



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

Friday, February 20, 2009

Mark Your Calendars!



- 2/24 – Deal Night at Shepherd, 6:00, SES Auditorium**
- 2/27 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – No School**
- 2/28 – Pancake Breakfast, 8:00-noon, SES Cafeteria**
- 3/11 – Shepherd Budget Meeting, 6:00, SES Auditorium**
- 3/14 – School Spruce Up Day, details to be announced**
- 3/17 – St. Patrick's Day**
- 3/23-3/27 – Spring Break – No School**

Songs of Freedom and Justice

You've seen the show. Now order your CDs!

Or maybe you couldn't see the show on account of your kid's stomach flu. Get the CD and find out what all the talk is about!

"Songs of Freedom and Justice," Mr. Ken Giles' own production chronicling 150 years of American history through the lens through the lens of slavery, labor, civil rights and culture, was a bona fide success last week. But since we're giving only one CD per student, you'll need to order CDs for your friends and neighbors, plus Grandma and Grandpa and all the uncles and aunts. The CD will be one of the best public relations tools ever for Shepherd Elementary, so be sure to order yours now. (See back page for CD order form.)



Our own Ken Giles with Elise Bryant, director of the D.C. Labor Chorus

A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings!

I hope this message finds you well.

During my tenure here, I have had the pleasure to meet many parents who are dedicated to helping make Shepherd a great place. I would like to take a moment to extend a sincere thank you to each of you for all you have done. It is great to see so many parents doing great things such as: attending PTA meetings, selling items at school functions, assisting in the publication of *The Mustang*, organizing/participating in a clean up day, assisting in classrooms, donating goods, and the list goes on. I would love to thank each of you personally, but I know I would leave someone out. However, you know who you are, and you are truly appreciated!

I want to challenge others of you to get involved. The PTA and the school needs your financial support and/or time. Though we would love for each family to make a financial contribution, we also understand this may not be financial feasible for everyone. However, there are many ways for you to get involved, and volunteering your time is one. I am asking each parent to make a personal commitment to volunteering at the school at least one to two hours a month. We need volunteers to answer phones, assist in the library, escort students, read with students, play math games with students, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please call the school and speak with Mrs. Confer, or email her at june.confer@dcps.gov with your availability and area of interest.

Pancake Breakfast

We are still asking parents to send in one box of Aunt Jemima (just add water) pancake mix. On Saturday, February 28, 2009, we will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in our school cafeteria. For \$6.00 you can enjoy all you can eat pancakes from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon. The proceeds at our Pancake Breakfast raised will go toward the Kiwanis' scholarship fund with a small percentage of the proceeds being donated back to the school. The Kiwanis club sponsors our *Terrific Kids* and *B.U.G.* programs each month. Please come out and show your support.

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Deal Night at Shepherd

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grade parents: Are you excited about middle school next year or the upcoming year? Are you trying to decide what school will be the best fit for your child? If so, please join us for Deal Night at Shepherd. Deal Night will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 pm. The forum will last for 40 minutes to an hour. It will be held in the Shepherd auditorium. Students are encouraged to attend with their parent(s).

State Testing for Grades 3-5

The dates for DC CAS testing have been set. The first day of testing is Monday, April 20, 2009! These tests are extremely important and it is imperative that your child(ren) are in school for these tests. Please keep this in mind as you plan doctor's appointments, etc. Every student must take these tests and there is a very limited window in which to do so. The full testing window is from Monday, April 20, 2009 to Thursday, April 30, 2009. Please avoid scheduling all appointments for these weeks. We test in the morning and start by 9:30am! The test is untimed and could last well into the afternoon for some students.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Do you are someone you know have a child who will be attending Pre-K at Shepherd next year? All students no matter where they live (in-boundary or out-of-boundary) must register online during the enrollment process. The application period began on January 28, 2009 and will end on March 13, 2009. Parents, you must go online and register your Pre-K student. For more information, please visit <http://www.k12.dc.us/enrollment>.

