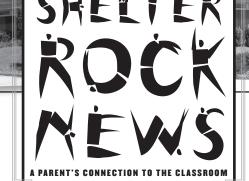


A Letter from JENNIFER VILLANO, SHELTER ROCK SCA PRESIDENT:



t is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you all to the 2007-2008 school year at Shelter Rock. I am honored to serve you as your new Shelter Rock SCA President. I am dedicated to each of you and your children and promise to serve and support you to the best of my abilities. I am looking forward to a great year filled with fun activities and enriching experiences for all of our children.

With great pleasure, I introduce to you our SCA Vice President, Lauren Baranello. Lauren and I have been hard at work, since the spring of last year, reviewing and honoring all of our parents' volunteer requests. It has been our goal to ensure that everyone who volunteered for the SCA is involved in some capacity.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new parents and students. I am confident that your experience at Shelter Rock will be positive and memorable for your entire family.

We kicked-off the school year with our New Parent Welcome. I had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with most of our new parents at Shelter Rock. I'd like to thank them all for this opportunity as well as their eagerness to participate in the SCA and the Shelter Rock community.

I'd also like to extend a special thank you to our endearing sixth grade students who delivered presentations featuring their favorite subject at Shelter Rock. They were poised, well-spoken and articulate. They are a true testament to the quality of education they have received here at Shelter Rock. We are so proud of the great job they did.

September 10th, kicked off Heroes Week at Shelter Rock. Thank you to Elena Schietinger and all of her efforts to make this special time meaningful for the children. I also want to thank our Publicity Co-Chair, Dawn McCormick for her presence and participation in the event. Dawn photographed the children's excitement when greeted by their local heroes.

Reflecting on the personal meaning of the week, our Fifth and Sixth Grade students wrote about their own heroes on individual links of paper. The links were then interlocked and strung on the walls as part of the annual Chain of Heroes. Thanks to our talented Bulletin Board Co-chair, Kim Delaney, a wonderful banner hung in the center of the Hallway of Heroes. This was done in perfect time for the parents to appreciate at Open House.

Both Open Houses could not have been possible without the very hard work and support of our Grade Level Chairs; Elsie Cruz (K), Elene Farrell (I), Randi Cecchini (2), Carol Conner (3), Christine Meyer (4), Mary Kay Connors (5), Diane Gershkowitz (6) and Vickie Gribbins (SC). A special thank to our Parent Representatives who worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly in the classrooms. They continue to work hard, creating the class lists and organizing the parent volunteers for the class trips and the class parties.

Working with both the Grade Level Chairs and the Parent Representatives is Monica Vatsia and Carolyn Oh, Shelter Rock Directory Chairs. Thank you both for being so helpful, informative, supportive and available to everyone through this process. I know you are going to produce a wonderful directory for all of our Shelter Rock families.

I am greatly appreciative to our Shelter Rock Information Packet Co-Chairs, Renee Press and Dana Klainberg, for their unyielding work in the production of the updated Information Packets that were distributed to all of the parents at Open House. This is such a valuable source of information for all of our parents at Shelter Rock. Thank you both very much.

In preparation for Open House, our Bulletin Board Committee, Kim Delaney and Mary Jane Reilly, redesigned the front showcases and decorated the SCA bulletin boards for all of our parents to enjoy. Great work, ladies!

You certainly couldn't miss our enthusiastic Spirit Fund-raising Committee; Kimberley Kuester, Lisa Pardo, Laurie Herbert and Minsum Kim in the main hallway at Open House. With smiles and vigor, they worked tirelessly, both nights, to raise money for our continued to back



SHAKED DECISION MAKING UPDATE

By Lynne Aloia, SDM Liaison

hanks to all the members who served on the various building Shared Decision Making teams in the past and a warm welcome to the new members for the 2007-2008 school year. Shared Decision Making is built on the ideals of teamwork and consensus. This year, the teams will share thoughts, goals and strategies in a combined effort to improve student performance. I am happy to say we had a wonderful kick-off and training session on September 28th. This was also the first official SDM meeting for all of the teams. As far back as anyone can remember this is the earliest Manhasset has ever gotten SDM off the ground. Training presentations were made by Joan Viscardi, Superintendent Charlie Cardillo, MEA representatives Ed Vasta and Linda Stampler, MESPA representatives Judi Reilly and Marie Zaso, MASA representatives Robert Geczik and Jean Kendall, and myself.

