



Tuesday Scoop

Shepherd Elementary School, Washington, DC

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

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From Interim Principal Foster

Dear Parents,

This week is National Teacher's Appreciation Week. We are celebrating our wonderful teaching staff, honoring them for their commitment to educating our students. Please encourage your child to write a letter, design a card or choose another creative way to acknowledge their teachers this week. Have you visited our Scholastic Book Fair in the library? There are many wonderful books and educational resources for children and adults. Our book fair will last through Friday, May 9th. Proceeds from the fair will benefit Shepherd Elementary School.

Our Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 3 students will be administered the DIBELS test this week. This test is an indicator of how well our early childhood and primary students are progressing as emerging/early readers. We look forward to positive results that show our students are advancing in the areas of phonemic awareness, fluency and word recognition. Our 3rd through 6th grade students celebrated completion of the DC CAS testing with an "After jam" Dance on last Friday. Thanks to those parents who attended and helped to chaperone.

We have many upcoming field trips planned, especially on the early childhood and primary levels. We would love to have parent chaperones to accompany our students on their fun-filled excursions! We are also in need of chaperones for *Field Day*, which is scheduled for Friday, June 6th on the Shepherd ES field. If you are able to assist, please see our P.E. teacher, Mr. Shabazz.

Speaking of volunteering, we are also in need of parents who would like to serve on the Girls' and Boys' (Grades 4th through 6th) luncheon committees. These events will take place the last week in May. Your input and assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you would be willing to help.

Hopefully, you are planning to attend the *PTA's Annual Auction* on Friday, May 16th. My staff and I look forward to seeing you there! Take care and have a great rest of the week!

~ Shannon D. Foster,
Interim Principal

P.S. We have an abundance of items in our "Lost and Found." Please drop by if your child is missing any items. We will also have them on display during *Parent Conference Day*, May 16th, in the auditorium. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local shelter on Monday, May 19th.

SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lights! Camera!! Auction!!!

A Red Carpet Affair



When: Friday, May 16th
7pm-midnite

Where: Howard Blackburn Center

Attire: Hollywood Chic

Hosted by
Allison Seymour and Marc Clarke

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Mark Your Calendar!

May 5 th – 9 th	SES Book Fair
May 6 th	Terrific Kids Assembly
May 7 th	Deadline for LSRT Member Nominations
May 9 th	DC Labor Chorus concert (with some SES students performing!)
May 10 th	DC Elementary Schools Science Fair (at McKinley Tech HS)
May 13 th	Star Achievers in <i>As You Like It</i> , Children's Shakespeare Festival
May 15 th	NOAA Assembly
May 16 th	Deadline for PTA Board Nominations
May 16 th	School Closed / Parent Teacher Conferences
May 16 th	Red Carpet Auction @ Howard University's Blackburn Center 7pm
May 21 st	PTA Meeting
May 23 rd	School Band Concert – BWL
May 26 th	School Closed / Memorial Day

Lights! Camera!! Auction!!!

Round up a baby sitter and come enjoy and evening with the Shepherd Stars!! Bid on items like:

- 1 night of babysitting service by a responsible 18 year old college student with plenty of experience.
- Private Performance with Mambo Sauce - have them come to your graduation party, birthday party or have your own back to school jam. "Welcome to DC!!!" If you don't know...Ask your kid!
- I Scream, You scream, We all scream - become an Ice Cream Chef and create your own flavor
- Behind the Mic With the Russ Parr Morning Show
- Two-weekend night stay with breakfast at the Wardman Park Marriott
- One round of golf for foursome with cart and range service.
- Dessert -a-month for one year. Our recipe or yours! We do healthy and decadent like chocolate!
- Canon Business Copier/Scanner/Printer - Color imageRUNNER C3200
- Skin Therapy - Visia Complexion Analysis, Physician Consultation and Targeted Spa Therapy/Facial
- Personal chef services with the Redskins and US Open official chef -- in your home for up to ten people. Four courses along with a saxophonist. The menu is yours to create or work with the chef.
- One week of French Summer Camp
- The first semester of 2008-2009 of Star Achievers aftercare!
- Take a trip to the Big Easy (New Orleans). Two night stay in a French Quarter Hotel (3 star minimum), tour tickets of the city, and four tickets to a Hornets game.
- 1 Hour of electrical service work
- Makeup Makeover party for up to ten little girls in your home or location of your choice.
- Rhee-ping the Benefits - Breakfast (for 2) with Chancellor Michelle Rhee
- Cashmere jacket with black fur collar

Tickets are \$50 each - Purchase them online at www.shepherd-elementary.org, or contact:

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| • Guy Harvey @ 202-280-5007 | • Charles Branche - cwbranche@yahoo.com |
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| • Kim Sinkford - sinkfords@aol.com | • Ms. Brooks - the school (in the office) |

And with less than two weeks until auction day, more prizes keep rolling in! A 42-inch flat-screen TV will be raffled. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. You need not be present to win, but tickets will be sold through auction night, even at the Blackburn Center at Howard University. A Nintendo Wii will also be up for raffle at the auction, but you'll have to be present to claim that prize.

You don't want to miss this event.

Repeat: **You *don't* want to miss this Event!**

NOTES FROM THE LAST PTA MEETING...

Principal Selection Update

Candidates for the principal position at Shepherd School have been identified, but the interviewing panel is on hold. In fact, all principal selection panels through the DC school system are on hold, a hold placed by Chancellor Michelle Rhee, until the impact of buyouts within DC Public Schools are known as well as the fates of the principals from the 23 schools slated for closure at the end of this school year. Once the hold is lifted, the interviewing committee will convene to interview the candidates.

