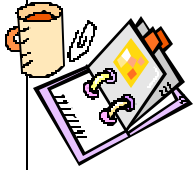




The Mustang

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

Friday, May 1, 2009



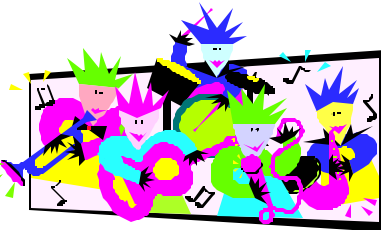
Mark Your Calendars!

- 5/1 – ‘DC-CAS is Over’ Dance, TODAY 3:30-6:00 pm
- 5/3 – Auction Committee Meeting, 3:00 pm, Keller’s house
- 5/6 – Language Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 5/7 – Progress/Deficiency Reports sent home
- 5/15 – Parent-Teacher Conferences, NO SCHOOL
- 5/15 – Year-End and BWL Concert, 6:30 pm, SES Auditorium
- 5/20 – PTA Meeting, and PTA & LSRT Elections
- 5/20 – Countdown to Summer Box Tops Contest deadline
- 5/25 – Memorial Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL
- 5/27 – Field Day – Pre-K-Grade 2
- 5/28 – Field Day – Grades 3-6
- 5/29 – Annual Auction, 7:00 pm, Howard Univ. Blackburn Center

Music Concert, Featuring BWL

Make your plans to attend the annual **Shepherd Year-End Music Concert**, featuring violins, guitars, and our famous B-W-L Rhythm and Blues Band.

The concert will be **May 15**, 6:30 pm in the Auditorium. This is the same day as parent-teacher conferences, so there will be no school that day.



Be sure to attend your child’s parent-teacher conference, and then make plans to return to school at 6:30 pm for an amazing and fun musical evening.

This Week’s Issue of *The Mustang* is Sponsored By the SAULNY FAMILY. Many Thanks!

To learn how you can sponsor an issue of *The Mustang*, see page 5.

A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings Everyone! I hope this message finds each of you happy and well.

Assessments

DC-CAS! DC-CAS! We survived DC CAS! The 2008-2009 administration of the DC-CAS is over and yes, we survived. The second week of testing went as smoothly as the first. This week students said things were a little more challenging, but they focused and did their best. Results will be published this summer.

As one testing window ends, two others begin. Students in grades K-3 will be administered the last DIBELS assessment for the year (date TBA). Please strive to make sure your students continue to arrive on time and remain until the end of the day. When a student is late and/or absent it creates assessment scheduling conflicts.

Throughout the month of May and into the first week of June, English Language Learners (ELL) will be administered the ACCESS for ELL assessment. This assessment evaluates students’ educational strengths and needs as it relates to learning the English language.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Next week is *Teacher Appreciation Week*. Students are asked to show appreciation for their teacher by participating in a variety of *Teacher Appreciation Week* Activities. Please see the *Teacher Appreciation Week* article on the back page of this week’s *Mustang* for suggested activities.

Immunization

All children entering and attending school in the District of Columbia are required to show documented proof of complete, correctly spaced immunization or proof of medical or religious exemption. The immunization regulations have also been recently revised: new immunizations are required for certain grades beginning this school year. The school nurse is in the process of reviewing students’ immunization records. Letters have been and will continue to be distributed to parents whose child’s immunization records are not up to date. It is vital that you take the necessary actions to bring your child’s record up to date. If you have questions, please contact Nurse Roberts. You may reach her by calling the front office.

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Hands on DC

Thank you to everyone who made a monetary donation to *Hands on DC*. We were able to provide lunch for 71 eager volunteers from area high schools and colleges. Due to a power outage in the area, they were not able to complete some of the planned tasks. However, they painted the teacher's lounge and parent center, cleaned the supply closets, weeded outside areas, and painted flags on the walls in the cafeteria. Hopefully, they will be able to visit again to complete the other tasks.

Residency Verification

We currently have a significant number of individuals who are on the waiting list for Shepherd. I am unable to properly manage the waitlist until I know who will be returning to Shepherd next year. If you have not done so, please stop by the office and complete residency verification or return your residency verification packet. The goal is to have all current students verified by the first of June. The sooner residency is verified, the sooner we will be able to begin making plans for next year. I know everyone is anxious to know what teacher will be teaching what grade and whose class their child will be in next year.

