



# Tuesday Scoop

Shepherd Elementary School, Washington, DC

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## From Interim Principal Foster

Hello! Hola! Bonjour!

We have been quite busy at Shepherd ES this past week. Our Black History Program was a huge success, with students and teachers showcasing their talents and recognizing contributions of famous African-Americans. As a special treat, we invited Dr. Sparrow to come to the program and honored him for his contributions during his five week stay at Shepherd. Many thanks to all of the parents and community members who attended the program.

On Friday, parents met with teachers for Parent Teacher Conference day. Congratulations to Ms. Gibbs' Pre-Kindergarten class who had a 90% parent turnout and Ms. Thurber's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with an 80% turnout. Both of those classes will receive a special treat from the principal this Friday afternoon.

During the month of March we celebrate *Women's History Month*. Please take the opportunity to engage your children in activities that will enlighten them about women who have made meaningful contributions to this country and in the world. Additionally, in March we celebrate *Music In Schools*. Hopefully, we will see many of you on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Jazz Night. It's potluck and everyone is excited about tasting a "variety" of foods. Let's be original!

Next week we embark on the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of DC BAS testing, which is our systemwide interim assessment. Testing will begin on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and end on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. We need your help in ensuring that students report to school each day and on time. It is critical that students eat breakfast and are well rested. Results of these exams will give us data about what skills students have mastered and what skills we need to focus on during our DC PUSH campaign. There are only 6 instructional weeks left before our DC CAS testing.

I have entered my third week as Interim Principal at Shepherd ES. As always, thanks for your continued support and well wishes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to see me in the Main Office. Take care!

Shannon D. Foster  
Interim Principal



## Red Carpet Auction - Update

The Auction is a little more than two months away and the PTA is soliciting items to include in both the silent and live auctions. No item is too big or too small.

Other area schools raise hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to support their children and their academic environment. As we strive to be a top five school in DCPS, we depend on all our students to learn and excel and our parents to do their part to make Shepherd a positive and fulfilling educational experience for our children. A large part of our Shepherd PTA dollars comes from the annual Spring Auction, in the form of ads and sponsorships. Please consider placing an ad in the Auction catalog for your favorite student, teacher or business.

Advertising Rates:

\* Full Page \$100 \* Half Page \$50 \* Quarter Page \$25

Another option is to sign up for a sponsorship package that includes tickets and an ad. All sponsorship packages include:

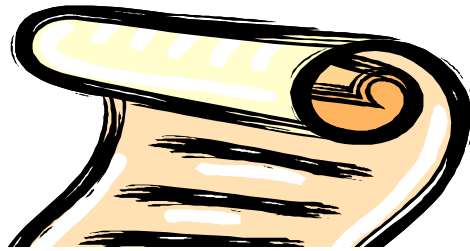
- \* Acknowledgment of Donation at the Auction Gala
- \* Recognition as an Auction Sponsor on the SES Website

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**Congratulations  
to the following  
Shepherd ES students  
who earned Honors  
during the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory:**

**Honor Roll**



**Honor Roll  
(All 3's & 4's)**

**High Honor Roll  
(All 4's)**

Anamarie King  
Kelly Underwood  
Yolanda Andrews  
Summer Durant

**Perfect On-time  
Attendance**

Precious Joy McPherson  
Luc Nikiema  
Lauren Brinkley  
Anamarie King  
Felicia Luswenyo  
Bryana Ortiz  
Christian Hudson  
Lucas Lindo  
  
Ra'eese Corbitt  
Joy Nicholas  
Jordan Tyner  
Kyla Marrkand  
Joseph Moore  
Jock Pollock  
Leia Terrell  
  
Dysis Scarlett  
Alex Hodo  
Solane Kumarro  
Chandler Kent  
Marcus Franklin

**Citizenship**

Precious Joy McPherson  
Luc Nikema  
Afia Tyus  
Justin Hinnant  
Rashaan Stembriage  
Lauren Brinkley  
Anamarie King  
Felicia Luswenyo  
Bryana Ortiz  
Kelly Palmer  
Antonio Rodriguez  
Christian Hudson  
Joie Gadsden  
Rachel Hardnett  
Kenrhon Jones

