



Tuesday Scoop

Shepherd Elementary School, Washington, DC

<http://www.shepherd-elementary.org>

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From Principal Robinson

The cold weather is here! Please send your students with warm outerwear. Remember to label everything. Lost and found is already building up. If you are looking for lost items, please check in the office.

The **book fair** was a big success! The children were enthusiastic, parents bought good books, and helpers kept business flowing. Thanks especially to **Ms. Garcia, Ms. Davis-Sewell, Ms. Moneme, Ms. Hudson, and Ms. Rubens** for their generous assistance. Thanks also to **Ms. Scinto** for altering her library services to accommodate for the book fair. Funds will be used to buy needed library supplies.

Mr. Velez (Pre-K Aide) did a great job organizing (and DJ-ing) the **Halloween Party** last Friday. The children and adult chaperones reported a good time was had by all. Great music, a dance contest, and line dancing kept the fun and laughter going strong. And the "Haunted House" was a hit with the Kindergartens as much as it was with the Six Graders. Funds collected will support the school's Jazz Band and the Ski Club. Thanks to the PTA for helping buy refreshments to sell and to the teachers and parents who helped during the dance and with clean up.

Classes continue to enjoy and learn during **field trips** to the National Cathedral. The docents there have been very complimentary of the quality of the questions the children have asked and the information they have shared, not to mention their good behavior! Other classes will enjoy "Where the Wild Things Are" at the Warner Theater on Thursday morning. Thanks to the teachers for organizing these enriching activities and to parents for accompanying the classes.

~Dan Robinson, Principal

From the PTA

Those who attended the last PTA meeting received an update from Frank Borris (co-chair Building & Grounds Committee) on the **windows**, including why the installation was abruptly halted and possible next steps to remedy the situation. With help from parent Stephanie Scott, the PTA has scheduled a meeting with DCPS Facilities official(s) for **November 1st** at 6:45 pm at the school.

The **school directory** will be going to print soon, and we need your information BY OCTOBER 31st! Just send the following information to charisse_brossard@adp.com: your full name & your spouse's full name, address, phone numbers, email address, child(ren)'s name & teacher's name.

We currently have 70 **PTA memberships** and our goal is 170. If you care about your school and the education of your child, join the PTA. There are various changes and decisions that need to be made every month that affect all grades. Your comments and input are needed to ensure the goals and directions set forth by the PTA and the school are meeting the needs of kids and families.

~Nayada Cowherd-Hinnant, 202-607-3370,
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>> MARK YOUR CALENDAR <<

October 31	Halloween Parade, lower field, 6pm
November 1	Fannie Mae Homeless Mini-Walk
November 1	Special PTA meeting with DCPS to discuss windows, 6:45PM
November 2	Half-day, Dismissal at 12:15pm
November 12	Holiday, NO SCHOOL
November 14	LSRT public meeting, 3:30pm; and PTA Meetings, 6:45
November 14-15	D.C. BASS testing

My Class Field Trip

By **Theo Biddle**, October 12, 2007

Second grade, Mr. King's class

Yesterday our class went on a field trip to the Washington National Cathedral. The travel bus took us to the Cathedral. We went by my grandma and grandpa's neighborhood. The first road we took was Kalmia Street. The other roads were 16th Street, Military Road, and then we got on Nebraska Avenue and finally Wisconsin Avenue.

I learned how important it is to get the right pieces of glass because if you don't get the right pieces the stained glass windows won't look good. Inside the Cathedral classroom we made a quilt with some paper. The Cathedral was colored gray on the outside. On the inside of the classroom, there was a lot of artwork.

I liked the field trip because we got to make a quilt. I also liked it because we got to see a piece of the moon.

2nd Grade Class Field Trip

Additional Commentary from Theo's Mom!

Over the past couple weeks, several classes of Shepherd students have visited the Washington National Cathedral. In Mr. King's 2nd grade class, very few of the students had ever been to the Cathedral. As we arrived, there were oooh's and aaah's, and at least one student said "It's a big castle!"

We were greeted by a Cathedral teacher who escorted the class into the Cathedral and down some carved stone stairs to a classroom. There the students were welcomed and introduced to the Cathedral. The teacher asked the students to name people who have been important in the history of the United States and to describe some of the values important to these people. Then each student picked one of the values and drew a picture to represent that value. Once everyone was finished, the children tied the pictures together to create a quilt.

The class was also treated to a tour of the Cathedral with stops to visit important people and events in the history of the United States. One of the most popular was a statue of the Reverend Dr. Martin

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EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:15 PM

THIS FRIDAY, NOV. 2ND

Students will be dismissed at 12:15 pm on Friday, November 2nd. Teachers will be involved in recordkeeping activities in the afternoon following the close of the first advisory and in preparation of report cards. There will be **no STAR ACHIEVERS** after care services that day. Please remind external child care providers of this early pick up time. Make arrangements now to accommodate the early dismissal time. The office cannot be responsible for children after dismissal.

Special PTA Meeting

Thursday, November 1, 2007

6:45PM at the school

Topic: Installation of new windows.

Guests: Paul Taylor, DCPS Deputy Director of Facilities; Allen Lew, DCPS Facilities Modernization Executive Director.

