



THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

September 11, 2009

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, Sept. 14: Communications Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Ledo Pizza
Wednesday, Sept. 16: Back-to-School Night/PTA meeting, 6:45, Auditorium
Wednesday, Sept. 16: Used uniform clothing sale, 6:45 p.m., Auditorium
Friday, Sept. 18: No school – teacher training
Friday, Sept. 18: Color Me Mine fundraiser, 6-10 p.m., 825 Ellsworth Drive, Silver Spring
Friday, Sept. 25: PTA Coffee, 8:25 a.m., School
Saturday, Sept. 26: Fall Fest, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 26-Saturday, Oct. 3: Scholastic Book Fair
Saturday, Oct. 3: Fall Fest rain date

From the PTA President

Dear Parents,

As we come upon September 11, I am clearly reminded how I felt that day and how it changed my perspective on life. I am sure that many of you felt the same way as we re-focused ourselves on family and community. As we spend time this week to reflect let's continue to make a difference in the lives of those around us. Taking time to introduce yourself to a new face is an easy way to foster a positive environment. For our new parents please make an effort to introduce yourself to the teachers, aides and administrators at Shepherd; it is so important to start the lines of communication early.

The New School Orientation and Color Me Mine gathering on Sept. 18 are small ways for our new families to join our school community. I know a strong school community will only help to create a sense of belonging and pride in our children at Shepherd Elementary.

Sincerely;
Charisse Brossard

A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings!

This week students in grades 3 through 5 were administered the District of Columbia Benchmark Assessment System (DC BAS). This assessment will help us determine students' academic strengths as well as their areas for improvement. We will use the information to guide our instruction in the classroom. DC BAS is administered four times a year to students district-wide in grades 3-10.

Pastries with the Principal

You are cordially invited to an informal meeting with the principal, to be held at Shepherd Elementary in the school library on Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 8:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. During this time you will have a chance to speak informally with me about anything you think Shepherd Elementary is doing well, as well as voice any concerns you may have about our school. This is informal so you may come at any time during the two hours.

The meeting is not intended for you to discuss your child's performance in his/her classes but instead to discuss the education your child is receiving at Shepherd Elementary. If you have a concern with your child's current situation in his/her classes, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to discuss the situation in more detail.

I look forward to seeing you on the 29th. Please RSVP no later than Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, if you plan to attend.

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Shepherd Elementary School Mission:

All stakeholders are committed to the advancement of students academic, emotional, social, and physical well-being within a supportive, creative and flexible environment in which children can learn to think compassionately and learn globally.

Back to School Night And PTA Meeting — Both on One Night!

Back to School Night starts at 6:45 p.m. on Sept. 16. The PTA meeting is scheduled to start at 7:15 p.m. School starts on time – so do PTA meetings!

More used uniform clothing will be for sale: All items \$1 each! Pizza will be provided for parents! Child care will be provided for students!

Look to the PTA listserv for agenda details.

Early Deadline For Next Issue

Because there will be no school Friday, Sept. 18, the Mustang will be distributed on Thursday, Sept. 17. That means that our deadline will be Monday, Sept. 14, at 5 p.m.

Please send any and all items you'd like to see published to sesmustang@gmail.com.

School Intersection Due for Repainting

The D.C. Department of Transportation has been forwarded a request to repaint the crosswalk stripes at the intersection of 14th and Jonquil streets.

The effects of time and driving have greatly worn down the current striping on the road. Ward 4 Councilwoman Muriel Bowser, when notified of the desire for restriping, called in an "important request." No word was immediately available as to when the Department of Transportation would restripe the intersection.

Box Tops Contest Deadline!

We've extended the deadline to Monday, Sept. 14, for our first Box Tops Contest of the school year!

Hopefully you've been collecting box tops all summer, so now is the time to tape or glue them onto the collection sheet. By all means assign this task to your children (you know they love tape!) and give yourself some much-deserved down time.

But if pressed for time, feel free to simply put them in a baggie labeled with your child's name and teacher. If you need a copy of the sheet, you can find it in the Box Tops directory in the Files section of the Shepherd PTA listserv. Please label your collection sheet(s) and turn them in to your child's teacher next Wednesday. I'll be back in touch with the results as we work to beat last year's record of \$770.

