



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

Friday, May 29, 2009

Mark Your Calendars!

5/29 – Annual Auction Gala, TONIGHT 7:00 pm,
Howard University Blackburn Center

6/1-8 – Spirit Week, see page 2 for updated details

6/2 – Field Day—New Date—Pre-K through 2nd grade

6/5 – Field Day—New Date—Grades 3 through 6

6/5 – Book Exchange

6/11 – Sixth Grade Graduation

6/12 – Fifth Grade Graduation

6/15 – Last Day of School: See you next school year!

A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings!

Have You Registered Your Student(s) for the Upcoming School Year?

In case you have not heard, Shepherd Elementary is facing potential budget cuts. These cuts will become a reality if we do not meet our projected enrollment of 311 students for the upcoming school year. To date, we have enrolled approximately 150. If you have not registered yet, it is urgent that you do so immediately. Please stop by the front office today to drop off or to complete an enrollment form and to show proof of residency. The process takes about 10 minutes.

Field Day

Due to inclement weather and a soggy field, field day was postponed until next week. The new dates are as follows: June 2nd for grades PK through 2nd grade, and June 5th for grades 3rd through 6th. If you signed up to volunteer we hope you will be able to fulfill your commitment. If you did not sign up but your schedule is now open on these dates, we would love to have you. Please contact Mr. Burgess for more information.

Spirit Week

Next week is Spirit Week. Please see the **updated** list of *Spirit Week* activities listed on page 2 of the *Mustang*. Everyone is encouraged to participate. On Thursday, June 4th we will be having a *Pajama Jam*. This day is designed to provide teachers with extra planning and packing time. Students are encouraged to wear their PJs to school. In the morning, the BWL band will perform for the school. In the afternoon, we will have a *Pajama Jam*. DJ Velez (aka Mr. Velez) will “crank” up the music and allow the students to show some of their best dance moves. We are in need of volunteers to chaperone this event. If you are available, please email Principal Miles at jamie.miles@dc.gov.

Summer School

If you registered for summer school, please look for an information sheet in your student's book bag. The coordinator is hoping to get this out by the end of next week.

Uniforms

Please make sure your student is in uniform each day. I have been noticing a lot of inappropriate attire. Short shorts and strapless tops are not appropriate attire for school.

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You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the

*Shepherd Elementary School
PTA Annual Auction Gala*

*Spotlight on Excellence –
Past, Present, and Future*

Tonight!!

Blackburn Center, Howard University

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Auction Bidding Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$50 per person

(Principal, continued from page 1)

Annual School Report

I will be generating an annual report which will be distributed to all students prior to the last day of school. This report will provide you with a look at what we accomplished this year at Shepherd and a little more insight into where we are going in the upcoming year.

Thank you for your continuous support. Enjoy your week-end!

Regards,

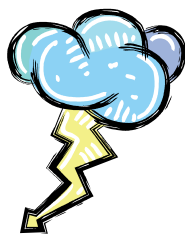
Jamie Miles

Principal, Shepherd Elementary

Literacy Corner

I hope that you and your child enjoyed writing poetry. Now we are moving on to the next topic.

Read, Learn, and Do!



Storms: Its storm season and we want you to be prepared. Below is a list of books that you and your child can read to help learn about storms. Have older children read to younger children. After reading, prepare a storm kit for your household and store it in a place that you will remember. Use information that you read about to help gather items for your storm kit.

Fiction: *Rainstorm*, by Barbara Lehman, or *The Buffalo Storm*, by Katherine Applegate

Nonfiction: *The Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane*, by Joanna Cole, or *Twisters and Other Terrible Storms*, by Will and Mary Pope Osborne

Activities: Put together a storm kit with items like a flashlight, extra batteries, and bottled water. Brainstorm some things you could do at home if the electricity went out. Put the list in the storm kit!

Be Safe and Don't Forget to Have Fun!

Audit Committee Forming

The PTA needs three savvy parents to serve as an Audit Committee for a couple of weekend afternoons no earlier than mid-July to review the PTA's books. If you can assist in this effort, please get in touch with outgoing PTA Treasurer Doug Noble at taylorfarm@kddmgroupp.com or incoming PTA President Charisse Brossard at charisse_brossard@adp.com.