Field Day Volunteers

We will be having Field Day on May 27th for students in grades PK - 2nd and May 28th for students in grades 3rd -6th. The day will be filled with fun events for students to enjoy such as: egg and spoon relay, sack race, parachute toss, and many more. To help make the day a success we will need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mr. Burgess (our PE teacher) by calling the front office.

Lost and Found

The lost and found closet is running over with unclaimed items. Please stop by the school to possibly locate any items your child may have lost at school. All unclaimed items will be boxed and delivered to Goodwill on Friday, May 8th.

Summer School Clarifications

The language summer academy will be held from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm; breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 8:30 am and lunch will be served from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

The language summer academy is for students who are currently enrolled in language. This includes *current* PK students. The goal is to continue to build students' language acquisition.

The afternoon session is for students *currently* enrolled in kindergarten through grade 5.

The afternoon program will operate from 1:00 pm until 5:30 pm. *This is a change from the previously published 6:30 pm time.*

The afternoon program will be a music camp operated by Imagination or one similar to our Star Achievers program. I am meeting with potential coordinators and program directors this week and will have something finalized by next week.

Have a great weekend!

Regards,

Jamie Miles

Principal, Shepherd Elementary



Spotlight on Excellence - Past, Present, and Future

With the Shepherd PTA Fundraising Auction fast approaching, we're asking you to get involved in a number of ways:

DONATE: By soliciting donations for the silent and live auctions for our event on FRIDAY, MAY 29, you do more than just raise money: You help sustain a community of educators who work diligently to teach your child each and every day.

ATTEND: Mix and mingle with local celebrities. Invite your friends and neighbors. Have an enjoyable visit with people you normally just pass in the hallway! With the theme "Spotlight on Excellence – Past, Present, and Future," you can see first-hand what drives the level of excellence at Shepherd Elementary. The tickets are only \$50 for an evening of food, music, and partaking in a fun-filled silent and live auction. It kicks off at 7:00 pm in the Blackburn Center on the campus of Howard University.

ADVERTISE: Show support of your child and their school by placing an ad in the auction event catalog program. Starting at only \$25, it's an eye-catching way to show you care.

VOLUNTEER: From soliciting donations to helping decorate the day of the event, there are lots of ways to participate in making this event a night to be remembered – both with the entertainment and the fundraising.

AUCTION SPONSORSHIPS: Join the growing list of auction sponsors. There are definite tax-deduction advantages to becoming a sponsor – either as an individual or a business. And there are a variety of sponsorship levels to fit most checking accounts:

- **MUSTANG SPONSOR** level (\$500)
- **SILVER SPONSOR** level (\$750)
- **GOLD SPONSOR** level (\$1,000)
- **PLATINUM SPONSOR** level (\$2,500)

Our annual auction is a fun and easy way to help YOUR child's school meet and exceed its goals for the coming year!

For more information, contact our Auction Committee co-chairs: Chantale Swanson at 202-422-1249, or Marnie Keller at 202-244-3855.

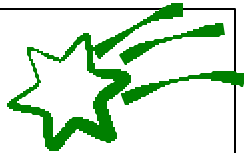
Donation, advertising, and sponsorship forms are available online at www.shepherd-elementary.org.

Star Achievers News

We would like to remind parents the STAR ACHIEVERS After Care children in grades 1-6 only (Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children will get a field trip in June) will be attending the morning matinee performance of the UniverSoul Circus on May 20th, 2009. All tickets will be paid for by the program. Any parents interested in attending with their child should let Mr. Huff, Mr. Leonard or Mrs. Chambliss know ASAP. Seats are limited and it is first come, first served.

All After Care parents will receive information concerning the 2009-10 STAR ACHIEVERS Before and After Care program in June. We will be taking early registration during the summer. The due dates for applications and fees will be listed in the information. In addition, any families who were not in the STAR ACHIEVERS After Care Program this past year, should call Mr. Huff at 301-301-699-9266 if they wish to receive an information package.

FINAL REMINDER: All monies owed for STAR ACHIEVERS Before and After Care program must be paid by April 30th or your child faces being immediate dismissal. In addition, until all financial obligations are met, your child/children may not apply for next year and your account will be turned over to a credit company for collection.