Important information will be discussed and critical decisions will have to be made on how the windows project will proceed, so please make every effort to attend. **All are invited!**

~Yvonne McIntyre, PTA President



Friday's Halloween Party

From the Editor: We have a new editor for next week's issue: Pre-K parent **Celeste Moneme** (cmoneme1@yahoo.com). Other editors are needed. If you would like to be an editor or help the Communications Committee in another fashion, send an email to Kindergarten parent Alex Kincannon at alexandra.kincannon@verizon.net.

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Luther King. The Cathedral teacher shared that Dr. King preached from the pulpit at the Cathedral. Another favorite was seeing the olive branch showing up in multiple sculptures and paintings, representing peace.

There was just time at the end of the visit to go up to the observation area at the top of the Cathedral. The day was clear enough to see the Potomac River, the Anacostia River, multiple monuments, and many other Washington landmarks.

~ *Cara Biddle*

From the Editor:

Parents/Teachers, we want to have more contributions from the kids (and parents, too), so please don't hesitate contributing to the newsletter! Just send your write-ups to the email address that appears at the end of each newsletter.

MINI-WALK FOR THE HOMELESS

ALL Shepherd students will participate in the Fannie Mae Mini-Walk for the Homeless at **2 pm** this Thursday, **November 1**. This is an important annual service project to support the work of Hope and a Home, a nonprofit partner organization that works to find transitional housing for formerly homeless families. Our school's participation is key to raising funds for the organization. For each signed form Fannie Mae gives Hope and a Home about \$10, and gives student walkers a T-shirt. **PLEASE** return your signed forms **NOW**. There are extra forms in the office if your child has lost one.

*Congratulations to **Ms. Chambliss' class** for being the first to turn in 100% of the forms.*

COMMUNITY CORNER

Fourth District Metropolitan Police Invites You to Visit Their Halloween Haunted House

Wednesday, **October 31** at 6:00 – 8:00 pm at 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW. For ages 5 to 11 with an adult escort. Come before or after your trick-or-treating. There will be a Costume Contest, games and prizes, light refreshments. For more information: Alicia Rucker, 4th District Community Outreach Coordinator, 576-7247.

Washington Ethical Society is providing a screening of **Farmingville - POV** (NR, 2004) which won the Sundance Special Jury Prize, this Friday, **November 2, 7:00 pm** at 7750 16th Street (at Kalmia). \$5 admission includes popcorn, candy, and drinks. *NOTE: Due to construction, enter from ally off Kalmia.* Film summary: "The hate-based attempted murder of two Mexican day laborers catapults the Long Island town of Farmingville into national headlines, unmasking a new frontline of the border wars— suburbia. Blending the stories of town residents and day laborers, Farmingville reveals the human impact of mismanaged national policies that lead to fear, racism, and violence." The post-film discussion will reference recent immigration issues and challenges from Northern Virginia and Maryland suburbs.



Mr. Valez rockin' the house at Friday's Halloween Party!

Halloween Parade on Lower School Field TOMORROW Night

The annual Halloween Parade will take place on **Wednesday, Oct. 31—Halloween Night**—on the lower field of the school. Trick-or-treaters should gather on the field at **5:45 p.m.** The parade—a one lap walk around the track—will start at 6 p.m. **SHARP!** If your child is in Star Achievers, he/she can go straight from aftercare to the field in time for the parade. Be sure to notify Mr. Huff!

Before the parade, parents will be offered a list of 110 neighborhood addresses where treats will be handed out. The list is posted on the Shepherd Park Parents and Shepherd Park Neighborhood listservs (*see list to right for small sample of addresses!*). This is great for busy parents who need to plot a clear and quick route back home. The list is also ideal for those families who don't live near the school and want to trick-or-treat in the neighborhood.

If you're going home after the parade to hand out treats, but don't have your home on the list, send an e-mail by noon Wednesday to pattison_mark@hotmail.com to be included.

~Mark Pattison

Remember: This Halloween, sunset is at 6:12 p.m. and twilight is at 6:37 p.m. Whatever you do, please drive **SAFELY** and **SLOWLY!** Walk with flashlights to avoid tripping on uneven sidewalks and slipping on leaf covered steps. Cross at the corners, walk in groups, and wear reflecting clothing. Have a safe and ghoulishly fun Halloween!



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Annual Neighborhood Halloween Decorating "Contest"

Judging took place over the weekend. With the help of three parents from SES plus one from the nearby Lowell School, winners were selected in the Shepherd Park neighborhood's annual house and pumpkin decorating contest. One address—1321 Jonquil—won the awards for "best" house, "funkiest" house, and "best" pumpkins. The house at 1301 Floral won the award for "funkiest" pumpkins. There are other houses in the neighborhood that have been outfitted for Halloween, especially on the 1220 block of Holly, the 1300 block of Locus, and the 1300 block of Jonquil. Be sure to stop by these home to see all the ghostly decorations and creative jack-o-lanterns before the come down—the kids will scream with delight!

~ Mark Pattison

The next Tuesday Scoop is scheduled for November 6. The editor will be **Celeste Moneme**. Submissions should be emailed by 3:30pm on Friday, November 2 to cmone1@yahoo.com, or placed in the Tuesday Scoop mail box in the Parents' lounge across from the main office.