Dynamic of New Beginnings at Shepherd

Several times every week, sometimes several times a day, I am in the school office for some PTA business matter. Included in the roar of business that I overhear in the office during the course of the day are the "Welcome to Shepherd" greetings that Principal Miles, Ms. Brooks and Ms. Confer are giving to parents that are there enrolling their children at the school for the first time. Further, Mrs. Miles reports that the school is in the process of placing new students from enrollment waiting-lists for several (maybe all at this point) grades for the coming school year.

As the students in our graduating fifth grade class and our last graduating sixth grade class go on to middle school, we will have a lot of space – in our classrooms and in our hearts – for the new students who will be joining our continuing students to make up the 2009-2010 student body. These dynamic new beginnings for the school's graduates this year and for its new enrollees next year are another testament to Shepherd's value to the community and to its continued recognition as one of the best elementary schools in the city.

For the current year's PTA Board and for the recently elected PTA Board for next year, welcoming and facilitating transition into Shepherd by the new families is a very high priority. The new and continuing families will surely hear more on this from the next year's PTA President, Ms. Charisse Brossard, but I take the opportunity to say, on behalf of this year's PTA Board, "thank you and best wishes" to our graduates and their families, and "welcome and best wishes" to our incoming students and their families. The dynamic of new beginnings goes on at Shepherd!

Earl Yates, President, Parent Teacher Association

Spirit Week

Next week, we will be having spirit week. Each day students will be allowed to dress and accessorize to match the theme for the day. Students in grades 4th through 6th voted and the results are in....

- **Monday (6/1) – Sports Day** (Who can wear the most sports memorabilia?)
- **Tuesday (6/2) – Mismatch Day** (How uncoordinated can you be?)
- **Wednesday (6/3) – Backwards Day** (How many things can you wear backwards?)
- **Thursday (6/4) – Pajama Day** (Wear your favorite PJs to school) and the **Pajama Jam!**
- **Monday (6/8) – '80s Day** (Look on the internet, talk to your parents to help you create the perfect '80s look)

Summer School Has a June 1 Sign-Up Deadline

If you want your child to attend Shepherd Elementary's new summer enrichment program, which runs June 29-Aug. 5, please sign up at the school office. The deadline is June 1. Please note, though, that the language enrichment component of the summer-school program is completely full.

Student Registration Deadline Closing In

To ensure that Shepherd Elementary has the right number of teachers in the right places for 2009-2010, please get your child registered by next Monday, June 1. Registration packets were mailed earlier this month, and additional copies are available in the office.

Also, if you know that your child will not be returning to Shepherd, please inform the office so that the parents of a child on the waiting list may be informed of an opening at our school.

Crystal Ball, Schmystal Ball

Do you want to know what the future holds for Shepherd Elementary? In the next three to five years? There is a document near Ms. Brooks' desk in the main office of the school that outlines the possibilities.

Parents are invited to view and read the document inside the office.



Counseling Corner

PARENTING TIP #4

ROLE PLAY "EXPLOSIVE" SITUATIONS

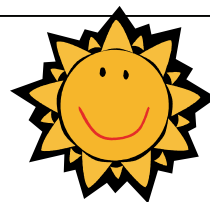
Children need practice in controlling themselves and in thinking of alternatives to violent, angry behavior. It helps to give them some opportunity to "try out" their peacemaking skills in pretend situations.

TRY THIS: Write out several role-play situations that are common in your child's everyday life at home and at school. Write each situation on a separate sheet of paper and put all of them in a jar or bowl. It becomes a game as children pull out a slip of paper, you describe the situation and they act it out, showing how they can use their peacemaking skills to resolve the problem.

~ Ms. Liggins, School Counselor

Box Tops Update

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the *Countdown to Summer* Box Tops Collection Contest. Thanks to your efforts, we have over \$150 toward next year's Box Tops goal of \$500.