For new students, parents and teachers, we'll have a number of contests throughout the school year, so if you didn't know about this opportunity to help earn money for Shepherd, you'll have another chance to participate. For everyone, remember that this is a simple -- and pain-free -- way to earn money for the Shepherd PTA. Your participation is much appreciated. As we did last year, we'll keep track of participants and hand out little prizes to the students at one or more points during the year.

For more information on the Box Tops program and eligible products, please visit www.boxtops4education.com.

Remember to keep clipping Box Tops for Shepherd!

Volunteer Corps

As of the first day of school, we had 333 students enrolled at Shepherd. That means close to 650 parents, not to mention aunts, uncles and grandparents all taking a keen interest in these kids' education. One way you can help the school is to volunteer. On top of helping Shepherd, it sets a fine example for our children. Here are some volunteer opportunities. Some call for an ongoing commitment, some call for helping just once, and some have deadlines — meaning that the whole school community will notice if it doesn't get done. Here's how you can help:

- We're still looking for a fourth-grader or a fifth-grader -- with their parents' OK, of course -- who is willing to write a weekly column for our free neighborhood newspaper, the Northwest Current. A student correspondent for the paper's "School Dispatches" section would need to write about 150 words each week. Why should kids from schools that THINK they're better than ours get all the ink? The deadline is noon on Friday for publication the following Wednesday -- turning in your column before heading to school on Friday would be a smart idea. If you or your child are interested in pursuing this opportunity, contact Mark Pattison at 829-9289 or pattison_mark@hotmail.com.
- We're looking for one or more parents who can go to the office on Thursday afternoons and print the Mustang for those families who have requested a paper copy. An original version of the Mustang should already be on hand at the office. Ms. Brooks, the school's office manager, will give you a quick tutorial on the copier -- which also does the stapling for you. Last year, copying the newsletter and bundling copies for teacher mailboxes (and eventual student delivery) took about an hour. We expect it will take less time now that Shepherd is switching to an "opt-in" system for receiving hard copies of the newsletter. The more parents who volunteer, the fewer times you'll be asked to do it, and we can set up a rotation. If you can pitch in, get in touch with Mark Pattison at either 202-829-9289 or pattison_mark@hotmail.com.
- Shepherd still needs a parent to change the signs on the marquee outside of school. Once the PTA meeting is over next week, all the details on the marquee become obsolete. You supply the Allen wrench to get into the sign, and we'll supply you with what gets said on the marquee; Ms. Brooks will supply you with the letters and numbers. Contact Mark Pattison at either pattison_mark@hotmail.com or 829-9289 to volunteer.
- The Mustang could use two parents who would be willing to edit the newsletter once a month. It could also use at least one parent to do the layout and design on a rotating basis with the one or two parents we've got tentatively lined up, so no parents get burned out by the effort. Layout-and-design parents would benefit from knowing Microsoft Publisher, but it's not mandatory (although one parent taught herself!). Our rotating team of editors need to know where to go to get the school news, as well as using all of the English grammar principles YOU learned in school! If you think you can help over the year ahead, get in touch with Mark Pattison at either 829-9289 or pattison_mark@hotmail.com.
- One parent has already stepped up to volunteer to handle the used uniform clothing sale at next week's Back-to-School Night/PTA meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, but we need at least one more parent who can commit to coming to school before 6:15 p.m. that day to take the clothing from the parent room and display it properly on long tables in the back of the auditorium. Without this kind of volunteer commitment, the used clothing sale won't happen. To make it happen, call Mark Pattison at 829-9289 or e-mail him at pattison_mark@hotmail.com.

Please Volunteer at Shepherd

Reminder to Fill Out School Directory Form

We are on track to get the school directory issued during the first week of November. But we need your input to make it complete.

You may still have the form for you to authorize placement of your family's contact information in the annual school directory -- with separate lines for address, home phone, work phones, cell phones and e-mail addresses. You may also have the Aug. 28 issue of the Mustang which contained a copy of the form. You can fill either one out. If you can't find either, your class parent should have copies of this form to send as an attachment to an e-mail.

Once it's completed, put it in the PTA box in the main office of the school. Class parents can also collect the completed forms en masse and deposit them in the PTA box.