School Spruce Up Day

Our school is in need of some extra TLC. The tentative date is set for Saturday, March 14, 2009. Please look for more information coming soon.

Shepherd Budget Meeting

Are you wondering what Shepherd will look like next year in terms of staffing and class sizes? Do you want to know why certain staffing decisions have been made? Has the school budgeting process always been a mystery to you? If so, please join us for a special Budget meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 6 pm. The meeting will last for 45 minutes to an hour.

Warmest regards,

Jamie Miles

Thanks for the Good News! Step up to the Other News!

The PTA Board of Directors and the entire body of PTA parents and teachers sincerely thank those parents who have come forward to make financial contributions and pledges over the past month. Since the January weather-delayed PTA meeting, approximately \$5,700 in contributions (PTA membership fees and Family Enrichment Fees) have been received.

We also thank the parents and teachers who have contributed their valuable time and talent to many PTA activities. These well-deserved thanks are for the good news!

For the other news, we must continue to appeal to parents and friends in the community who need to come forward quickly to make initial contributions or to complete payments or pledges that they have already begun.

That other news is that the activities that the PTA supports at the school still need your support if they are to be continued through the end of this school year. As we were receiving the above-mentioned \$ 5,700 in contributions, we have paid out \$9,400 to meet on-going budgeted expenses. That leaves us still \$2,500 behind our budgeted income for January and February on top of our income shortfall of \$9,000 through the end of December.

This obviously leaves us with a continuing cash flow shortfall that may force reductions in expenditures, which would lead to cutting back on or eliminating the important activities that the PTA supports at the school. We encourage you as members of the Shepherd school family to consider PTA membership and contributing as you are able to the Family Enrichment Fee. These funds support:

- Academic enrichment (test preparation, tutoring, etc.)
- Classroom Instructional aides
- Lunch room monitors
- Information technology support
- Teacher stipends
- Student activities
- Classroom supplies, curriculum materials and supplies for extracurricular activities (i.e. Lego robotics program, science fair, school dances, movie nights etc.)
- Friday morning coffee and food, babysitting and janitorial expenses for PTA meetings
- Teacher Appreciation activities
- Music program instruments and maintenance
- Insurance

With just a few months left in the 2008-2009 school year, we have wonderful classroom instruction taking place, supplemented by the Saturday Academy, and by such great academic and cultural enrichment activities as last week's *Songs of Freedom* concert!

Let's make sure that our children continue to have all of this in March, April May, and June! You can do that by paying a \$50 PTA membership and/or by making a Family Enrichment Fee contribution of \$500 or whatever amount you can - in one payment or several payments over the next 3-4 months.

Thank you!

Earl Yates

PTA President

AUCTION NEWS! Spotlight on D.C. Excellence – Past, Present, and Future

The theme of this year's Shepherd Elementary School auction fundraiser is "Spotlight on D.C. Excellence – Past, Present, and Future." Count on a lot of great things to be spotlighted, both on and off the auction floor.



**Auction Date:
Friday, May 29**

The auction will again be held on the campus of Howard University.

Get on board the Auction Committee right now by contacting either of our two Auction Committee co-chairwomen:

Chantale Swanson (Co-Chair) – swanprincess75@aol.com
Marnie Keller (Co-Chair) – marniekeller@gmail.com

Past Issues of The Mustang are Online

Would you like to read *The Mustang* electronically? Need to refer back to a past issue? Each week, *The Mustang* is uploaded to the files area of the PTA listserv. Join the listserv and click to read.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Shepherd_Elementary_PTA/files/%22The%20Mustang%22/

The Mustang is for Parents & Kids!

Hey Parents: Be sure to share the activity sections of *The Mustang* with your children each week. You can help your children work through the fun and educational activities featured in each week's *Mustang*. These activities are based on DCPS standards.



And don't forget to have your kids answer the weekly Trivia question! Winners names will be published here in *The Mustang*.