Oliver Borris  
Kyla Marrkand  
Jasmine Morrow  
Phylecia Richardson  
Kris Saulny  
Steve Sneed  
Leia Terrell  
Meghan Webster  
Krista White  
Tyler Jones  
Alex Lewis  
Jordan Tyner  
Brianna Morgan  
  
Yolanda Andrews  
Evelyn Cahall  
Summer Durant  
Whitnee Epps  
Dysis Scarlett  
Kelly Underwood  
Solane Kumarra  
Amber Nuby

Lauren Brinkley  
Felicia Luswenyo  
Kelly Palmer  
Joie Gadsden  
Christian Hudson  
Nikko Preece  
Joshua Page  
Luc Nikema  
Afia Tyus

Oliver Borris  
Jasmine Morrow  
Phylecia Richardson  
Kris Saulny  
Tyana Swanson  
Leia Terrell  
Meghan Webster  
Krista White  
Kyle Hudson  
Tyler Jones  
Alex Lewis  
Ra'eese Corbitt  
Joy Nicholas  
Jordan Tyner  
Brianna Morgan

Solane Kumarra  
Marisa Powell  
Columbus McKinney  
Amber Nuby  
Chandler Kent  
Shauna Durant  
Isabella Albamonte  
Blair Brown  
Evelyn Cahall  
Whitnee Epps  
Atiya Harvey  
Dysis Scarlett  
Matt Solberg

**Mark Your  
Calendar!**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| March 7     | Annual Jazz Night & Potluck 6:30pm            |
| March 9     | Spring Forward - Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| March 12    | PTA Meeting – principal selection             |
| March 14    | Pi Day (3.14159265...) *                      |
| March 19    | PTA Meeting – general membership meeting      |
| March 21-28 | DCPS Spring Break                             |

\* For more info, see <http://www.exploratorium.edu/pi/>

## Red Carpet Auction – Update (continued)

### PLATINUM SPONSOR (\$2,500)

- \* Reserved Table for 10
- \* Premiere Signage at the Auction Gala  
(Celebrity Titled Dining Action Station)
- \* Full Page Ad in the Auction Catalog/Program
- \* Presentation of Donation Check at the Auction Gala
- \* Listed as Platinum Donor in Shepherd PTA Programs

### GOLD SPONSOR (\$1,000)

- \* Reserved Seating for 6
- \* Signage at the Auction Gala
- \* Full Page Ad in the Auction Catalog/Program

### SILVER SPONSOR (\$750)

- \* Reserved Seating for 4
- \* Signage at the Auction Gala
- \* Half Page Ad in the Auction Catalog/Program

### MUSTANG SPONSOR (\$500)

- \* 2 Tickets to the Auction Gala
- \* Signage at the Auction Gala
- \* Half Page Ad in the Auction Catalog/Program

Forms are available in the school office.

For more information please contact Nayada Cowherd:

[nlcowherd@aol.com](mailto:nlcowherd@aol.com) or 202-607-3370

## Food Allergies

### Does Your Child Have Food Allergies?

Food allergies can threaten the health -- and even the life -- of a child. Shepherd School parents and some staff know all too well the dangers that can be posed by a child eating something that can induce a terrible sickness.

Parents are developing a form in which parents would authorize a photo of their child to be posted in the school office and in the lunchroom with a list of allergy-causing foods next to the picture. Since the office and the lunchroom are the two primary places where a hungry student will go looking for food, and where school staff often frequent, the bulletin boards at those locations make the most sense. Using your child's school photo, or any other photo you prefer, can be very helpful in this regard.

For more details, e-mail Jaye Jones-Muhammad at [jrjones\\_2704@yahoo.com](mailto:jrjones_2704@yahoo.com)

~ Mark Pattison

## Learn About the DC-CAS Test

In April our students in grades 3-6 will take the DC-CAS test to assess their knowledge and skills in math, reading, writing and science. On Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm there will be an information session about the test at Barnard ES, 430 Decatur St. NW. Parents and care givers will be able to learn about why this test is so important and come away with useful tips for improving students' performance. For more information please contact the DCPS Office of Family and Community Engagement, Office of Data and Accountability at 202-442-5615.

