

STEVENS STAR



PTA Newsletter



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Francis L. Stevens Elementary School, Lake Hill Road, Ballston Lake, NY
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Northeastern District PTA



Calendar of Events

Wednesday April 1st
PTA Meeting 7:00pm

**Friday April 3rd &
Saturday April 4th**
BHBL Theatre for Children

Tuesday April 7th
Board of Education meeting
7:30pm Pashley

Wednesday April 8th
Report Cards Grades 1 – 5
Stevens PTA Science Night

April 10th – 17th



Tuesday April 21st
Board of Education at High
School 7:30pm.

Wednesday April 22nd
Stevens PTA Science Night

**Friday April 24th and
Saturday April 25th**
25th Anniversary (and Last)
Monopoly at Middle School

April 27 – April 30th
NY State Grade 4 Science Test

Wednesday April 29th
5th Grade Parents Orientation
at Middle School 7:00pm

Wednesday May 6th
Middle School Principal's Tea for
Grade 5 Parents, 9:00am

Thursday May 7th
Stevens School Walkabout
7:00pm

News from our President

I hope you and your children enjoyed reading together this month and were able to participate in the PARP program. Thank you to Lynnette Albright for coordinating this. With the month of March behind us we all owe a big thank you to Kim North and Denise Stewart for running the Book Fair and PJ Party this year! All the volunteers that helped with set-up, breakdown and in between were greatly appreciated. Kindergarten Registration went smoothly as always with Tina Crocetto at the lead. Great job! On to the month of April, when PTA will be hosting Science Nights. I hope you were able to sign up for a great evening of fun. The nominating committee is looking for people interested in holding an office next year. Please contact Amy Aldrich with any questions. Please remember we always need volunteers so if you have time to spare let any of the officers know and we can point you in the right direction. Thank you to Karen Orlop for coordinating Silver Graphics this year. Please remember to return your red folder when your program is complete. You can leave them in the PTA mailbox.

Happy Spring☺
Cathy Todd



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Last month was National Nutrition Month. One of the ways that some of our Steven's Superstars participated in recognizing this, was to keep a food journal for 2 weeks. The journal was a great way to enhance their writing skills while also working to increase their awareness about what they were eating.

Food journals are excellent tools for helping us monitor our intake. They can be as simple or as complex as we want them to be and serve as a daily reminder of how we are feeling, our hunger levels and of course the types of foods we are eating. If we see an unhealthy behavior developing, we can quickly make a modification and get back on a healthy track. Way to go kids! Keep up the great work and continue to keep those journals for a lifetime of healthy eating habits!!

Have a great month! Spring is on its' way!!
Donna Sausville



Thank you to all the students who submitted ideas for The Stevens Mascot!! You really used your imaginations and your ideas are all being considered. Good job!!



Save the Date!

Grease, Jr. will be performed by the BH-BL Theatre for Children on Friday and Saturday, **April 3rd and 4th** at the BH-BL High School Auditorium.

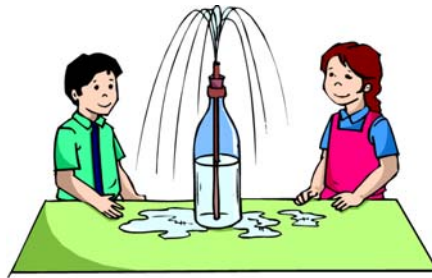
You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy affordable, live theatre for the whole family. Your enjoyment benefits our schools' Arts in Education programs and our high school stage and auditorium

Stevens Library and PTA Present Lights, Camera, Read!

Our Stevens Superstars certainly put the spotlight on reading this month. We had such great participation in the PARP program that the bulletin board in the cafeteria is bursting with colorful cut-outs.

Congratulations to our trivia challenge winners – enjoy your new reading material. We'd like to thank Mrs. Brott and Mrs.

Cartwright for providing the challenging questions for each week. Great job reading and keep that spotlight on your books!



Science Night

Science Night is here! A unique Stevens tradition returns on April 8th and April 22nd. Pick a night and come learn science by participating in a fun interactive environment with your child. According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, science is knowledge attained through study or practice. A great way to learn science is through hands-on practice which Science Night offers. Children (and parents) will participate in learning activities at the same time. Several different activities are currently being planned for all students Kindergarten through 5th grade to participate in. We are always open to new ideas or activities so feel free to send along suggestions. Look for a registration and volunteer sign-up note to come home with your child soon. Science Night is very popular and will fill up quickly on a first come first served basis so please make sure you return your registration as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing the Stevens Scientists soon!

Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education Update

February was a busy month for Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels collection programs. We submitted 3,612 box tops which gives Stevens a check in the amount of \$361.20. A deposit was made into our Campbell's Labels for Education account of 2,495 points. Stevens teachers will be redeeming these points for educational materials.

Thank you to every one of you who took the time to clip a Box Top or a Campbell's UPC. As always the collection bins are located outside of the Stevens media center.

Jolie Halm, Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Label coordinator



New Information if Your Child is Absent

Parents should always notify the school by **9:00AM**, either by phone call or email, whenever their child will be absent. If there is no call or email from a parent, the office staff must verify the student is absent by calling the parent. (A written excuse with a parent signature is still required when the child returns to school.) bmlodzianowski@bhbl.org, jbennett@bhbl.org

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Stevens Goes Green Plant Sale Fundraiser



This spring, the Stevens PTA will be conducting a fundraising plant sale. Order forms will be distributed in early April. Proceeds will go to fund green related activities for students including field trips and classroom activities and for various other PTA programs for our children. Please have your children sell plants to family and friends (no door-to-door selling please). All flowers and plants will be from local businesses. We will be asking parents of students to divide existing perennials from their gardens for us to sell as well. Please think about what you have in your garden that you may want to divide. You may bring plants to Stevens on Friday afternoon, May 15th or arrange to have us pick them up the week before the event. Plants can be placed in recycled containers or in plastic shopping bags. All plants must be picked up on Friday afternoon May 15th or Saturday morning May 16th. We will have a drive-up area in front of Stevens for those just picking up their plants. If you are unable to pick up your plants on one of these days, please indicate it on your order form and we will arrange delivery to you. If you have any questions or you can volunteer for the plant sale, please contact Tricia Letendre at 399-4602, or Kathy Welch at 885-6980.

Yearbook up date

Thank you to everyone who helped with the yearbook this year. Order forms will come out in May. The yearbook has been sent to the printer. Please do not send in anymore pictures. Thank you to all who sent in pictures for us to use in the yearbook.

Silver Graphics

A big thank you to all who participated in Silver Graphics this year. It was a great success. Orders will be in the first week of April and I'm collecting late orders through Friday March 23rd. These products won't be back until sometime in May. This may be the last year for Silver Graphics so stock up while you can. As always any questions or comments just give me a call 877-8203 Karen Orlop.



Think Spring! Volunteers needed:

Kindergarten Orientation

Paula Wunderlich @
399-6277 or Colleen Grabb @
384-7336
Please call if you can donate
Goldfish and or Juice boxes.

Burnt Hills Nursery School has Openings

The Burnt Hills Nursery School, located at 116 Kingsley Road in Burnt Hills, has openings for Fall.

Our "Little Red Schoolhouse" offers exceptional programs for both 3 and 4 year olds. Join us each week at the school for playgroups throughout the summer. This is a great way for your child to meet classmates, get to know our teacher, and become familiar with the school before they begin in the Fall. Come visit us and see our spacious backyard with exciting playground equipment for fun outdoor play. Your child will learn and grow in a warm, family oriented environment. For more information please call the school at 518-399-6655, e-mail:

mrs crabtree@nycap.rr.com
or visit us on the web at
www.bhns.org.

Stevens Odyssey of the Mind Team Takes 2nd Place



Congratulations go out to our Stevens Odyssey of the Mind 2009 Team of Rachel Johnson, Sara Aman, Shawn Rousseau, Jack Hromada, Matthew Foster, Lizzie Fish and Teddy Hull. The students, along with coach Kelly Johnson, have worked on the "Earth Trek" problem since October and competed on February 28th. Their hard work paid off when they came in 2nd place, just 2 points behind the first place team.

Burnt Hills was also represented at the High School level with 2 teams. Both of these teams came in 2nd place as well for their problems, "Earth Trek" and "Superstitions."

Way to go Burnt Hills!

**All Articles for the May newsletter are due by
Monday April 20,2009.
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