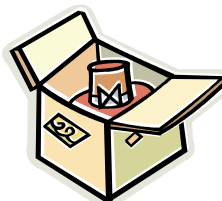
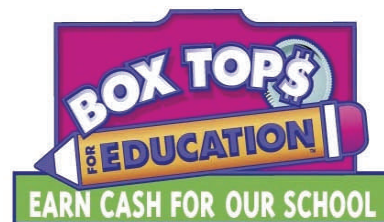
Everyone who contributed Box Tops in the Countdown to Summer Collection Contest is receiving a prize. The class that submitted the most Box Tops is Ms. Kuawogai's kindergarten class. They have won popsicle treats! And one class had a 100% participation this school year: Ms. Shaibu's class has also won popsicle treats! Thanks to all who participated!

The next Box Tops Collection Contest will occur in September, just after next school year starts. A collection sheet is attached to this issue of the *Mustang*. Keep that collection sheet handy all summer, and bring it back next school year filled with Box Tops so that Shepherd can earn even more money!

Please welcome Shepherd's **new Box Tops for Education Coordinator, Ms. Katherine Trimble**. Katherine, mom of Colyar (rising 2nd grader) and Henry (rising kindergartener) will take over as Box Tops Coordinator this summer.

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

Remember to keep clipping Box Tops for Shepherd!



Boxes Needed for Teachers' Materials

For most of the school year, we focus on "Box Tops for Education." But with the school year nearing an end, we're focusing on "Boxes for

Education." Our teachers need to put their instructional materials in boxes to keep them out of harm's way during the Summer School program and the cleanup that follows. With as many as 400 children using Shepherd Elementary this summer for the enrichment program, the need for boxes is especially critical this year. Please bring your boxes to the school office, where they will be distributed to our teachers. Copy-paper boxes work best, but liquor cartons and pizza-box cartons are a close second. Please contact merchants and ask for boxes before store staff flattens them. And approach the manager at your supermarket for appropriate boxes, too!

Terrific Kids & B.U.G. Award Recipients

Please forgive us. We have failed to publish the names of students who received Terrific Kids and BUGS awards for the past several months. Teachers have been a little busy teaching. We are attempting to make sure every student gets recognized. If your child was recognized, but you have not seen their name published in the *Mustang* (and their names are not listed below), please email Principal Miles (Jamie.miles@dc.gov). Thank you for your patience.

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| • Chandler Brossard | • Carolyn Hoff |
| • Jadyndy Lindsey | • Gabrielle Williams |
| • Joshua Okechukwu | • Jordan Habbick |
| • Carter Mundy | • Victoria Newson |
| • Virginia Reed | • Christopher Villalta |
| • Cecelia Sneed | • Kayla Boyde |
| • John Pollock | • Allison Holmes |
| • Lewis Zimba | • Dominique Noble |
| • Alexis Smith | • Jekayla Gray |
| • Nia Anderson | • Immanuel Marshall |
| • Asha Yates | • Erica White-Ruffin |
| • Everett Reed | • Charles Branche |
| • Thomas Gonnet | • Amaya Smith |
| • Billie Green | • Michael Branche |
| • Brooklyn Jenkins | • Jalen Johnson |
| • Andrea Resplandy | • Naya Ray |
| • Omari Clarke | • Kyle Jackson |
| • Daishawn Jones | • Henry Trimble |
| • Tolani Smith | • Sophia Haggray |
| • Ross Brown | |



Buy a Brick to Support Alice Deal

Support The Deal Sound System and Be Remembered for Many Years!

We LOVE Deal's beautiful new building, but we still need help with some finishing touches, e.g., a new sound system for our auditorium!! The Deal PTA is selling personalized bricks for the new courtyard behind the school to help with this and other projects, so order your brick today!!



ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY JUNE 30TH!

Bricks are \$125 each, including two engraved lines (15 characters per line) for your name and/or message. This is your chance to recognize your child's hard work, thank your child's teachers, and show your family's commitment to Deal. Your support today will leave a lasting legacy at Deal!

Download an order form from the Deal PTA website at www.dealpta.org (click on the word "form" under "Support The Deal Sound System.")

- Wonderful promotion gift for Deal graduate
- Nice surprise for incoming students
- Great end of the year gift for staff and teachers



Cub Scouts Want Your Sons

Cub Scout Pack 24, for boys from kindergarten through fifth-grade, meets 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Northminster Presbyterian Church at the corner of Kalmia Road and

Alaska Avenue. The one exception will be Saturday, June 13, when the Cub Scouts will hold a biking expedition at Shepherd Field, adjacent to Shepherd Elementary, from 10 a.m. to noon, with a picnic to follow.