'180 Fund' Is How We Help Shepherd School

Remember: You're already in the PTA just by being a parent of a Shepherd Elementary student. There are no PTA dues to pay. But in order to pay for items we as parents consider essential to our children's education -- but that D.C. Public Schools can't or won't pay for -- the PTA has established the "180 Fund." Why this name? There are 180 instructional days in the school year. Parents, can you afford a dollar per day per child to improve Shepherd Elementary? We think you can, and we hope you'll contribute to the 180 Fund.

It's proven to be popular with parents in the early going. More than

\$10,000 in checks have been turned in even before Labor Day rolled around. But we need to continue the momentum. The PTA needs about \$100,000 to pay for the things that school and PTA leaders have identified as necessary for 2009-10.

These include the plastic folders that were provided to each student at the start of the school year to facilitate communication between the school and the home; the redesigned Shepherd Elementary Web site -- www.shepherd-elementary.org -- with individual Web pages coming for each teacher; Discovery Education software for the school (available at a 50 percent discount because a Shepherd parent works for Discovery Communications); workshops and seminars conducted by renowned International Baccalaureate educator John Burnell; "white boards" to augment and supplement the school's blackboards; and more laptop computers for teacher use.

We don't expect every penny of our revenue goal to come from the 180 Fund. School fundraising activities account for about half of all PTA income. But if you'd rather not have to partake in fundraising activities, you can contribute \$500 to the PTA and consider yourself exempt from fundraising for the rest of the school year.

You can pay into the 180 Fund in one lump sum, but if you need to budget your payments, you can make either 10 monthly payments (\$18 or \$50), or two per-semester payments (\$90 or \$250).

Make your checks payable to Shepherd Elementary PTA. You can drop an envelope with the check inside to the PTA box inside the main office. Or, if you'd rather mail it to the school, its address is: Shepherd Elementary School PTA, 7800 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20012.

Here's one hint: Bring your checkbook to next Wednesday's PTA meeting. We'll have copies of the 180 Fund form you can fill out and attach a check to.

Countdown to 'Opt-In' On Mustang Starts Now

Do you want to read a stapled, printed-on-both-sides-of-the-page Mustang and hold it in your hand — and keep it by the house for ready reference? We're cool with that, but you MUST "opt in." What we mean is that you must fill out the coupon below, saying you want to continue getting the Mustang through your child's backpack.

Because of the publishing problems last week with the Mustang, we're delaying the start of the countdown until now.

That means The first fully opt-in Mustang distribution will take place with the Oct. 2 issue.

We don't like to admit this often, but sometimes the Washington Post does something right: They gave their subscribers three weeks' notice so they could opt in to continue receiving its TV listings book with the Sunday paper. We're copying them with our own three weeks' notice.

A week from now, you'll see a two-weeks' notice. A week after that, you'll get a one-week's notice. Fill out the form and put it in the PTA box in the school office.

It's easy as that if you want to continue receiving a hard-copy version of the Mustang.

There are two tree-saving ways to see it electronically, though: Through the school's Web site -- www.shepherd-elementary.org — and through notice given on the PTA's listserv.

To subscribe to the listserv, send an e-mail to Shepherd_Elementary_PTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

| YES! I want to continue to get the Mustang |
| each week through my child's backpack. |

| Parent's
name _____

| Child's
name _____

| Child's grade _____

Child's teacher _____

Join the PTA Listserv!

Last week, when production problems plagued the Mustang, parents got to read the content via the PTA's listserv, which acted as a "Makeshift Mustang" last Friday. Don't get left out — stay in the loop (and we don't mean the Beltway!).

- To subscribe, send an e-mail to Shepherd_Elementary_PTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- To post a message, send an e-mail to Shepherd_Elementary_PTA@yahoogroups.com
- To send an e-mail to the listserv owner, send an e-mail to Shepherd_Elementary_PTA-owner@yahoogroups.com
- And to unsubscribe (although we can't imagine why), send an e-mail to Shepherd_Elementary_PTA-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Color Me Mine Hosts Fundraiser

Color Me Mine, everyone's favorite they've-made-it-we-paint-it pottery shop, will host a fundraiser extraordinaire to benefit Shepherd. The pottery studio will donate 50 percent of its proceeds that evening to Shepherd's PTA. The studio is open to the public but you can reserve a table by calling 301-565-5105. A table (studio fee) costs \$15, and can seat up to four people. This is a great family activity, and kids of all ages love coming to Color Me Mine.