Countdown to Summer Box Tops Collection Contest

Turn your Box Tops into the Collection Box in the Main Office no later than **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**. 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@kddmgroup.com.

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



World's Finest Chocolate Sale!

If you have not picked up a box of chocolate yet, please bring \$50 to school, when delivering or picking up your little person, along with your fundraising smile. The school will reap rich dividends from your commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Shepherd Chocolate Czar Yao Tyus at 202-345-0282 or yao.tyus@stepms.com



**ANNUAL PTA
AUCTION
MAY 29**

SES Library News

April was a busy month in the library. Two of the **pre-K** classes have had students in to enjoy some computer time, while the **kindergarten** classes have helped to put on a play by supplying some very special sound effects. With the **first grade** classes, we performed the same spring-themed play, with students reading the parts as well as creating the sounds. In the **second grade**, we have been exploring the themes of family traditions and immigration to tie in with classroom learning. The **third and fourth grades** have been watching the movie version of the award-winning novel "Harriet the Spy" and discussing such elements as plot and characterization. At the **fifth grade** level, we've continued working with different reference sources, while the **sixth grade** works on project-based reference learning.

~ Maria Scinto, SES Librarian
www.yourvirtual librarian.com



Next Issue of The Mustang

The next issue of The Mustang will be distributed to students on **Friday, May 8**. If you want to contribute to the next issue, please get your material in by 10 a.m. next **Tuesday, May 5**. The Mustang editorial team thanks you! Send your contributions for the next issue of *The Mustang* to:

SESmustang@gmail.com

The Challenge is On!

One of the class parents has issued a challenge: The class with the highest percentage of parent attendance at the final PTA meeting of the year, held **Wednesday, May 20**, will win popsicles for the entire class! Come to the May PTA meeting and help your child's class win a treat!!



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.

The Mustang is also now available on the Shepherd Elementary School website at www.shepherd-elementary.org.

Literacy Corner

Primary Grades

The Match Game

What you need:

- Ten pieces of paper or cards with one word* written on each piece (start with **the, said, are**, etc.).
- Another set of 10 cards with the same words written on them.

What to do:

- Mix the words together. Give your child five cards, and give yourself five cards. Put the rest of the cards in a pile, face down on the table.
 - Both of you pick up your cards to see if you have two words that are the same among all your cards. If so, say the word and put them down as a pair. Then pick two more cards from the pile.
 - If neither of you has a pair, draw a card from the pile. Take turns until all the cards have been drawn or one player has gotten rid of all of his or her cards.
- The player with the most matching pairs is the winner.

Some words cannot be read by saying the sounds in the word. Words like *the, said, are, don't, have, one, two, love*, and *you* must be learned as whole words.

* Use more advanced words for older students

Quick Tip: Strengthen your brain's math power. Listen to classical music. By listening to music you set up connections in your brain that support math learning.

~ Crystal Moorefield, Literacy Professional Developer

Intermediate Grades

Explore Science: Balloon Blow-Up

Please get your parents permission first.

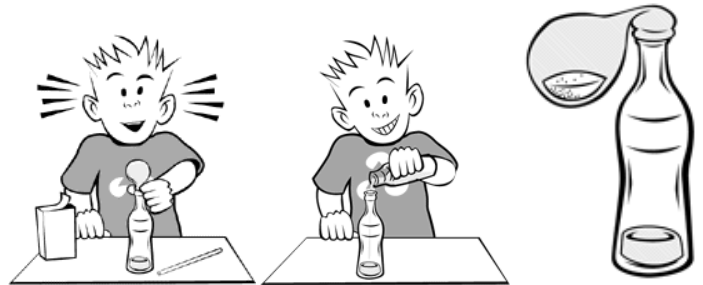
Not all bubbles are made with soap!

What you need:

- A bottle with a narrow neck
- Vinegar
- Baking soda
- Funnel or straw
- Water
- Balloon

What to do:

1. Pour about an inch of liquid – half vinegar, half water – into the bottle.
2. Use the funnel to fill the balloon half full of baking soda. (If you don't have a funnel, you can use a straw to load the balloon. Stick the straw into the baking soda, and put your finger over the top of the straw. Lift the straw out, put it into the balloon, and blow or tap gently.)
3. Stretch the open end of the balloon over the neck of the bottle. Make sure it's on tight! Let the heavy end of the balloon dangle, so no baking soda goes in the bottle.
4. Hold onto the balloon at the bottle neck, and pick up the heavy part of the balloon so that all the baking soda falls into the vinegar at the bottom of the bottle.
5. Wow! Hear the fizz? There are thousands of bubbles! And look at what's happening to the balloon...



