



Happy Fall!

SHEPHERD PTO MEETING  
October 14, 2024

# AGENDA

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Welcome &  
Appreciations

Thank You  
TAP

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Opportunities  
for Engagement

Fall Fest  
Committees  
180 Fund

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PTO Budget  
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School News

Principal's Update  
IB Recertification

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Next Meeting

Nov 20 -LSAT & PTO



Welcome



# KUDOS TO OUR MOST RECENT VOLUNTEERS!

## WALK/BIKE to SCHOOL DAY - October 9

- Rachel Hechter
- Michael Hechter
- Liz Daly
- Megan Browder
- Jessie Caola
- Marianna Papademetriou
- Kimberly Rollins
- James Zeigler
- Harrison Kreisberg
- Heather Holdridge
- Candace Mainor



# COMMITTEE LEADS!

## ■ Family Engagement

- Stephanie Bingham
- Kimberly Hauge

## ■ Curriculum & Staff Support

- Carye Brown
- Your Name Here!

## ■ Comms, Advocacy & Comm Relations

- Dana Ju

## ■ Health, Wellness & Sustainability

- Jassie Caola
- Rosemary Ajose

## ■ Facilities Improvement

- Daniel Stevens
- Christopher

## ■ Audit

- Radha Rajkotia

## ■ Nominating

- Michelle Toussaint
- Sharee Richardson

## ■ Fundraising & Grants

- Your Name Here!

## ■ Gear Sales

- Nichole Carlyle
- Jennifer Fessler

## ■ Yearbook

- Michael Hechter

## ■ Room Parent Network

- Jodi Arellanos
- Lyly Rijmen

## ■ Gala

- Your Name Here!

THANK YOU

**ROOM PARENTS!!!**

# Thank You - Your Involvement Makes a Difference

## You Lent Your Voice

- Crossing Guard / Safety Tech
- First Grade - Additional Teacher
- Fourth Grade - DCPS Engagement

## You Showed Up

- Summer Playdate
- BooHoo Breakfast
- Open House
- Parent Happy Hour at the Parks
- Back to School Night
- Family Photo Fundraiser
- “How to Talk About Racial Incidents” Workshops
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Walk/Bike to School



# TEACHER APPRECIATION PROGRAM (TAP)

- October Winner: Ms. Smith, Kindergarten
- Nomination: **Anonymous**

**"This is her first year as a lead teacher, and in such a short time she has done an exceptional job getting the kids comfortable and learning!"**

- Ms. Smith will receive a wishlist fund bonus!

# Congratulations





# Opportunities for Engagement



# Be IN THE KNOW with Communications

- Visit the School's Website - [Shepherd-elementary.org](http://Shepherd-elementary.org)
  - All PTO and LSAT meeting minutes and presentations
  - Links to Mustang Express and PTO Newsletter
- Register and Visit Frequently - Class Dojo - All Teachers and School Administrators
  - Read the Mustang Express, hear from Teachers, hear from Administrators
- Register for Groups io (e.g., 5th grade - [Class-of-2025@shepherd-es.groups.io](mailto:Class-of-2025@shepherd-es.groups.io))
  - Room parents, share info with other parents
- Register with Membership Toolkit (formerly A to Z connect)
  - To 'register' in PTO, receive emails from PTO, incl. Newsletter



**ClassDojo**

## Participate in Upcoming Events

- Family Faculty Kickball Game - Thursday, October 17, 4-5:30pm @ Lower Field
- Fall Fest - Sunday, October 20th, 12-4pm @ 14th St. NW between Jonquil and Kalmia
- Book-a-Ween Parade, Thursday, October 31st
- Donuts with Grownups, Tuesday, November 11, 8:30-9:10am - Space Limited - RSVP Required
- Next LSAT Meeting - Wednesday, November 20th @ 4 - virtual option
- Next PTO Meeting - Wednesday, November 20th @ 5:30 - virtual only

# Fall Fest - This Sunday, October 20



We need your help to make this event a success. Please sign up [here](#) to volunteer.

Game Truck  
Wow Wheelz  
Carnival Games  
Arts & Crafts  
Concessions  
Our very own DJ Velez

14th St. Between Jonquil and  
Kalmia

# Many Ways to Engage

- **ATTENDING EVENTS**
- **VOLUNTEERING for EVENTS**
- **LEADING COMMITTEES**
  - **FUNDRAISING and GRANTS**
  - **GALA**
  - **CURRICULUM**
- **JOINING COMMITTEES - email: info**
- **GIVING TO THE 180 FUND - see link in the Shepherd PTO Bulletin**





# Budget Update



# Budget Detail - End of September Financials Summary

REVENUES	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 30SEP)
180 Fund	18,000.00	6,322.08
Gear Sales	15,000.00	1,931.93
Shopping for Shepherd Program	100.00	0.01
Yearbooks	3,400.00	0.00
Fall Fest	15,000.00	0.00
Restaurant Nights	500.00	0.00
Fall Photo Fundraiser	5,000.00	3,075.80
Holiday Bazaar and Sale	3,000.00	0.00
Spring Gala and Auction	70,000.00	0.00
Cheerleading Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Drama Club Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Other Club Fundraising	0.00	0.00

<b>YTD Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,329.82</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,851.71</b>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>\$5,478.11</b>