Inclement Weather School Status Update Resources

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Mardi Gras Box Tops Collection Contest

You have just a few more days to turn your Box Tops for the Mardi Gras Collection Contest. Deadline to submit Box Tops for this contest is **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**. Put your Box Tops in the Collection Box in the Main Office, and make sure your full name is included with your submission to receive a prize.

For more information about the Box Tops for Education program at Shepherd, contact Laura Noble, Box Tops Program Coordinator at: TaylorFarm@kddmgroupp.com.

**Remember to keep clipping
Box Tops for Shepherd!**

*Laissez les Bon Temps
Roulez!*



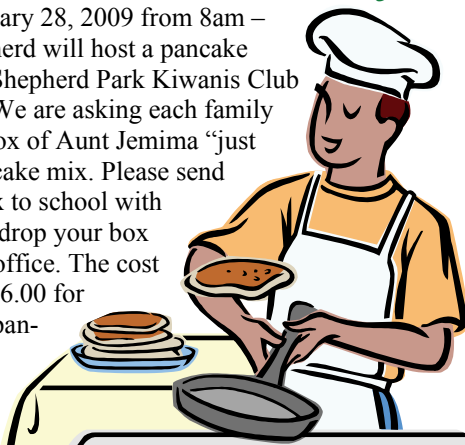
Join the PTA Listserv Today

To subscribe, send an email (include your name, your child's name and his/her teacher/class) to:
Shepherd_Elementary_PTA-subscribe@yahooogroups.com.

Once signed up, you will be able to receive listserv updates directly to your email inbox. If you prefer to not receive emails for each listserv posting, simply select "no email" under the message delivery option in your listserv user set up.

Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 8am – 12 Noon, Shepherd will host a pancake breakfast. The Shepherd Park Kiwanis Club is the sponsor. We are asking each family to donate one box of Aunt Jemima "just add water" pancake mix. Please send the pancake mix to school with your student or drop your box off in the front office. The cost of the event is \$6.00 for all you can eat pancakes. A small percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to the school and the remaining monies will go toward student scholarships. If you are available to volunteer in any capacity for any amount of time during this event, your help would be greatly appreciated.



Shepherd IB-PYP Corner

The Importance of Reflection in the PYP

Update:

In our journey toward IB authorization, our goals this month are to produce a relevant and structurally accurate Programme of Inquiry (POI) that we will consider a working draft until next fall, to help students to develop a firm understanding of at least four of the ten Learner Profile attributes and to produce one complete PYP planner on each grade level.

We are continuing to work on our major goals or activities for February, as stated previously in the February 6 *Mustang*. Again, those major activities are:

1. Grade level teacher teams continue to collaborate on constructing their units of inquiry.
2. The full faculty continues to collaborate on refining the school's POI. (The latest full faculty collaboration was held on Wednesday this week after school during the faculty meeting.)
3. Classroom and special subject teachers are introducing the Learner Profile attributes to students on all grade levels.
4. Grade level teams are developing a first draft of the complete PYP planner for the unit of inquiry that will be implemented during the last six weeks of school.

PYP Lesson of the Week: Reflection

One of the unique aspects of the PYP is that all students and teachers must reflect on their work regularly. Teachers reflect individually and in collaborative meetings with their colleagues. Students reflect orally and in writing with prompting and guidance from their teachers.

In the classroom, during morning meeting or at the end of the school day, the teacher may invite students to reflect on the day's work by asking them what activity they enjoyed the most, which activity they found easiest, which activity was most challenging, which activity they would like to do again, etc. After an activity, students may be asked to write a reflection using prompts such as,

- most puzzling
- most unforgettable
- most curious
- most surprising
- most moving
- most motivating
- most satisfying
- most boring
- most helpful....and so on

The Chancellor's Community Forum Series

Each month, Chancellor Rhee holds community forums around a series of topics of interest to parents. This month's topic: *What is My Child Learning?* Please plan to attend one of these sessions:

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Location: TBD

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Location: TBD

If you are in need of child care, disability accommodations, and/or language interpretation services (Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Amharic, French and American Sign Language), contact Jennifer Nguyen at (202) 442-5191 or via email at Jennifer.Nguyen@dc.gov.