Here's how it works: You sit down at the table, choose your pieces, choose your colors, and take as much time as you need to paint. The studio fire-glazes it, and then your handiwork is ready in about a week. You pay for the pieces you work on, but 50 percent of the price is returned to the PTA.

The really cool thing is that you don't even have to say you're from Shepherd to qualify for the discount. Anybody who comes in next Friday evening is donating 50 percent of their purchase price to the PTA. Earlier we asked, "After all, wouldn't Grandma and Grandpa or Aunt Louise like a masterpiece from the hands of your child?" Well, maybe they'd like to come with your family. Last year -- the first year we tried this -- the PTA got \$800 from Color Me Mine, and we think we can do even better this year.

Catalog Fundraiser: Just 2 Weeks Left!

We have just two weeks left of our first fundraising opportunity of the year! Let's bring the "Year of Supporting Shepherd" in with a bang and the best part is you don't have to use your money! UOPM -- Use Other People's Money -- to help support Shepherd! Chances are the items that people buy are items they would be buying anyway ... and this way they are helping our school in the process.

Most, if not all of you, have received the QSP (formerly Reader's Digest) Fundraising packets. Each student's minimum goal is only 15 items (but you don't have to stop there!). That way we reach our school goal of \$70,000 -- half of which we keep for the school and will go to the needs of Shepherd and our students. And, as

always, the kid(s) with the highest order amount wins! This year the two top winners will receive an Apple iPod or a Nintendo DSi (respectively).

The selling part is easy! There are two ways to sell:

1 - Use the order form and packet that was sent home, collect the money (checks or money orders - made out to Shepherd Elementary PTA preferred) and return the order form and the money by Wednesday, Sept. 23.

2 - Or you can go to www.QSP.com, register your child and once the link is created -- e-mail that link to all your friends and family so they can start ordering (all items, including magazines). If you have family living out of town (or even in town), they can order online and it is shipped directly to them. With orders of \$60 or more the shipping is free (otherwise they pay for shipping). Your kid gets the credit (and a chance at the iPod or DSi) and the school gets money! What a great way to Go Green! (And Go Shepherd!)

Magazine note: If you are ordering magazines via the order form, just fill out the blue and white (main) order form to purchase a particular magazine. It is actually quicker to do it online. If you do it through the order form they would have to wait until the orders come back then they get a voucher that they send in THEN they start to receive their magazines. If you do it online it starts almost immediately. The magazine postcard booklet is simply used as an offer for people that may like to purchase their magazines through the school. Fill in the names of friends and family and information will be mailed to them on how they can order magazines for themselves or as gifts to others.

You can also opt out of selling! How? You can make a check for \$500 payable to Shepherd Elementary PTA, drop it off in the PTA box in the main office and -- or if you have already done so -- you can totally disregard this message!

If you have any questions direct them to 202-607-3370 or nlcowherd@aol.com.

- *Nayada Cowherd*

**HELP RAISE MONEY
FOR YOUR SCHOOL
AND YOUR CHILD'S
EDUCATION**

Thank You Corner

Thanks to all **Shepherd** parents who didn't complain about their e-mail inboxes getting clogged up by "Makeshift Mustang" news items. Again, the PTA Communication Committee apologizes for the inconvenience and chose what it hoped was the "least bad" from a list of unappetizing choices.

Thanks also to Shepherd parent **Rose Dawson**, who took all of that "Makeshift Mustang" material and made a newsletter out of it over the Labor Day weekend for distribution in students' backpacks Tuesday. It was a grand and generous gesture.

Fall Fest Sept. 26: Be There Or Be...

Shepherd Elementary's fourth annual Fall Fest needs YOU! Volunteer to:

- Organize a Class Activity — soccer goal kick, football toss, face painting, spin art, little kid moon bounce, tie dye, golf, beads. whatever you want!
- Donate Food/Drinks/Prizes/ \$\$
- Give us your Time — help out on the day of the festival
- Bring Everyone you Know!

CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER:

stephanie.scott@yahoo.com or
marniekeller@gmail.com

SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL FALL FEST
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
@ SHEPHERD (Rain date October 3)

Piano Lessons Available

Piano lessons for children in Shepherd Park in home studio. Classical music for beginners and intermediate levels taught by a Shepherd parent. Please contact Olga Abebe at either 289-6347 or abebepw@yahoo.com.