'Songs of Freedom and Justice' CDs Are In!

The live CD recordings of our "Songs of Freedom and Justice" concert have arrived. If you pre-ordered your CD, the CDs were put in the mailboxes of your children's teachers Thursday morning, so you may already have them! If you didn't pre-order CDs, they will be available at the Friday morning coffees at \$10 each while supplies last. Those who buy the CD in person can get free, at their request, a commemorative copy of the "Songs of Freedom and Justice" concert program. You can also continue to mail orders to the school 7800 14th St. Washington, DC 20012, with checks made payable to the Shepherd Elementary PTA.

Mr. Ken Giles, who conceived and produced the program, will distribute CDs next week to students in his music classes once DC-CAS testing is over.

**Promised Auction Items
Needed IMMEDIATELY!
(if not sooner)**

For details, call:
Marnie Keller, 202-244-8355
Chantale Swanson, 202-422-1249

Auction Action – Hail to the Chiefs!

As the auction countdown clock ticks away – just 28 days – the auction prizes keep rolling in. Get an eyeful of these items you can bid on!

- **Support Our President in Style.** We call this *Obama-Fabulousness*: Campaign logo items designed by America's top designers, including an Issac Mizrahi tote, Diane von Furstenberg tote, two Jay-Z CHANGE Tees, a long sleeve Robert Indiana HOPE Tee, plus a women's hoodie jacket and assorted campaign buttons and bumper stickers. This one-of-a-kind package is destined to be a treasured heirloom to be passed down to your kids and grandkids!
- **Support our Mayor at a D.C. Culinary Hot Spot:** One lucky class can win lunch with **Mayor Adrian Fenty** at the ever-popular **Ben's Chili Bowl**! Students can chow down on a chili dog while asking the mayor about politics, running, what it's like to have a limo, or anything else that's on their minds. Lunch will be scheduled before the end of the school year.

Our kudos to Shepherd parent Stephanie Scott for securing the above items. The Spring Auction, titled "*Spotlight on Excellence: Past, Present and Future,*" will be held 7 p.m. Friday, May 29, in the Blackburn Center on the campus of Howard University.

If you have auction items you'd like to donate, or have secured from merchants, let our Auction Committee co-chairs know.

The second of two meetings scheduled to discuss plans for the upcoming spring auction will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, **May 3** at auction co-chair Marnie Keller's house at 7405 Alaska Ave. NW. There are still lots of ways to get involved, such as securing donations, selling ads, selling tickets and helping at the event.

Contact auction co-chairs:

- Chantale Swanson at swanprncess75@aol.com
- Marnie Keller at marniekeller@gmail.com

Come Join Us for Coffee!

With the warmer weather, the PTA Friday morning coffees have moved back to "Patio 14" on 14th Street outside the school and close to the school library. Join us for coffee, tea, and more. You'll now be able to find "Songs of Freedom and Justice" CDs available for sale during the coffee hour. You may also happen upon some tasty baked goods and other surprises. Come thirsty and leave happy!

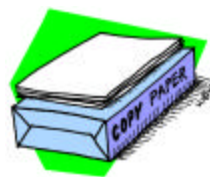


Shepherd May Musical Activities

- Distribution of the CD from "Songs of Freedom and Justice" concert: CDs are available now!
- Several Shepherd School students will sing with DC Labor Chorus at their springtime concert on May 2 at First Trinity Lutheran Church (4th and E, NW).
- On May 8, Jali-D (a djembe drummer and innovative rapper) will perform for our 4th grade music classes and the aftercare students.
- On May 12, our 6th graders will perform their student opera at the Washington National Opera office in the Takoma neighborhood, DC. Other DCPS schools will also present their student operas at the same event.
- May 15 is our final concert of the year, featuring violins, guitars, and the BWL rhythm-and-blues band.

~ Ken Giles, Music Teacher

Have You Bought
Your Auction
Tickets Yet??



