



Tuesday Scoop

Shepherd Elementary School, Washington, DC

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

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PLEASE NOTE: There is a PTA meeting, Wednesday, May 21st at 6:45 p.m. Babysitting and food will be provided!

From Interim Principal Foster:

Dear Parents,

Did you attend the PTA's **"Red Carpet: A Star Studded Affair"** auction last Friday? What a fantastic event! Congratulations to the auction's planning committee for a job well done! Shepherd Elementary School showed style and grace while raising funds to support our wonderful students. Thanks to all of the parents, teachers and community members who contributed in making the event a huge success.

Let's keep the momentum going by supporting our **music department's concert** this Friday, May 23rd at 6:45 p.m. Our student **violinists, guitarists and the BWL** rhythm and blues band will hold their annual concert in the auditorium. You do not want to miss this event. The students, Mr. Giles, Mr. Velez, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Byers have worked extremely hard this year and this is their time to shine. We look forward to seeing you there.

We'd like to thank all of our parents who attended the **4th Advisory Parent Teacher Conferences** last week. Many of our students have shown growth in the basic subject areas, have improved their attendance and citizenship. As the school year winds down, please consider taking advantage of summer programs that will enrich reading and math skills throughout the summer. By the way, we have flyers in the main office for a variety of summer programs.

Take care and we'll see you at Wednesday's PTA meeting!

~ Shannon D. Foster
Interim Principal

P.S. School will be closed on Monday, May 26th for the Memorial Day holiday.

From the PTA:

Thank you and congratulations to **Nayada Cowherd** and the entire Auction Committee on a successful Star-Studded Affair!!! The **SES "Red Carpet" Auction was held on Friday**. For a complete update on the evening including a report on the funds raised, please attend the PTA meeting on Wednesday.

Also at the PTA meeting, **elections** will take place for the 2008-2009 PTA board and LSRT. Nominations include:

PTA positions:

- **President- Earl Yates**
- **1st VP- Jaye Muhammad**
- **2nd VP- Jason Keene**
- **Treasurer – Doug Noble**
- **Recording Secretary- Mark Pattison**
- **Corresponding Secretary – Caroline Vaughn-Cooke**

LSRT:

- **Rhonda Smith**
- **Donna Johnson Harvey**
- **Charisse Brossard**
- **Nicole Reece**

The agenda for Wednesday will also include a presentation on the **new sports uniforms**. And **be prepared to shop at the uniform exchange/sale**. It is never too early to begin planning for next school year!



Music Concert This Friday

Who: Shepherd Elementary violin and guitar students, along with the BWL Band

Where: In the Auditorium

When: 6:45 p.m.

Please join Mr. Giles, Mr. Velez, and the students for an evening to remember!

Shout Outs!

Thank you to our 4th graders!! To help get ready for the NOAA assembly, (see page 4), the students in Ms. Gilmore's and Ms. Valentine-Nelson's classes got to work outside. They moved mulch, cleaned up and dressed the flower beds, picked-up trash, and washed down the tree gaiters. Whew! Thanks so much for your hard work!

This week, kindergarten through 3rd grade students will be taking the DIBEL test. Thank you to Ms. Kuawogai, Mr. Byers, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Kinsler for coordinating the administration of the tests. Your efforts are appreciated! A special thanks to Mrs. Dobson for facilitating the DIBELS process.

'Dollars and Sense' Comes to 3rd Grade

Shepherd School's third graders are now at the midway point and ready to head into the home stretch of a six-week "JA Dollars and Sense" program sponsored by Junior Achievement and taught by two volunteers: **Taren Coleman** of the Coleman Financial Group and Shepherd Elementary parent, **Robyn Cohen Hudson**. The program, conducted once a week after school for six weeks, teaches students about earning, spending, sharing and saving money, and gives them ideas about businesses they can start or jobs they can perform to earn money. In a presentation at the April 30 PTA meeting Hudson and Coleman said that one of the students' ideas was an in-school supply store --but had the expectation that the supplies would be donated, and that parents and school staff assisting the students would work for free. Coleman and Hudson had to issue a gentle but firm reminder about how all people who work should be able to make money. In the early sessions, students learn to manage a bank account (with online banking services, Hudson and Coleman noted, children can't witness their parents balancing a checkbook and sharpen their money-management skills to better understand the role and importance of money in their lives. They also engaged in activities focused on developing a positive work ethic. In addition, students identified personal skills and interests that would connect them with possible business opportunities -- with a dose of market research on the side.