EXPENSES	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 30SEP)
School Operational Support Fund	20,000.00	361.59
Principal's Fund	2,000.00	0.00
Staff Discretionary Classroom Supplies (Wishlist)	17,102.39	1,174.42
Staff Professional Development	2,100.00	0.00
Staff Appreciation	4,300.00	487.92
Room Parent Fund	9,150.00	341.85
School Fieldtrips	22,100.00	350.02
IB Program Support	12,000.00	0.00
Library Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
French Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Spanish Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Art Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Phys. Ed. Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Music Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Field Day	5,200.00	0.00
5th Grade Promotion	1,300.00	40.00
Prek4 Promotion	500.00	0.00
Parking Permits for Staff	750.00	150.00
CAPE/ACCESS Testing Snacks	1,000.00	0.00
DC Business License (DCRA)	80.00	260.00
Web Site Maintenance (Intrepid and Google Suite)	2,000.00	228.96
Banking/Merchant Fees	5,000.00	35.26
Miscellaneous PTO Supplies and Expenses	300.00	0.00

EXPENSES (CONT'D)	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 30SEP)
Walk/Bike to School Day	60.00	0.00
Fall Fest	9,000.00	870.00
Fall Photo Fundraiser (Photog Fees)	2,000.00	0.00
Holiday Bazaar and Sale	1,800.00	0.00
Spring Gala/Auction	30,000.00	712.50
Gear Procurement	12,500.00	0.00
Yearbook Purchase	3,000.00	0.00
Beautification Day(s)	900.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Enhancements	500.00	0.00
Cheerleading Team (Earmarked from fundraising)	164.54	69.49
Drama Club (Earmarked from fundraising)	1,026.10	0.00
Donuts with Grownups/Walk with Me day	1,000.00	330.00
"Welcome to Shepherd"	110.00	0.00
Summer Playdate		
Boo-Hoo Breakfast	500.00	439.70
Faculty-Parent Softball and Kickball Games	600.00	0.00



# School News





Welcome Back Principal Russell!



# Important School News

## Important Initiatives

**Comprehensive School Plan**  
**Creating the “Shepherd Way”**  
**IB Recertification**



## Im Focus

**Hiring for Vacancies**  
**Supporting 4th Grade**

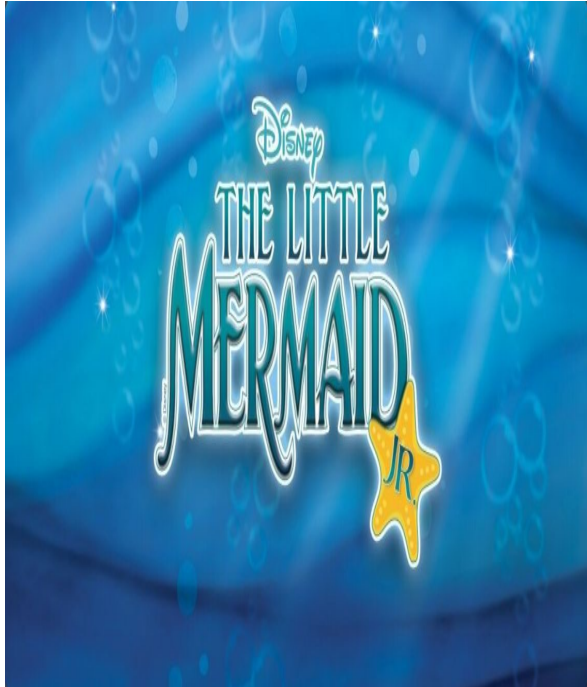
## Some Exciting Activities

**New Playground Construction**  
**Start of Cheer, Basketball Season**  
**Embassy Adoption Program**

## Stay Tuned

**Early Readers Program**  
**NOAA STEM Day**  
**Clubs**

# The Arts are Thriving at Shepherd



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# SHEPHERD ES IB EVALUATION

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IB PARENT ACADEMY  
2024-2025

# PURPOSE OF THE SESSION

The purpose of this session is to give an overview of our school's upcoming IB evaluation.



# WHAT IS THE IB EVALUATION?

- It is a reflective process that involves the entire school community
- Assesses whether a school continues to meet the requirements of the IB
- Supports school's efforts in continuing the delivery of the programme

# IB PHILOSOPHY



IB uses standards and practices to evaluate schools in these key areas.

**1**



PURPOSE

**2**



LEARNING

**3**



CULTURE

**4**



ENVIRONMENT



# PHASES OF THE IB EVALUATION

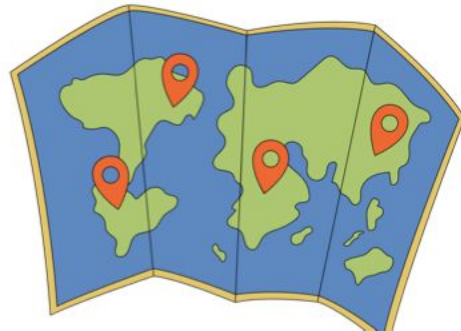
- Phase 1: Documentation
- Phase 2: Self-Study
- Phase 3: IB Visit in February





# YOUR ROLE

- Fill out the IB parent survey released in December
- Participate in a focus group session as requested
- Provide evidence
- PTO and Shepherd staff will partner to create a warm welcome for our evaluators





# THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>!