



Tuesday Scoop

Shepherd Elementary School, Washington, DC

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From Interim Principal Foster:

Dear Parents,

Thanks to those parents and students who acknowledged our wonderful teachers last week for Teacher Appreciation Week. They were much appreciative of the breakfast and your extra efforts to acknowledge their hard work with your children. Our Scholastic Book Fair was also a huge success! Many students, parents and families dropped by to purchase books and educational materials. Note that your participation and support helped bring extra funds to our school for programming.

This week we turn our focus to the **3rd Advisory Parent Teacher Conferences**. Conferences will be held on Friday, May 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is due to the **PTA's Annual Fundraising Auction** which is scheduled for the same day in the evening. Complete the parent conference scheduled sheet sent home and return it to school with your child. As this is the last conference for the school year, it is imperative that you make arrangements to meet with your child's teacher to discuss his/her academic progress and academic strategies for the summer.

We look forward to seeing you at the **"Red Carpet" Fundraising Auction** this Friday. The PTA, Ms. Cowherd and the planning committee have been working diligently for months to ensure a successful event. Our teachers and students have also been actively involved in creating beautiful pieces to be auctioned off during the event. Don't miss this opportunity to take part in a Shepherd Elementary School tradition. We'll see ya there!

~ Shannon D. Foster,
Interim Principal



Pooch Alert!

We love our dogs! However, please remember that **pets are not permitted on school grounds**. This ensures the safety of our students, staff and visitors. Recently, we have had "unscooped poop" on our early childhood playground. Please adhere to the rules and do not bring your pets unto the playground. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our children safe and our playground clean.

IMPORTANT: Dear Parents, tomorrow is your last chance to purchase auction tickets (\$50/each) from school—just see Ms. Brooks in the main office. If you cannot purchase them in person, you can buy them online through Friday evening via the school website. **NOTE: You will NOT have the opportunity to purchase tickets at the door Friday evening at the event.**

~ Nayada Cowherd, Auction Chair



SES **"RED CARPET"** Auction A Star-Studded Affair

THIS FRIDAY, May 16, 7pm !!!
at Howard University's Blackburn Center

Attire: Hollywood Chic

Yes! The school auction is **just three days away**. There are lots of items to bid on during the silent and live portions of the auction. The tables are set, the food is being prepared, and the photographers are ready. So take this opportunity to hang out with parents, teachers and neighbors in an adult setting. Come browse the auction tables, sip your favorite drink, grab a plate, and enjoy the fellowship born out of this great school and warm community we have at Shepherd!

HELP IS STILL NEEDED! We need more volunteers to help out on Friday during the day with deliveries, in the afternoon set up and display, and after the auction with clean up and coordination of winning bidders and their items. If you have time, contact Nayada Cowherd: 607-3370; nlcowherd@aol.com

SES "RED CARPET" Auction – It's finally here!

Hey! Shepherd Parents, the annual Shepherd Auction is **just 3 DAYS** away. We have accomplished much over the past few weeks due in large part to the undying efforts of Auction Chair **Nayada Cowherd**, as well as to the fleet of parents and friends who pledged their time and actively supported various auction related initiatives.

If you recall, an urgent request when out to families asking for assistance pulling in items for the auction. We asked and you delivered! In under three weeks, we went from having less than \$10,000 worth of auction items to now having over \$45,000! *Way to go, parents!!*

You will see lots of tempting items and activities on display Friday evening, so be sure you (a) schedule the babysitter to arrive before 6:30pm, (b) bring your checkbook or credit card, and (c) bring a friend or family member so they can rake in some of the fantastic deals auction night, too! What are some of these **fantastic deals**? Below is a sampling of what you'll find:

Handy Dandy Tool Man

Hand-woven Rug from Manoukian Brothers

7 days & 6 nights at Woodstone Resort at Massanutten

Child's Motorized Jeep

Language immersion classes for children & adults

Targeted Spa Therapy/Facial with Complexion Analysis

Home/Office Organization Services

Dinner for Ten without Lifting a Finger

Ride along with a MPD Police Commander

Dessert-a-month for one year

Brown Jordan Designer Patio Set

Men's Gruen Watch

Individual Golf Lessons

Tickets to see Nationals & Wizards

Sushi Table Setting

Personalized Dinner by Redskins chef

Real estate consulting services

Performing Arts tickets

Custom laser eye surgery

Autographed sports memorabilia

NOAA Assembly for Mr. King Thursday Morning

As announced in an earlier Scoop, second grade teacher **Mr. King** was selected as a **2008 Environmental Hero** by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA). Tomorrow at 9:15am, NOAA will be here in the school auditorium to host a formal assembly to acknowledge Mr. King for giving his time and effort toward advancing NOAA's mission of protecting the planet. Besides Grades 4-6, invited guests include **Mayor Fenty, Chancellor Rhee, Vice Admiral Lautenbacher of NOAA, news media**, and faculty. This presentation is a tremendous honor since only 10 individuals a year are identified for this annual Achievement Award. Visit NOAA's website for more info: <http://www.noaa.gov/earthday/>.



Scholastic Book Fair -- Last week's Book Fair held in the school library was a great success. The kids were so excited to pick out their books and take them home. Thanks to all families for participating. Special thanks to our librarian **Ms. Scinto** and to **June Confer** for planning, organizing and setting up the event and to the parent volunteers who were a big help. **The library profit was \$1,353.53 and \$366.20 in books!**

D.C. Labor Chorus Concert -- On Friday, May 2nd, four SES students joined the D.C. Labor Chorus in a lively concert at the First Trinity Lutheran Church downtown. **Tyler Jones, Brianna Morgan, Joy Nicholas, and Leia Terrell** donned the chorus' colorful attire, and participated in a joyful evening of songs and instruments. Supported by families and friends and wonderful audience singing, the girls did an excellent job. For bringing the SES participants and providing a rehearsal place at Shepherd, **Mr. Giles** was recognized.

2008 Spring Auction Gala SES "RED CARPET" Auction

Our Sponsors

The auction and all the programs and services supported by the funds raised at the auction could not be made possible without the generosity of the following individuals and businesses. Please extend your personal thanks to:

SILVER SPONSOR (\$750 level)

- Alexandra Kincannon & Paul Moorehead
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- Cultura Cosmetic Medical Spa (Dr. Battle)
- Golf Etc. of Silver Spring

CASH DONATIONS

- Too many to list here! All are listed in the auction catalog.

2008 Spring Auction Gala SES "RED CARPET" Auction

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Are children allowed?** - No. It's parents' night only!
- **What should I wear?!** - Hollywood Chic (stylish yet comfortable)
- **Can I buy tickets at the door?** - No. But you can purchase tickets online as late as before you walk out the door to attend the auction!
- **Will dinner be served?** – Yes, a buffet
- **Will drinks be served?** – Yes. We will have a cash bar, although you will get one free ticket for a glass of wine or beer.
- **Is this a Silent Auction** – Yes. There will also be a live auction with wonderful items.
- **Will there be parking?** – Yes. There is some street parking, but there is also a lot. A map will be sent out via the list serv and also in the kids' backpacks.
- **What time is the evening going to be over?** - The silent auction begins at 7pm. We will be ending the event around midnight
- **Is there reserved seating?** – Only if an entire table was purchased in advance. Otherwise, it's open seating.
- **I heard a TV will be raffled off. Is this true?** – Yes. A 42 inch flat panel TV will be raffled that night. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20.

Teacher Appreciation Week Breakfast

Special thanks to Kindergarten parents **Jameelah Abdulmateen** and **Sabine Harisse** for organizing the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast last Friday. Many parents pitched in and brought breakfast food items and supplies to make the breakfast a wonderful success. In addition, the PTA distributed gifts for all the teachers and staff. It was great to get a chance to mingle with the teachers, school staff and parents.

Looking for another way to show appreciation for your child's teacher? Submit a letter to LSRT chair **Rhonda Smith** expressing your thoughts and your teacher might get "TAP'd", or selected as teacher of the month as part of LSRT's **Teacher Appreciation Program (TAP)**.