The teacher might also ask the student to say or write *why* he or she feels a certain way or makes a particular judgment. Written reflections are often placed in the student's portfolio.

Questions for reflection and discussion:

Can you find opportunities for your child to do more reflection at home? Try to expand the typical question in the car or around the dinner table, "How was your day?" or "What did you do today?" to include some additional prompts such as the ones listed above.

~ Patricia L. Tucker & Jamie Miles





Literacy Corner

Before and After

Using a newspaper or magazine, have your child find a photograph that interests him/her. Discuss what is going on in the picture. Have your child explain what they think may have happened just before the picture was taken and predict what they believe will happen afterwards. Ask, "Why do you think that?" or "What makes you think that?" Then, for creative writing fun, have your child write a story that includes the events he/she predicted.

*Kids: Use your imagination to come up with the wildest events that you can think of, to include in your story. Attach the picture to your story and share it with a relative or friend.

Example:



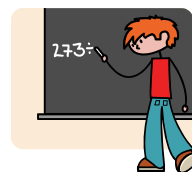
Before: Adam was behind in the race to the finish line.
After: Adam got a burst of energy and is moving ahead quickly.

(My story may include some heroic or even impossible acts to win the race.)

**Have YOU joined the
Shepherd PTA yet??**

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Math Corner



Primary Math Problem



What you'll need

A measuring cup, 4 glasses of equal size, and water

What to do

1. Pour water at different levels ($\frac{1}{3}$ cup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup and 1 cup) in each glass. Put the glasses next to each other. Ask your child: Are all the water levels the same or different?
2. Ask your child questions to encourage comparison, estimation, and thinking about measurement. Which glass has more water? Which has less? How many glasses of water do you estimate it will take to fill the container?
3. Pour more water into one of the glasses to make it equal to the amount of water in another glass. Move the glasses around so that the glasses that have the same amount of water are not next to each other. Ask your child: Which glasses do you think have the same amount of water?

As your child begins to understand more, do activities using different-shaped containers that hold the same amount of a substance (water, rice, and popcorn kernels). This helps your child see comparisons, as well as the various capacities of different-sized and -shaped containers.

Parent Tip — Filling empty containers provides opportunities to explore comparisons, measurement, volume, estimation, and geometry.

Intermediate Math Problem



1. A gallon of gas costs \$4.29 a gallon. What does it cost for 5 gallons? 10 gallons? 15 gallons? 20 gallons? What is an easy way to figure this out? How can you estimate the cost by rounding the cost per gallon?
2. The speed limit is 65 miles per hour. How far will you go in 1 hour? Two hours? Three hours? How long will it take to go 500 miles?

Jazz Roundtable Word Search



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Find the "**LAST**" names of these Jazz Artists and Jazz terms

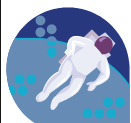
Jazz Artists		Jazz Terms	
Louie Armstrong	Herbie Hancock	Bebop	Jam Session
Count Basie	Billie Holliday	Beat	Ragtime
John Coltrane	Wynton Marsalis	Big Band	Riff
Miles Davis	Bobby McFerrin	Blue Note	Scat Singing
Duke Ellington	Thelonious Monk	Break	Swing
Ella Fitzgerald	Charlie Parker	Chart	Tag
Dizzy Gillespie	Marcus Roberts	Cool Jazz	Trio
Lionel Hampton	Sara Vaughn	Fusion	Vamp

Trivia Corner — Just for Fun!

Each week students will be asked a trivia question. Students should place their name and the answer to the trivia question in the trivia box located outside the cafeteria door. On Tuesdays, one lucky winner will be selected to receive a special treat. Answer this week's trivia questions by Tuesday.

Trivia Question:

Which two presidents died on the 4th of July?



Congratulations to last week's Trivia Contest Winners: **Jordan Loud** and **Joshua Page**. Both Jordan and Joshua knew that the first black astronaut to walk in space was Dr. Bernard Harris, Jr.