Shelter Rock team members are: Lisa Currie • Anne Dorogoff •

Robert Geczik • Lisa Greenwald • Vickie Gribbin • Vickie Lundin

Marsha Mass • Theresa

McSweeney • Paulette Williams

Keep in touch with what is going on in your District, attend the Parent Council meetings for updates on SDM. Minutes will also be posted on the District and SCA websites. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas for the teams, please feel free to contact any of the members. Their names and telephone numbers are listed on the "December" page in our school calendar. Teams will be meeting monthly and appreciate your input.



#### THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council represents the student body of Shelter Rock School. It encourages and fosters responsibilities that incorporate citizenship, empathy, and interdependence through school and community projects. Students plan activities that represent their interests. Student Council plans and implements the majority of fund raisers for the Shelter Rock community.

Each fifth and sixth grade class elected two students to represent their class on Student Council for this school year. From the sixth grade reps, Matthew Wysota was elected as President and Zoe Louis as Vice President.

In the fifth grade, the following students were elected:

Mrs. Ardito: **David Scaramucci** Jessica Vingiello Mrs. Butler: Sydney Blanche Zoe Vincoff Mr. O'Brien: Kellen D'Alleva **David Spampinato** Dr. Pessin: **Bridget Ferris** Mrs. Swaine: Jeffrey McNeary Sharina Mirpuri Mrs. Weiss-Begley: Matthew Cecchini Maureen Kade In the sixth grade, the following students were elected: Mr. Collyer: Amelia Conner Zachary Winn Mrs. Lawrence: Tara Belinsky Bryan Herbert Mrs. Mitchell: Rvan Miller Gabriella Scaramucci Dr. Pessin: John Furlong Mrs. Rappaport: Aaron Tabibzadeh Matthew Wysota Mr. Sirof: Grace Halio **Zoe Louis** The Student Council repre-

sentatives meet with their advisors, Mr. Sirof and Mrs. Rappaport, once a week during lunch and recess to discuss various issues.

## HAVE OLD CELLPHONES? DONATE THEM!

The Call to Protect program is reaching out and looking for help from Manhasset. This nationally recognized program seeks to collect phones which will help women who experience domestic violence.

With the used cell phones donated, more and more women will have the opportunity to call for help when they are in need. Most used phones are refurbished and then become lifelines to those who are faced with an emergency situation. Every year, an increasing number of women are hurt and killed by domestic violence and with the help of our community, this number can decrease.

Please donate a cell phone that is in working condition with a charger, if possible. One phone can save a life so please ask friends and neighbors as well. Phones that are functional but no longer needed can save the life of another.

National statistics show that nearly one-third of American women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives. The donation box is located at the Nancy Morris State Farm Insurance office, 22 Bayview Avenue, until November 30, 2007. If you have any further questions, please contact Victoria Belinsky at 516 365-4236.

#### PLANET MANHASSET

We all want to do our part in helping our environment and the health of our families but exactly what should/could we be doing?

Working jointly with Munsey Park School, this committee will research and implement ways to "green" our schools and our homes, resulting in lessening our collective impact on the environment as we make it healthier for our families and future generations.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Terry MacGown, Shelter Rock Co-Chair, at 869-0644 or tmac3@optonline.net.



Linda Gurino 627-4177 

### ETH GRADE CORNER

# SIXTH GRADE ACTIVITIES IS **OFF TO AN EXCITING START!**

The committee has planned several parties for the graduates! Our kickoff celebration will be an ice-cream party to be held in the middle of October. Students will be making their own sundaes with lots of great toppings! The celebration will be captured by our photographer for yearbook submission! In November, we will celebrate a wonderful Thanksgiving Brunch followed by a Holiday Celebration in December. In December, the sixth grade students will be visiting a senior residence. They will be bringing candy filled decorated boxes made by the students and singing some holiday tunes.

We are so excited and hope to make this their most memorable year at Shelter Rock.

Sincerely,

Barbara Borgognone, Jodi Fera & Diana Stefan The Sixth Grade Activities Committee

# YEARBOOK UPDATE

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The yearbook's design and planning is well underway! Your Yearbook Committee is working with tight publishing deadlines so please be prompt with your submissions.