In the final program sessions, students explore their job skills and the kinds of business in which they're interested to help develop a business plan; practice saving and spending as business teams, and learn how to make smart consumer decisions via role-playing; and recognize deceptive advertising and the importance of ethical business practices. Many thanks to Ms. Hudson and Ms. Coleman for providing valuable lessons to Shepherd third-graders!

~Mark Pattison

Don't Forget—There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday in recognition of Memorial Day

Community Corner

D.C. Youth Orchestra Program Held End of Semester Concerts

The D.C. Youth Orchestra Program (DCYOP) marked the end of its spring semester with two concerts (one beginner and one intermediate) on Saturday afternoon. Several SES students are a part of the DCYOP and performed in the concerts. Our very own Mr. Giles is a DCYOP instructor, and served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Summer classes will be starting soon! To register, please contact the DCYOP office at 202-723-1612, or download a registration form at www.dcyop.org.

8th Annual Ward 4 Family Fun Night

This event will be held on **Saturday, May 31st** at the Carter Barron Amphitheater. A rain date as been set for June 1st). Join Councilmember Muriel Bowser for a barbeque beginning at 4:30 p.m. followed by a free performance of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Seating for the performance starts at 7:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP by noon on Friday, May 30th, online at http://www.shakespearetheatre.org/about/ffa/ward_four.aspx or call 202-547-1122, option 4 and leave your name, address, zip code, how many will be in your party and if you will be attending the picnic, performance, or both.

12th Annual Community Yard Sale

The Shepherd Park Citizens Association is sponsoring this event to take place on **Saturday, May 31st and June 1st from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** (if it rains on Saturday, the sale will be on Sunday only). Neighbors can sell at their homes or at the central location in front of Shepherd Elementary School. Registration is \$5 for SPCA members and \$10 for non-members. If you have any questions, please contact Charisse Brossard (charisse_brossard@adp.com, 202-722-0525) or Christine Martin at (Christine@dcmartins.com, 723-0976).



Mr. Giles instructing students prior to concert.

>> MARK YOUR CALENDAR <<

May 21 LSRT 3:30 p.m., PTA 6:45 p.m.
May 23 School Concert, 6:45 p.m.
May 26 No School - Memorial Day
June 3 Terrific Kids and B.U.G. Assembly
June 5 Awards Day
June 9 6th Grade Promotion
June 12 Last Day of School, 12:15 p.m. dismissal



Thanks to all who have helped with the beautification of the school grounds. We are still in need of warm weather grasses, and annuals or perennials. Thank you!

NOAA Assembly for Mr. King

Second grade teacher **Mr. King** was selected as a **2008 Environmental Hero** by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA). Last Thursday morning, NOAA acknowledged Mr. King during a formal assembly. In attendance were **Mayor Fenty, Chancellor Rhee, Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Vice Admiral Lautenbacher of NOAA, Assistant Superintendent Francisco Millet, Principal Foster, Mrs. Dobson (SIP), news media, faculty, and SES students in grades 4-6.** Please enjoy these pictures of the exciting event courtesy of Donnell



*The next Tuesday Scoop is scheduled for May 28. The editor will be Matthew Sullivan. Submissions should be emailed by 3:30 pm on Friday, **May 23** to Matthew.Sullivan@fda.hhs.gov or placed in the Tuesday Scoop mail box in the Parents' lounge across from the main office.*