To learn more, contact Donna Johnson Harvey at djohnsonharvey@yahoo.com.

Get Ready for the Pajama Jam!!



Next Thursday (June 4), as part of the Spirit Week festivities, Shepherd Elementary School will host its first ever *Pajama Jam*! Wear your pajamas and P-A-R-T-Y!! In the morning, the BWL band will perform for the school. In the afternoon, we will have a *Pajama Jam*. DJ Velez (aka Mr. Velez) will "crank" up the music and allow the students to show some of their best dance moves.

Gear Up for Post-Summer School Cleaning Blitz



With summer school at Shepherd ending Aug. 5 and teachers reporting back to school Aug. 17, that gives us eight to 10 working days for the school to be transformed into a sparkling clean facility. This effort will require the hard work of not only Shepherd's custodial staff and the best efforts of teachers, but also the elbow grease of parents. Get ready to block out dates on your summertime calendar to join in the cleaning blitz.

The IB PYP Corner

Update, News and Notes:

- All teachers are implementing their first unit of inquiry. The “central idea” and “lines of inquiry” for each unit were shared with you in last week’s *Mustang*. Here are some examples of the PYP activities currently going on in classrooms: Students are learning the meaning of some of the Learner Profile attributes and, in some cases, coming up with their own definitions. Each unit should emphasize at least one attribute of the Learner Profile. As part of the inquiry process, students in all grades are posing their own questions about the topics raised in their PYP unit. Their questions are posted in the classroom. They are using stories, reference books and the Internet to research the answers to their questions. Kindergarten students are constructing maps of their classroom and their bedroom at home and studying hills, mountains and other landforms for their unit on geographic forms. For their unit on the needs of living things, pre-kindergarten students are planting seeds and collecting data on the growth of the seeds/plants. Second grade students are studying Trinidad and Tobago for their study of the ways in which people use different forms of expression to convey cultural differences. Grade 3 students are discussing the diversity of the population of Washington, DC for their unit on cultural differences. Students are writing reflections and reflecting orally on their learning as the units unfold.
- The art, music and PE teachers are collaborating with the classroom teachers to conduct learning activities that support the PYP units. For example, Ms. Michaud is having fifth grade students create the visual environment that they see themselves in as a middle school student. This supports the fifth grade PYP unit on life’s transitions. She is also doing art activities around turtles to support the pre-k unit on living things.
- Mr. Valera, one of the teachers of Spanish language, has drawn a beautiful set of posters in Spanish to depict the meaning of each of the Learner Profile attributes. He uses these posters to introduce and reinforce the meaning of each of the attributes.
- Teachers are beginning to collaboratively write the detailed planner for the unit of inquiry that they will implement at the beginning of the school year. They are finding the task easier the second time around.



PYP Lesson of the Week: What does PYP look like in the classroom?

This week we are using this space to share some photographs of Ms. Holt’s pre-kindergarten unit in progress.



Reflection question: Has your child described any recent classroom activities that seem new or different?

~ Patricia L. Tucker & Jamie Miles

Shepherd's One-Day Book Exchange NEXT FRIDAY, June 5

New Deadline for Donations is Wednesday, June 3



The goal of next Friday's BOOK EXCHANGE is to get all students excited about reading and about sharing great stories with others. The event is a great way for children to celebrate their reading achievements by giving away books they have outgrown and selecting (in exchange) more challenging stories that will further their reading abilities.

Participation is FREE! **For every book a child donates he/she will be able to select the same number of "new" books to take home...** just in time for summer reading!

To make this exchange a success, we need lots of gently-used children's books! Books for 4-7 graders are especially needed. No infant or toddler books, please.

This is NOT a Scholastic book event. The inventory of books for the Book Exchange comes from us! The more books families bring in, the greater the number of students we'll have "shopping" for new books! To make this exchange a success, **we need more books** from more families!

To participate simply:

1. Select one or more gently-used books, i.e., no torn pages, no marks or writings on pages, clean covers, in-tact spines, etc.
2. Place the books in a plastic shopping bag, paper grocery bag, etc.
3. Include in the bag a piece of paper or note card showing
 - a. the student's **first and last name**
 - b. the student's **teacher and grade**
 - c. the **number** of books being donated
4. Put the bag of books with note card inside in one of the **TWO COLLECTION BINS** by Wednesday, June 3 (bins are located outside of the library and outside of Mr. Byers and Ms. Crockett's classrooms).