The Mustang Is YOUR Newsletter

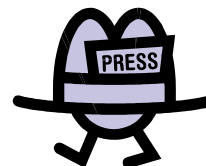
Do you have a comment, a suggestion, or something to share with the Shepherd family in *The Mustang*? Would you like to write an article to be included in an issue of *The Mustang*?

Send it in an e-mail to

SESmustang@gmail.com.

Since there is no school next Friday for parent-teacher conferences, the next issue of *The Mustang* will come out one day early—on **Thursday, February 26**.

Submit information to be included in the next issue by **Tuesday, February 24**.



LSRT Recognizes and 'TAPs' FOUR SES Staff Members

The Shepherd Elementary Local School Restructuring Team's (LSRT) monthly Teacher Appreciation Program (TAP) honors continues this month with FOUR Shepherd teachers and staff being honored. These honors were announced during Wednesday's PTA meeting. Good things are happening at Shepherd!

Congratulations to Ms. Holt, Mr. Velez, Ms. Liggins, and Mr. Kelly!

We wanted to write a letter regarding the dynamic duo of Ms. Holt and Mr. Velez.

Ms. Holt and Mr. Velez have been a wonderful addition to our family. They have welcomed our son Changa into their Pre-K class with open arms. We were very anxious at the beginning of the school year because we know how difficult our son can be when it comes to transitioning. However, we must say, these two definitely knew what they were doing because the transition period never showed its face. Our son not only had a wonderful first day, but continues to have great days in class and actually looks forward to going to school every Monday after the weekend.

In addition to their warm spirit, we also envy their endless means of creative thinking. We have had several interactive science activities, including making mud pudding using chocolate instant pudding and oreos. We have had several nature hikes to explore the difference in the weather and climate and how it relates to nature. They have had the opportunity to create a snail habitat as well and this habitat teaches the children the importance of caring for animals as well as being responsible recognizing the little creatures in life.

We also remain grateful to their open door policy. They are always keeping us abreast of what's happening with our son. We have also received personal phone calls and emails regarding him having a good or challenging day. These are the small things that go above and beyond the necessity of their jobs. They have truly shown me that they do their jobs daily because they love it and enjoy it. We highly recommend these two wonderful, warm hearted individuals as the dynamic duo for the TAP program. We really appreciate them and feel happy that our son has a happy and safe environment for learning daily.

*Sincerely,
Changa's Parents (Changa and Angela Anderson)*

We'd like to commend two staff members at Shepherd who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for our son, Everett, this year.

As a new pre-k student at Shepherd, Everett had some challenges in transitioning to his new school. In fact, he spent enough time in the front offices to know that we had a problem on our hands. Many staff members responded positively and quickly, working to support our son in learning how to properly conduct himself at school. Two people were instrumental in this regard:

Ms. Liggins, our school counselor, was adept at calming him down and giving him the opportunity to start his day over. Her soothing attitude and sagacious insights helped both him and us during those turbulent times! We all knew that we had a safe haven to turn to in getting things evened out. She facilitated many productive dialogues with Everett's teachers and helped us all to develop a cohesive game plan that saw us through to the happy times we enjoy today.

Mr. Kelly, our school's custodial support, was another guardian angel. Everett kept talking about a 'Mr. Kelly' but we never knew that Everett had a teacher named Mr. Kelly. It took a few weeks to find out that Everett would sometimes make his way to meet up with Mr. Kelly during his stints in the front office. Mr. Kelly gave Everett a kind ear and a friendly hand shake to make our exuberant son feel welcome. Words can't describe how touched we were to learn that even though Everett is all settled into his school routine now, Mr. Kelly still goes by his classroom every day to check up on him. To see Ev run to Mr. Kelly and give him a huge hug normally reserved for best friends and grandparents tells me that the school's commitment to the success of our children is beyond special.

Many people have welcomed us to the Shepherd community and helped us immeasurably during the transition. Our son feels safe, at ease, happy, and successful as a student here and it's due to the amazingly positive and supportive attitude of everyone who works here. We wish we could write letters for every employee! Many thanks for allowing us to showcase the big hearts of Ms. Liggins and Mr. Kelly.