Photos of your kids journey through their years at Shelter Rock and their baby photos for the "Guess Who?" page were due on Oct. 12th.

Also, on October 12th, the individual student portraits were shot by Lifetouch and the 6th grade group panoramic was taken on the playground.

Thanks for all your help. We're excited to capture their final year at Shelter Rock with a wonderful keepsake!

Call your yearbook co-chairs if you have any questions. Nina Kiess Terry MacGown Rebecca Scaramucci 365-2401 869-0644 627-2314

5th & 6th grade

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Welcome Back Parents:

As Co-Chairs of the Shelter Rock Publicity Committee, we are asking your help in letting us know of any events taking place in your child's classroom. Over the course of the year we will be making submissions to the Manhasset Press as well as posting pictures on one of the school's bulletin boards. If you are present at an event that we cannot attend, please send us any pictures you take with a quick description of the event as well as the name of the teacher and grade level.

Thanks for your help, Katie Lane : ricknroo@optonline.net Dawn McCormick: mcc4@optonline.net



YOU JUST MIGHT MAKE THE NEWS!





#### SATURDAY SERIES

This fall session began on September 29th will a full house. This SCA enrichment program runs for 8 weeks on Saturday mornings at the Shelter Rock School and is offered to all Kindergarten-6th grade Manhasset school district residents.

It offers a wide range of classes like cooking, fencing, arts and crafts, drawing, taekwando, golf, cake decorating, science, model building, sports, sewing, cartooning, chess, woodcraft, singing, acting and the ever popular musical theater.

This semester we're excited to have reinstated an **Introductory to Spanish** class to our curriculum. It is a fun interactive class. The earlier children are taught a new language, the easier it will be for them to learn and understand it. It also gives the older kids a head start for middle school.

On November 17th, the musical theater class will present their production of **Mary Poppins**. The show is free of charge and is performed in the Shelter Rock Auditorium.

This program is parent-run so your assistance helps to make it a success! Please e-mail us at satseries@aol.com or see us at the registration desk if you'd like to volunteer.



#### BOX TOPS for education program

Shelter Rock participates in the Box Tops Program. Box Tops can be found on General Mills, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker and many other products. A letter explaining the program and a complete listing of products has been sent home.

Please clip and send in all Box Tops you collect. The grade that collects the most will receive an ice pop party at the end of the year. To date, **Shelter Rock has earned over \$1,400**! Let's keep up the good work.



### WANT TO STAY INFORMED?

We welcome all parents to attend the SCA Parent Council Meetings

October 24th, Wednesday, 9:30am Munsey Park, Joint mtg. November 15th, Thursday 9:15am SR Auditorium January 10th, Thursday 9:15am SR Auditorium Joint mtg. w/Munsey Park March 13th, Thursday 9:15am SR Auditorium May 7th, Wednesday 9:30am Munsey Park, Joint mtg. June 5th, Thursday

9:15am SR Auditorium

Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing everyone there! Refreshments served!

SCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

### Support your schools and children!

The SCA unites parents, teachers, administrators, staff and community members. SCA dues are \$25 per family. The SCA uses these funds to provide a variety of programs to enrich the educational and social life of our children in all grades K-12.

Your membership dues support: -Student Enrichment Programs: Character Education, Speaker's Bureau, Saturday Series, Childrens Theatre, Book Fairs and more -Summer Sudies Awards and Education Grants

-Student Assistance -Communication: serves as

a conduit for information between the district and parents including the SCA website

Last year, the SCA made several significant gifts to all 4 schools.

- -Smart Boards for the elementary schools
- -Laptops for the English Dept -New maps for the Social Studies Dept
- -A telescope for the Science Dept

-Audio/video equipment for the secondary school

-Over \$30,000 was spent on en richment programs and it goes on!

Your membership dues help makes these programs possible.

Please become a member of the SCA. Send your dues to Membership PO BOX 33, Manhasset NY, 11030 Checks are payable to MSCA. We're excited to begin a new year!

#### MANHASSET SCA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE www.manhassetsca.org

To sign up for weekly SCA e-mail alerts, visit www.manhassetsca.org and click on the last orange button in the left column.