We are keeping track of the number of books students bring in so they will know how many books they can select to take home. This event supports our school's summer reading initiative, so PLEASE PARTICIPATE! Books can be donated through Wednesday, June 3.

If you can volunteer 30 minutes or more on the day of the event, please contact Kimberly Brandon (202-722-0569; brandonsdc@hotmail.com)

(Note: Be sure to include your child's name with the books. Two bags of books were donated last week without names. If one bag or both is yours, please contact Kimberly Brandon.)



Before You Buy Next Year's School Uniforms...

Consider buying your school uniforms from either **Land's End** or **French Toast**. Both of these retailers will donate a percentage of your purchases back to Shepherd when you use our school codes.

Shepherd School Uniform Retailer Codes:

- Land's End: www.landsend.com – use Shepherd's Preferred School Number: **9001-3120-2**
- French Toast: www.frenchtoast.com – use Shepherd's School Code: **QS4SJF**

This is an easy way to raise money for Shepherd that does not cost YOU any additional money than you would have spent anyway!

Kids: Set Sail!

Kevin Traver, executive director of the National Maritime Heritage Foundation, came to the May 20 PTA meeting to promote *Kids Set Sail!*, a weeklong boating and learning experience for children ages 8 and older.

Come the first year for a week, but come the next year for a longer stretch and you'll get first-class certification if you complete your tasks the right way! (Kids Set Sail also made a donation to tonight's Auction Gala, which shouldn't be overlooked.)

There's never been a safety incident with Kids Set Sail. Harbor Police teach safety as part of the curriculum. And there are eight staff for the 32 campers. And on the faculty are skilled sailors from Georgetown University, the U.S. Naval Academy, St. Mary's college and Hampton University – including past members of the U.S. Olympic sailing team. The camp follows a "STEM" educational philosophy: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.



To learn more, consult the foundations' Web site, www.nmhf.org, or call 202-547-1250

D.C. Armor Raffle Winner

Congratulations to **Jalen Johnson**, a student in Ms. Gilmore's fourth-grade class. His number was picked by Shepherd parent Kim Barnette at the May 20 PTA meeting as the winner of four tickets to the D.C. Armor arena football team's final four home games of the season.



Kim Barnette's husband, Corey, who is general manager of the team, has donated several ticket sets to D.C. Armor games for tonight's Auction Gala. Bid 'em up!

SPCA Yard Sale!

Start cleaning out your attic!

The Shepherd Park Citizens Association's annual Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, throughout the Shepherd Park, Colonial Village and North Portal Estates neighborhoods.



More than 50 households participate in the sale every year. And several families and the Friends of the Shepherd Park Library will gather outside Shepherd Elementary on June 6 to sell their wares. Hours for the yard sale are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. If it rains on the June 6, the yard sale will be held on June 7 only. If you're a member of the Citizens' Association, you get a discount if you sell at your house - and you get space outside the school free! For more details, contact Charisse Brossard at charisse_brossard@adp.com or 722-0525.

Shepherd Park Neighborhood Picnic

The Shepherd Park Citizens Association will hold its annual picnic for all neighborhood residents from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at the Lowell School field on Kalmia Road. This is a big deal every year with lots of activities for children, plus music and great food. This year, Charlie's Restaurant on Georgia Avenue will serve as the caterer. If it rains on June 14, the rain date is June 28.



Used Uniforms Need Your TLC

We are looking for at least a couple of Shepherd parents or grandparents - with a keen eye for this sort of thing - to look for (or to make your own judgment) on the sizes of the used uniform clothing we have. A project is already under way to get all of the used uniform clothing properly washed, dried, and folded in plenty of time for selling at the 2009 parents' night orientations and at PTA meetings.



Once sorted... this is where you come in. If you're interested, call recording secretary Mark Pattison at 829-9289, or e-mail him at mpattison@catholicnews.com

DCPS Parent Survey Deserves Our Input

D.C. Public Schools has been conducting a survey of parents on how satisfied they are with their children's school in particular, and DCPS in general. At least two Shepherd parents have reported being contacted by phone to complete the survey, while at some schools the four-page survey has been distributed to all parents. The Shepherd PTA yahoo groups listserv has a copy of the survey on the "files" site. It is a square-red (PDF) box titled DCPSurvey.