*Sincerely,
Marnie and Nick Keller*



“Songs of Freedom and Justice” concert photos



More "Songs of Freedom and Justice"



What's Happening in the Music Room for the next month...

One evening in March (date TBA), we will enjoy "Jazz Night" at Shepherd Elementary School. Students have already learned about many of the giants of jazz: Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Lionel Hampton, Benny Goodman, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, and others.

Our 5th and 6th graders will begin rehearsing their own "student opera," inspired by the opera "Carmen" which we saw at the Kennedy Center last November. The student opera will be performed in the auditorium at 1:30 pm on Monday, March 16. This is part of our partnership with the Washington National Opera to introduce students to opera.

Our violin and guitar students are practicing for the final concert of the year (currently scheduled for late May), which will also feature the BWL rhythm-and-blues band.

The D.C. Labor Chorus rehearses every Monday evening (7:00-9:00 pm) in the music room. Shepherd students are welcome to continue singing with the D.C. Labor Chorus. We will have a concert in early May at a site in D.C. (more details later).

Thanks to all who helped make the "Songs of Freedom and Justice" concert a success. We hope to have a CD of the songs sometime in April.

~Ken Giles

"Songs of Freedom and Justice" concert photos courtesy Donnell Jones and Ann Morgan. Thank you!

Coming in March!

Jazz Night
at Shepherd
Details to be announced soon.

**'Songs of Freedom and Justice'
On CD; Order Your Copies Today**



Now that you've seen the show, order the commemorative CD! The fabulous *Songs of Freedom of Justice* should be available sometime in April.

Order as many CDs as you like. CDs are \$10 each, plus a \$5 shipping charge if you want delivery by the U.S. Postal Service. There's no delivery charge if you want them sent to you via your child's backpack.

You can clip this handy form and put it in the PTA box in the main office, or you can mail it to the school if you prefer.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER! Make checks payable to: "Shepherd Elementary School PTA."

Mail orders to: Shepherd Elementary PTA
7800 14th St. NW
Washington, DC 20012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

_____ CDs @ \$10 each \$ _____

Shipping \$ 5.00

Total: \$ _____

If you want them delivered in-school to your child, fill in below:

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Community Events

Free Family Film Night at Washington Ethical Society

"The Great Debaters," which was directed by and stars Denzel Washington, is the movie in the "Free Family Film Event" sponsored by the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th Street NW near Kalmia Road. The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, February 27.

The movie tells the story of Dr. Melvin B. Tolson, a professor at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, where, in 1935-36, inspired by the Harlem Renaissance and his clandestine work as a union organizer, Tolson coaches the debate team to a nearly undefeated season that sees the first debate between U.S. students from white and "Negro" colleges and ends with an invitation to face Harvard University's national champions. The team of four, which includes a female student and a very young James Farmer, is tested in a crucible heated by Jim Crow, sexism, a lynch mob, an arrest and near-riot, a love affair, jealousy and a national radio audience.

"The Great Debaters" is rated PG-13 and two suggestive scenes will be edited from the film. The big plus is a question-and-answer session with Shepherd Park neighbors Ken and Joigie Tolson. Ken is the grandson of Melvin Tolson. Light refreshments will be served.

To secure space for you and your family at the screening, RSVP to Cynthia Prather at scsprather@aol.com by Tuesday, February 24.

Forum on D.C. Budget Process

Who decides the District of Columbia's budget, and how? How do we find out what's in it? Is there a way for the public to weigh in? Learn the answers to these questions and more at a forum, "Winning a Fair Budget for D.C.," to be held Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the True Reformer Building, 1200 U Street NW. The forum is sponsored by the Gerry Brittain Education Project of D.C. Jobs With Justice. The project is designed to strengthen local organizing and build power among working people in the District, and is named for Geraldine "Gerry" Brittain, a social worker and longtime community activist.



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