Sponsor an Issue of The Mustang

See your name in print! Donate 3 reams of copy paper – that's what it takes each week to get the news out – and you'll receive kudos right here in the pages of *The Mustang*! Or, if you prefer, donate in the name of your child's teacher or one of the other amazing Shepherd Elementary School staff members and they'll receive special mention in that week's newsletter. To sponsor an issue of *The Mustang*, contact Mark Pattison at pattison_mark@hotmail.com

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@yahoogroups.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 setup.

DC Youth Orchestra Presents Two FREE Family Events!

Flute Choir Concert

Sunday, May 3, 2009

3:30 p.m.

Mayorga Coffee

8040 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910



Students – including Stephanie Guzmán, cousin of Zennon and Mattie Melnyk – from the intermediate flute classes of the DC Youth Orchestra Program perform under the direction of faculty member Sharon Pabon. Come join us for a relaxed afternoon of music and coffee at Mayorga Coffee in Silver Spring.

Young Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

Mother's Day Concert

Sunday, May 10, 2009

5:00 p.m.

Atlas Performing Arts Center

Sprenger Lang Theatre

1333 H Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002



Upper level string students of the program come together in a small string ensemble under the direction of Maestra Victoria Gau and present an evening of chamber music. This performance is also in celebration on Mother's Day 2009 and the first 50 mothers in attendance will receive a free carnation. Come bring Mom out to celebrate her day!

Let's Stay Healthy at Shepherd!

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) states that the symptoms of the swine flu are similar to regular flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. The best prevention is practicing common sense measures, which include: frequent hand washing, covering your mouth when you cough, and staying home if you or your child are not well. Please contact your family physician if a family member develops flu-like symptoms, and keep Principal Miles and the school nurse informed.

To learn more about this flu, visit the CDC's website for more information:

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/key_facts.htm

Auction Tickets On Sale Now



Teacher Appreciation (TAP) Award

Each month, Shepherd Elementary's Local School Restructuring Team (LSRT) TAPs a teacher through its Teacher Appreciation Program (TAP).

All you have to do is write a letter nominating your child's teacher for his or her great work and dedication. If you have noticed a wonderful habit your child's teacher has, or if he/she has a way with the class that you admire, tell the rest of the school your story. Teacher assistants, "special" teachers, and other staff can be nominated also.

To nominate someone to be tapped, please send an email to LSRT Chair, Rhonda Davis Smith at championco@aol.com. The LSRT will review all letters and select those to receive the TAP honor at each month's PTA meeting.

TAP a teacher (or other wonderful staff member) today!!

Local Area Library Events

Organic Gardening Workshop: Saturday, May 2, 10:45 a.m.-noon. For ages 10-up. Back to the basics – growing food, growing organically with master gardener Fannie Hamilton. At the Shepherd Park Library, 7420 Georgia Ave. NW. For details call 541-6100.

Wednesday Afternoon Book Club: Wednesday, May 13, 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Shepherd Park Library. The May book will be Carson McCullers' "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," the classic tale of moral isolation in a small Southern mill town in the 1930s. For details call 541-6100.

Library hosts South Indian dancers: As part of its series exploring world cultures, the Long Branch Library, 8800 Garland Ave. in Silver Spring, will feature The Spilling Ink Project in a performance that will weave tales from Indian folklore and mythology through South Indian dance forms of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi. The free event, the final in a series, will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at the Long Branch Library. For more information, call 240-777-0910.

The IB PYP Corner

Update, News and Notes:

- This week, two Shepherd teachers, Ms. Holt (Pre-kindergarten) and Ms. Thurber (Grade 2) visited Randolph Elementary, an authorized IB school in Arlington, Virginia. They met with the school's PYP coordinator and observed in several classrooms.
- Last week, Ms. Tucker met with Shepherd's teachers of special subjects including art, music, physical education, Spanish and French to discuss in more detail their role in teaching the units of inquiry. They will be meeting soon with each grade level team to help them plan their units.
- Ms. Tucker also met with the paraprofessionals (educational aides) to discuss with them their role in the PYP units of inquiry.
- As we wind down from the administration of the DC-CAS, teachers are refocusing on preparing to implement their first PYP unit of inquiry. We project that each teacher will begin the unit on May 11.

PYP Lesson of the Week:

The PYP Transdisciplinary Skills (final installment)

This week we conclude our look at the PYP transdisciplinary skills. As we explained previously, there are five categories of these skills. In earlier articles we listed the specific social, thinking, communication and self-management skills that teachers will guide students to develop. This week we list the research skills, along with details about each skill.