More Honors for Mr. King

Mr. King, one of our second-grade teachers, received an honorable mention in the Land's End catalogue company's "Teachers Light the Way" contest. This is on top of the "Environmental Hero" award he received from the NOAA. There will be a morning reception Thursday, May 15th, at Shepherd to recognize Mr. King's achievements.

Auction Volunteers Needed

Parents with sharp minds and/or strong backs and/or big cars are needed to volunteer for the big auction. You know you've got at least one of the three attributes, so here's how you can help:

- Assembling the auction catalog (Contact Kimberly Brandon: brandonsdc@hotmail.com, home (202) 722-0569 (H) or (202) 3024953 (C))
- Writing descriptions of auction items for the catalog
- Organizing
- Pick up auction items (day before the auction)
- Drop off auction items (day of the auction)
- Setting up Blackburn Center for the auction fun
- Taking down what needs to be taken down after the auction
- Check-in (6-8pm) and check-out (8pm - midnight)
- Photo assistants (9pm-11pm)
- Miscellaneous (6pm - midnight)

Also, parents who can't volunteer their time but CAN volunteer their laptop for auction use would be much appreciated. To volunteer your time or abilities, please contact Angela Thornton, Angela.Thornton@dc.gov or 202-316-0543.



DC Elementary Science Fair

Shepherd ES will have students competing in the 62nd Annual DC Mathematics, Science & Technology Fair this weekend. This competition is specifically for 3rd - 5th grade students (our 6th graders competed earlier with middle school students). If you would like to see their exhibits and show your support, the event is Saturday, May 10th at McKinley Tech HS in NE. After judging in the morning, there will be a public viewing of the exhibits between 12:30 - 2:00pm.

School Beautification Project

The grounds beautification project organized by Mr. King and which started May 3 will continue this coming Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Some of the objectives include dressing out all the trees and shrubs, greening up the Kalmia Road terrace, beginning a butterfly garden on the Jonquil Street hill and planting day lilies. If you have excess day lilies that you can contribute to the effort, please bring them with you Saturday. Wheelbarrows are also needed to transport dirt and other supplies. Many hands make light work!

~ Mark Pattison

World's Finest Chocolate meets The World's Finest Sellers!

They don't call it "World's Finest" chocolate for nothing. All 230 boxes of World's Finest chocolate bars -- 50 bars to a box -- were sold in the Shepherd Elementary sale. The sale grossed \$14,375. The Shepherd PTA keeps half of that as its profit, meaning the PTA nets \$7,187.50. Thanks to all parents and students for their part in such a successful venture.

~ Mark Pattison

Calling for Nominations!

The Nominations Committee of the PTA is accepting nominations for PTA (6 officer positions) and LSRT (4 parent rep positions). Please submit your nominations to Judith McCullough at judith.mccullough@seiu.org.

Deadlines: LSRT – May 7th and PTA– May 16th

TAP'd Teachers for April

Ms. Kuawogai and Mme. Blay

This year has been a fantastic year for our children to be in Kindergarten at Shepherd Elementary. Aidan and Adia have been learning and growing in so many ways and we feel that their teachers deserve a lot of credit for their efforts. Ms. Kuawogai and Mme. Blay have created an exciting and creative classroom that truly exemplifies how well bi-lingual education can enable students to learn in both English and French in a seamless environment. They have brought together children from all over the city and all over the world and created a family of eager learners and friends. Students learn math and language arts in English, and science and social studies in French. Most amazing were our children's reports of a classroom discussion of Martin Luther King, Jr., all in French! Ms. Kuawogai sends parents a short email report every day to let us know what happened in the classroom and what homework assignments are. She exudes a positive, happy spirit and addresses parent questions and concerns with constant professionalism and ease. Mme. Blay sends parents pictures and wonderful photo montages so that we can see the children engaged in their daily activities. She is happy to discuss our children's progress in French and has been a wonderful constant for them since their matriculation at Shepherd. They have consistently provided helpful feedback about how our children are doing and recommendations for ways to support their learning at home, and always with a positive and open demeanor. They have demonstrated flexibility and creativity in their lesson plans and in their use of positive behavior modification techniques in the classroom. The kids love to keep track of how they are doing, and receive recognition and rewards for following instructions. The effectiveness of their kind, but firm, manner is reflected in the enthusiastic affection that our children have for them. We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for all of their hard work this year.

- the Mooreheads and the Keenes

OUTDOORS, FREE AND IN DC – THE FUN BEGINS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!

THE 2008 SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY FREE FOR ALL

Hamlet by William Shakespeare
directed by Alexander Burns
original direction by Michael Kahn

May 22 to June 1, 2008

Carter Barron Amphitheatre

Hamlet has captivated audiences for 400 years with its explorations of life, love, duty and vengeance. Commanded by his murdered father's ghost to seek revenge, Hamlet struggles with the human and spiritual costs of pursuing justice. Featuring some of the most beautiful language ever written, *Hamlet* marks a turning point in Shakespeare's career toward more complex depictions of good and evil, of heroes and villains. Jeffrey Carlson returns in the title role. All performances are FREE and open to the public. (No performance on Monday, May 26.) **Free For All information is available at 202.334.4790.**

And...

Ward 4 Family Fun Night is May 31st

Barbeque begins at 4:30 pm,
general admission seating in the Amphitheatre begins @ 7:00 pm,
and the show begins at 7:30 pm.



*The next Tuesday Scoop is scheduled for publication on May 13th. The editor will be **Kimberly Brandon**. Submissions should be emailed by 3:30pm on Friday, May 9th to brandonsdc@hotmail.com or placed in the Tuesday Scoop mail box in the Parents' lounge across from the main office.*