’s Pizza Night
- March 31st – 10:00am – PTA Board & Chairperson meeting – (for April) (Please note: different day)
- April 1st – 3rd & 6th – 7th – Leap/iLeap Testing Week (no volunteers in school)
- April 2nd – Papa John’s Pizza Night
- April 9th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Skate Galaxy Skate Night
- April 9th – Easter treats for all students provided by PTA
- April 21st – May 21st – Prepackaged School Supply orders taken for 2009/2010 school year
- May 1st – 3rd – SPRING CARNIVAL! (please plan to work a shift!)
- May 7th – 10:00am PTA Board & Chairperson meeting
- May 7th – Papa John’s Pizza Night (order pizza early, then come to the PTA meeting!)
- **May 1st – 6:00pm – PTA General Assembly & Election of new officers - conducted by Student Council**
- May 14th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Skate Galaxy Skate Night
- May 20th – 12:00pm – 1:00pm – Classroom year end ice cream parties