## SES Ski Club



Under the direction of the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association (DCIAA) Ski Program, the SES Ski Club was able to go on a *second* day trip this year. Both outings were to the Liberty Mountain Resort in Carroll Valley, PA. Adult leaders were German Velez and two former Shepherd Parents: Jackie Diggs and Ray Bailey, who have been involved with the program at Shepherd since its inception.

The club is comprised of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Children, leaders and other adult chaperones all had a safe and fun filled day on the mountain.

## Tuesday Scoop is on the Web!

When was the last time you visited our school website? Surf over to [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org), click on the "For Parents" pull down and you'll find the Tuesday Scoop! Just in case the Scoop doesn't make it home in your child's backpack, here's another way for parents to stay in the loop.

## Colored Paper Please...

Principal Foster is asking for donations of colored copier paper. She plans to send communications home via the students, and colored paper will surely catch parents' attention. If you can donate a ream or two, please bring it to the school office. Thanks!

## Question of the Day

Mr. Leonard & Mr. Beard started it in February... Black History Month questions were announced over the school's public address system each morning. Each class had the opportunity to discuss the questions and come up with an answer from their class. Answers could be deposited in a box outside Mr. Leonard's classroom, and winners were selected. It was a fun and educational activity for all.

The questions may continue through the remainder of the school year, focusing on different themes.

Listen up!

**Don't Forget... The 19th Annual Shepherd Jazz Night**  
**March 7, 2008 6:30-9:30pm**



Live professional jazz, pot-luck soul food, and great company for the whole family! Bring something tasty to share! While the live jazz will start at 6:30pm, a video will kick-off the evening at 6:00 pm.

This year's theme is *Mardi Gras a la Vieux Carré* -- that's the New Orleans French Quarter -- and a big, heaping pot of gumbo has already been promised.

Volunteers are still needed for setup & cleanup.  
Contact Sukari Hardnett:  
s.hardnett@verizon.net, 722-1442 or 489-5221

## Riley “B.B.” King

### The King of the Blues

The blues is the most important part, or element of jazz music. It is a form of music that has African rhythms and expresses the good, rough, happy, sad and deep feelings associated with life in general. The blues music started in the southern parts of the U.S., growing out of the work songs of slaves on the plantations, particularly around New Orleans and the Mississippi Delta Region. Many “country” or “delta” blues musicians play guitars and sing these songs. The flavor and structure of this music has been taken by jazz musicians as they have created many other forms over the years, including ragtime, be-bop, hard bop, and even avant garde.

Among the greatest blues men is Riley B. King. He is best known as B.B. King, “The King of the Blues.” He has defined the blues for audiences worldwide for more than 60 years. He was born on September 16, 1925 on a plantation in Itta Bena, Mississippi. As a youth, he played his guitar on street corners for nickels and dimes, sometimes in as many as four towns in a single night. Later, he went to Memphis, Tennessee to learn from older musicians and to make his mark. It was there that he developed his most identifiable style of playing and singing the blues. Many other musicians have learned and borrowed from his distinctive style. Around 1955, while playing in Twist, Arkansas, he named his guitar “Lucille” which has been given to every instrument he has played since. At 83 years old, B.B. King, along with Lucille, has played about 10,000 concerts in his long career, and is still performing!

In fact, he is playing locally at the Strathmore Music Hall in Bethesda, Maryland on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to sold-out crowds who can't get enough of this blues legend. Young artists can learn so much from B.B. King's example of having faced adversity, practiced hard, stuck with his craft, learned from others, and developed his own voice and his own sound on his instrument. They can also be inspired by his long and serious commitment to creating and sharing his special art with the world. This is something our young people of today can do too, if they want to.

**“Don't forget THE BLUES!”**

*~ The late Nap Turner, Washington, DC blues man*

*~ Michael Wallace*

**\* Please note that Mr. King will not be performing at Shepherd Elementary School.**

*The next Tuesday Scoop is scheduled for publication on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The editor will be **Kimberly Brandon**. Submissions should be emailed by 3:30pm on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to [brandonsdc@hotmail.com](mailto:brandonsdc@hotmail.com) or [kimberly.brandon@reznickgroup.com](mailto:kimberly.brandon@reznickgroup.com) or placed in the Tuesday Scoop mail box in the Parents' lounge across from the main office.*