Terrific Kids Program

The Terrific Kids Program held on **May 6** was full of spirit and camaraderie. All classes cheered, and cheered loudly, for each person asked to come up to receive his/her Terrific Kids certificate from members of the local **Kiwanis Club**. Terrific Kids honored last week are (*see picture on next page*):

Pre-K	Elena Rubens-Goldfarb, Amina West
K	Aanisah Hasan, Ella DeBose
1st grade	Jadyn Lindsey, Trinity Greene
2nd grade	Martin Haggray, Eric Martinez
3rd grade	Tiffany Tyler, Yasmeen Durant

Muito Obrigado, Lego Roboto! Close to 100 people visited Shepherd Elementary last Saturday afternoon, **May 10**, when the school hosted a **Lego Robotics** open house. On hand were participants from some of the four Lego teams that hailed from Shepherd School: the Energy Tigers, the Mad Mega Super Science Kidz, the Professional Lego Masters, and the Lego Superstars (the teams also made presentations at the beginning of the April 30 PTA meeting). One of the many Lego Robotics teams showing off their ingenuity at the open house was an entry from nearby Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring. The open house was arranged by -- and the four Shepherd Elementary Lego teams mentored by -- **Yvonne McIntyre**, a working mom who just happens to double as PTA president. *Kudos to all! ~ Mark Pattison*



REMINDER: There is **NO SCHOOL** this **Friday, May 16**. Please attend your scheduled meeting with your child's teacher. If you cannot make your appointment, please notify your teacher or contact the main office. While at school, check out the collection of **Lost & Found items** on display. Numerous items—jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes, etc.—are in bags in the Auditorium. Please look through, you may find something that belongs to your child! **Unclaimed items will be donated on Monday, May 19, to a local shelter.**

PTA Nominations*

As of end of the school day last Friday, the PTA has received one nomination for each of the Executive Board positions. They are: President - **Earl Yates**; 1st VP - **Jaye Muhammad**; 2nd VP - **Jason Keene**; Treasurer - **Doug Noble**; Recording Secretary - **Mark Pattison**; Corresponding Secretary - **Caroline Vaughn-Cooke**. Nominations are still open for those want to serve. If you want to nominate someone or yourself for any of the above-referenced positions, please notify **Judith McCullough** of the PTA's Nominating Committee (judith.mccullough@seiu.org). Be prepared to submit a short (under 100 words) biography about yourself. Elections will take place at the May 21 PTA meeting.

LSRT UPDATE The nominations for parent representatives to the Local School Restructuring Team are still open. As of press time, there were three nominations for four available positions. The nominees are **Rhonda Davis Smith, Donna Johnson Harvey, and Charisse Brossard**. If you want to serve on the LSRT—whose meetings are generally the same day as PTA meetings (the third Wednesday of the month) but at 3:30 p.m.—please contact **Judith McCullough** (judith.mccullough@seiu.org). The election for parent representatives will be held on Wednesday, May 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the school. *All parents are eligible to vote.* The LSRT candidate statements are posted on the PTA Listserv.

* *Details on all these positions appear in your SES Parents' Handbook.*

>> MARK YOUR CALENDAR <<

- May 13.....Star Achievers in *As You Like It*, Children's Shakespeare Festival
- May 15.....NOAA Assembly for Mr. King
- May 16.....No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
- May 16.....School Auction 7pm
- May 21.....PTA Meeting
- May 23.....School Band Concert – BWL
- May 26.....No School - Memorial Day

GIVING THANKS to all our GREEN THUMBS

Thanks to all who came out the past two weekends to help with the beautification of the school grounds. Parents donned shovels, rakes, and trowels; pushed wheelbarrows filled with compost and mulch; and knelt in the earth to pull weeds and plant flowers. Three cheers to the kids in Mr. King's, Ms. Beard's, and Mr. Byers' classes for planting flowers and doing their part to help make the school grounds more aesthetically pleasing. Now, the outside of the building looks colorful and "well dressed." Thanks to the teachers and parents who attended the "Greening Schools" workshops and shared what they learned with the rest of us. (The last meeting is today). Kudos for all the plans and progress we have been made. More news on the future workdays will appear in upcoming issues of the Scoop.

~ June Confer

The next Tuesday Scoop is scheduled for May 20. The editor will be Celeste Moneme. Submissions should be emailed by 3:30 pm on Friday, May 16 to cmoneme1@yahoo.com or placed in the Tuesday Scoop mail box in the Parents' lounge across from the main office.