You can print the survey and deliver it to the Silver Spring address listed on the final page of the survey. You can also add comments by phone at 202-442-5191, or via e-mail at FamilyandCommunity@dc.gov.

The DCPS Survey Deadline is tomorrow, May 30.

Two FREE Music Events for Children



DC Youth Orchestra's Junior Philharmonic Performs Sat., May 30 - Students in the Junior Philharmonic, DCYO's second tier orchestra, will perform their year-end concert at 6:00pm at **Katzen Performing Arts Center's** Abramson Hall (4400 Massachusetts Ave. at American Univ.). Come hear works by Borodin, Schubert, and Arturo Marquez.

DC Youth Orchestra's Renown Youth Orchestra Performs Sun., May 31 - DCYO's first tier orchestra will perform their year-end concert at 6:00pm in the **Kennedy Center's** Terrace Theater. Includes works by Mozart, Prokofiev and Kabalevsky, featuring his year's Concerto Competition winner, Sophie Fierst.



More Books for Summer Reading

The Friends of the Shepherd Park Library will hold their annual used book sale on June 6-7 during the Shepherd Park Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale. Find great deals on books perfect for reading at the pool, beach, and where ever your summer travels take you.



Shepherd Community Corner

Learn All About Wheaton Summer Camps

Don't forget about the Wheaton Summer Camp Expo at the Wheaton Regional Park's outdoor skating rink, 11717 Orebaugh Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Get the scoop on all the camps taking place at Wheaton Regional Park. There will be representatives from Wheaton Ice, Wheaton Tennis, Week in the Park, Brookside Gardens, Brookside Nature Center and Wheaton Park Stables; plus onsite ParkPASS registration; fun activities for children; refreshments; and giveaways. There will also be a free tennis mini-lessons for the kids and a free ice skating session for all who attend the expo. For more information, call 301-649-3640.

Handmade Arts Mart Comes to Silver Spring

Handmade Mart, a new "indie" craft fair, will hold its first show in downtown Silver Spring 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday on Ellsworth Drive between Georgia Avenue and Fenton Street in Silver Spring. The event features more than 50 vendors selling handmade goods, live music and treats provided by Carmen's Italian Ice. The Handmade Mart is created by Kimberly Dorn, festival director of the Crafty Bastards Arts and Crafts Fair and executive director of Hello Craft, and Debbie Lee, founder of Rock n' Romp and a board member of Hello Craft. Vendors include Fisticuffs Leather, Block Party Press, Jon Wye and Rebound Designs, as well as crafters from both D.C. Craft and Charm City Craft Mafias. The event is supported by the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center and Downtown Silver Spring and plans to be an annual event. Aside from handmade goods for sale, Pyramid Atlantic will host a variety of hands-on workshops at its store and there will be "indie" rock bands performing. The band line-up includes The Aquarium and Pash. The Vendor Gallery will be online soon at pyramidatlanticart-center.org, and on the official Handmade Mart blog at handmademart.blogspot.com.

Home Opener for Silver Spring-Takoma Park Baseball Team

The Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts will have their first home game of the season at 7 p.m. June 6 at Blair Stadium, 51 University Blvd. East in Silver Spring. Seating and concession stands will open 6 p.m. for the home opener against the Alexandria Aces. Fans are encouraged to arrive early to ensure seating for the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League game. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids, and kids wearing a youth baseball or softball uniform shirt are free. For more information, visit the team's Web site, www.tbolts.org.

Flea Market to be Held at Wheaton Regional Park

Start cleaning out those closets and basements in preparation for the "Flea Market in the Park," to be held 8 a.m. at noon the second Saturday of each month – June 13, July 11 and Aug. 8 – at the Wheaton outdoor skating rink at the Wheaton Regional Park, 11717 Orebaugh Ave. Vendors, crafters, artisans and artists are all welcome to set up a booth. The fee for a 10-by-10-foot space is \$20. Bring tables, crates, blankets, chairs and whatever else to display the wares. The Wheaton outdoor rink is completely covered on top and partially covered on the sides and there are indoor restroom facilities and vending machines on site. Load in begins 7 a.m. Vendors, visit www.parkpass.org to register. The "course" numbers are: **76800** for June 13, **76801** for July 13 and **76802** for Aug. 8. Registration is open. For questions, call the Wheaton Ice Arena manager at 301-649-3640.