Join Our E-mail List



MRS. SEALOVE'S 4TH GRADE CLASS enjoyed a fun-filled day at Jones Beach on Wednesday, September 12th. The class visited the beach as part of their Science curriculum observing plants, shells and the weather and recorded the temperature of the air and water. The following week, the students visited Garvies Point and recorded the same information as they had done at Jones Beach in order to do a comparison of the two sites. All in all, the children had a great day!

#### The Americana Manhasset Champions for Charity® Holiday Shopping Benefit Enroll beginning October 1st

Shop between November 29th - December 1st, 2007

Help support the **Manhasset SCA** by doing your holiday shopping at participating Americana Manhasset and Wheatley Plaza stores during these three days, when **25**% of your designated pre-tax purchases will be donated back to the SCA!

To register for your complimentary CHAMPION CARD or for more information, log onto championsforcharity.org or call (800) 818-6767 or visit the Americana Manhasset Concierge Store.

When it's time to make a purchase, simply present your CHAMPION CARD with any form of payment. Your CHAMPION CARD is required to allocate your donation and MUST be presented at the time of each purchase.

For further information about the Manhasset SCA's involvement in Champions for Charity®, contact Christine Koskovolis (516) 869-9196 or LCKOSKO@aol.com.

\* All 2007 Champions for Charity® shoppers will be eligible to win a \$1,000 Americana Manhasset Gift

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### SCA LUNCHEON--DONATIONS NEEDED

A major goal for the SCA this year, is to purchase additional Smart Boards for every classroom in each of the elementary schools. There are also other significant projects under consideration for the Secondary School.

In order to make the luncheon a success we are asking for your help with donations. Here's how you can help:

- Contribute \$5.00 per student to help underwrite the raffle baskets and silent auction
- Donations of raffle items and baskets, such as tickets, services, or goods
- Make a monetary donation payable to Manhasset SCA Ways & Means

Send any donations to Linda Gurino, 34 Quaker Ridge Rd. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely, Linda Gurino, lbuoni999@aol.com Nancy Paganucci, paganucci@optonline.net

Raffle/Auction Chairs

### CHILDREN'S THEATRE

The Manhasset SCA Children's Theatre is proud to present *Season's Greetings*—*A Fun-filled Holiday Magic Show* on Dec. 1, 2007 and *Cinderella* on Feb. 2, 2008. Tickets can be purchased by mail for both shows for \$15.00 or \$10.00 per person at the door.

In early November, look out for a flyer in the backpacks with further information and the order form. Any questions please contact Deanna Durso 365-6858.

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SCA-sponsored children's programs and events that take place throughout the year. Thank you for all of your hard work and cheerful dispositions!!

Thanks to our Membership Co-Chairs, Marybeth Accurso and Dana Klainberg, the SCA Membership Drive at Shelter Rock was quite a success. The donations made to the SCA goes to all of the wonderful, fun, enriching and educational programs that benefit all of our children. On behalf of the SCA and all of our children, thank you!

If you attended the second Open House, you were greeted by spooky aliens and candy corn! Our creative and talented Halloween Party Co-Chairs, Linda Kane and Ann Marie Moschitta, certainly set the stage for what is in store for our Fifth and Sixth Grade students on the night of Halloween!! I don't know who is more excited the parents or the kids!!

t our September Parent Council meeting, Mr. Geczik spoke about some beginning-of-the-year information with his usual pizzazz. Mrs. Williams followed with a warm introduction of the new staff. Also in attendance was Mr. Cardillo who addressed some district-related issues and kindly availed himself to parents for further discussion. Our Parent Council was introduced and the Committee Chairs shared information about their committees. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and participate in the meeting. I look forward to seeing you all at future meetings.

At all of these events and other school-related meetings, Claire Sheehan worked behind the scenes to prepare a montage of goodies for the parents to enjoy. Thank you so much, Claire!

I am greatful to our incredible Newsletter Co-Chairs, Jackie Pracher and Sabrina Horn for creating this stellar Newsletter. This edition could not have been possible without their hard work and talent.

On behalf of the SCA, I want to thank Fran Shackel for her help and support with all our committee events.

I look forward to working with each of you in conjunction with our administration and staff to ensure that our children have a fabulous year.

Sincerely yours, . Jennifer Villano

Jennifer Villano Shelter Rock SCA President