Research skills –

- **Formulating questions** - Identifying something one wants or needs to know and asking compelling and relevant questions that can be researched.
- **Observing** - Developing a course of action; writing an outline; devising ways of finding out necessary information.
- **Collecting data** - Gathering information from a variety of first- and second-hand sources such as maps, surveys, direct observation, books, films, people, museums and ICT.
- **Recording data** - Describing and recording observations by drawing, note taking, making charts, tallying, writing statements.
- **Organizing data** - Sorting and categorizing information; arranging into understandable forms such as narrative descriptions, tables, timelines, graphs and diagrams.
- **Interpreting data** - Drawing conclusions from relationships and patterns that emerge from organized data.
- **Presenting research findings** - Effectively communicating what has been learned; choosing appropriate media.

During the month of May you should see evidence (in the classroom and in conversations with your child) that he or she is using these skills as the PYP unit of inquiry unfolds. Remember that the transdisciplinary skills are used across all grade levels and across all subject areas.

Questions for reflection and discussion:

Exactly what type of evidence might you expect to see? Jot down your reflections on this question and later compare your list with what you actually see.

~ Patricia L. Tucker & Jamie Miles

Shepherd Elementary School Book Exchange

Shepherd will hold a one-day BOOK EXCHANGE event of gently-used children's books on Friday, June 5th in the school auditorium (date and time subject to change). All students and their families are invited to participate.

Purpose: To get the kids excited about summer reading and about being owners of new stories and adventures.

Benefits: Parents get to clean out their child's bookcase of all those books that are no longer being read and are no longer challenging, thus helping the child move up to more challenging books, embrace new stories, and fortify a love for reading. Children get to pass along favorite books to other students and get "new" books in exchange, thereby teaching the benefit of giving to others. Teachers get to thin out reading books from classroom and make recommendations to students and parents.

Why you want to participate: It's FREE! The idea is for every book a child donates to the BOOK EXCHANGE, he/she will be able to "purchase" the same number of books to take home. If a child wishes to buy more books than he/she donated, a nominal cost will be requested (i.e., 0.25 - 1.00 per book).

What you can do now: (a) For the month of May, review with your child all the books he/she is no longer reading and consider donating them to Shepherd for the BOOK EXCHANGE. Only clean, gently used books will be accepted. Collection/drop-off instructions will be provided in the coming weeks. (b) Consider donating your time!! Volunteers are needed. If you have 15 minutes or an hour, please contact Kimberly Brandon at 202-722-0569.

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



The fabulous *Songs of Freedom of Justice* CD is now available!

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: _____

Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-9

Please help us celebrate our teachers by allowing your students to participate in the *Teacher Appreciation Week* activities outlined below. Please do not forget about Mr. Burgess, Mr. Giles, Ms. Scinto and Ms. Michaud.

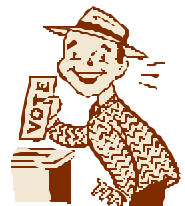
- Monday: Flowers for Your Teacher Day (bring a single flower or a bouquet of flowers for your teacher)
- Tuesday: Healthy Snack Day (an apple, orange, banana or strawberries will do)
- Wednesday: Creative Day (make a card, write a poem, sing a song or do a dance for your teacher)
- Thursday: Chocolate Day (bring a chocolate treat for your teacher)
- Friday: Say "thank you!" and Give Your Teacher a Hug or High Five Day (it's the little things that matter most)



**'DC-CAS is OVER'
School Dance TODAY!**

In celebration of the end of the DC-CAS testing, Shepherd Elementary pre-K classes are hosting a rockin' fundraiser for all Shepherd students from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in the school auditorium. Tickets cost \$3. Buy raffle tickets at the dance for \$1 each to win great prizes. Refreshments will be available for purchase. (Proceeds will benefit the Shepherd Pre-K End of Year Educational Trip.)

**PTA & LSRT Elections
To Be Held May 20**



Both LSRT and PTA elections will be held on May 20. The LSRT requires an election with polls open for 12 hours (7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.). The results of the LSRT election will be announced at the PTA meeting.

The PTA election will be held at the meeting. Last year, each candidate spoke for a few minutes, nominations were closed and then the vote was taken.



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