Open Garden Event in Silver Spring

Washington Gardener Magazine is holding an "open garden event" 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. June 7 at 826 Philadelphia Ave. in Silver Spring, at the corner of Fenton Street across from the Public Storage building. The "Full Moon Garden Revelry" event will provide attendees a chance to have garden questions answered, trial gardens in progress, renew or subscribe to the magazine, purchase packs of seeds and take photographs. There will also be light refreshments, information table on various area garden events and groups and children's activities including a fish pond, wishing tree and fairy garden. The event is a 10- to 15-minute walk from either the Silver Spring and Takoma Park Metro stops. If driving, there is limited free parking available nearby on King Street and in nearby public garages/lots along Fenton. The Open Garden is rain or shine and the event is free with no registration/reservations required.

Summer Concert Series at Brookside

Brookside Gardens is gearing up for its Summer Twilight Concert Series, free music from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in June at the gardens. The first concert, June 2, will feature Washington Area Music Association Award Winners J.P. McDermott & Western Bop—a fun mix of rockabilly, classic honky-tonk and the great songs from the earliest days of rock 'n' roll. June 9 will be the high-energy reggae group Shango Band; June 16 is the provocative and poppy composer Suzanne Brindamour; jazz and blues music will be in full swing June 23 with the Bobbe Shore Trip; and D.C.-based surf and rockabilly band Monsters from the Surf will round out the series June 30. Visitors are welcome to bring chairs or blankets on which to sit in the grass. Rain location will be the visitors center. Brookside Gardens is located at 1800 Glenallan Ave. in Wheaton. For more information, visit www.brooksidegardens.org or call 301-962-1400.



Directions from Shepherd Elementary to the Blackburn Center

Take Georgia Avenue to Howard Place (approximately four miles from Maryland line). If you drive by Florida Avenue, you missed it.

Turn left onto Howard Place. You are now on the campus of Howard University. At the first stop sign (Howard Place & 6th St.), continue through the main gate on Howard Place and make the first left turn. Blackburn University Center is the last building on the right.

Parking:

- Lot A by Childers Hall
- Street parking along route
- Behind Blackburn Center on 4th Street (along the reservoir)



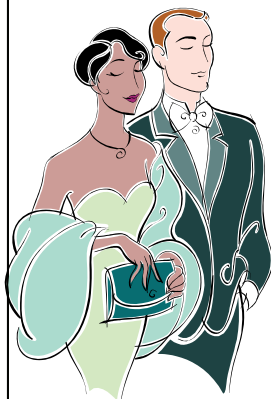
Words of Wisdom on Chocolate

Forrest Gump once said, "Life is like a box of chocolates." Hopefully, dozens if not hundreds of Shepherd parents and their families will be saying, "Life is like a box of World's Finest Chocolate."

Don't wait for school to be over, at which time it'll be too late. Get a box or two of World's Finest Chocolate. It's still \$50 per box, and the almond chocolate bars are scrumptious. Simply pay \$50 per box with a check made out to "Shepherd Elementary PTA" and the chocolate is yours. Hurry - this is a limited-time offer! .



PTA Auction Gala What To Wear, What to Bring



What to wear: Our "official" Auction Gala dress code is *Fun Night Out Wear*, and that's pretty broadly defined. Show other moms and dads how well you can dress to the nines compared to morning drop-off attire.

What to bring: YOUR CHECKBOOK! And/or YOUR CREDIT CARD or ATM CARD!

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To subscribe, send an email (include your name, your child's name and his/her teacher/class) to:

Shepherd_Elementary_PTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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The next issue of *The Mustang* will be distributed to students on **Friday, June 5**. If you want to contribute to the next issue, send it in by 10:00 am next **Tuesday, June 2**.

The Mustang editorial team thanks you! Send your contributions for the next issue of *The Mustang* to: SESmustang@gmail.com.



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