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DC Youth Orchestra Program

The District of Columbia Youth Orchestra Program was just voted as the metro area's "best music classes" by Nickelodeon's Parents Connect. Check out this amazing program! The DCYOP was also chosen by the Catalogue for Philanthropy as "one of the best small nonprofits in the Washington, D.C., region." Offering 17 times more classes than any other DC-area youth orchestra organizations, the DC Youth Orchestra Program is a leading music education resource. The DCYOP Music Open House will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Coolidge High School, 6315 5th St. NW. Please see the list of classes offered elsewhere in this week's edition of the Mustang.

Back to School Night

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, we will have Back to School Night 2009. The event will take place immediately following the PTA meeting which is scheduled to begin at 6:45 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your child's day and what is expected on them as a Shepherd student. Please report to the gym before going to your child's classroom.

H1N1 (Swine Flu)

The H1N1 virus (also known as Swine Flu) is a new strain of influenza virus that rapidly covered the globe this past spring. The District of Columbia Public Schools is working closely with the Department of Health to prevent and contain the spread of the H1N1 virus. Things you should know.

- If there is a confirmed case of H1N1 virus at Shepherd, parents will be notified via a letter and a phone message. This letter and message will alert you to any possible closing and precautionary measures taken.
- All classrooms have been stocked with hand sanitizer.

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- Precautionary measures have been discussed with students (cover your mouth, wash your hands, sneeze into your arm, etc.).
- We have a fulltime nurse who can do a quick assessment of students if they posses any of the H1N1 symptoms.
- Sick children are sent home.
- Restrooms, sinks and water fountains are sanitized daily.
- Restrooms are cleaned, restocked and disinfected every two hours.
- If you have questions or would like further information and updates regarding H1N1, go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/h1n1 or call 311. Callers outside of the District of Columbia should dial 202-737-4404 for information.

As a parent we ask that you do the following:

- Teach your child about hand washing and covering their mouths with tissue or their elbow.
- Teach your child to not share personal items.
- If you child has symptoms of the flu, keep them home.

For more information, please visit our website at dcps.dc.gov. For the most current information about flu in the District, please visit doh.dc.gov or call 311.

Back to School Raffle

Please join me in congratulating the following students: Lyndon Downing, Jenelle Bethea, Layla Brent and Myra Shalty. They will be joining Principal Miles at Chuck E. Cheese for food, games and fun.

Correction

Students in second grade receive three blocks of language instruction per week. Last week I mistakenly typed four blocks instead of three.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Jamie Miles, Principal

IB Corner

I Lei You

Last week we reintroduced the IB Learner Profile. Each week we will be highlighting students and staff who are walking and talking the "IB way." When individuals are recognized, they receive a colorful lei to wear around the building. As they see others walking the "IB way" they are to pass on their lei.

This Week in the Spotlight

Mary Thomas (3rd Grade teacher): Ms. Thomas is a reflective teacher. She gives thoughtful consideration to her own learning and experiences. She is able to assess and understand her own strengths and limitations in order to support her learning and personal development.

Jarrett Burgess (PE teacher)

Student: (coming...)

Student (coming...)

Literacy Corner

"How Can Parents Help with Reading at Home?"

Establish a routine at home for reading:

It could be before bed, on a Sunday night or whenever suits you and your child. For smaller children, read to them daily. This is one of the best ways for developing a lifelong positive attitude toward reading.

Explore Different Forms of Reading

Material: Students should be reading fiction and nonfiction material. Check out works in both their book forms as well as books on tape, CD, or digital recording forms. By having your student read along in the book while listening to the same book on tape, you are providing excellent reading benefits. Allow your child to choose books that are of interest to him/her.

D.C. Youth Orchestra Open House Sept. 12

All events take place at Coolidge High School, 6315 5th St. NW. D.C. Youth Orchestra offices are on the bottom floor, rooms 8 and 9. Please feel free to call our offices at any time at 202-723-1612 or e-mail questions to info@dcyop.org (also good for RSVPing). We'll see you Saturday!

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- 9 a.m.-noon -- Petting Zoo: Instrument petting zoo for all students exploring which instrument to learn. Opportunity to sign up for classes and register with the program, or just come by to check out the instruments for fun! Free and open to all students who wish to attend. No RSVP is necessary.
- 10 a.m.-noon -- Brass Master Class: All students welcome! Trumpet soloist and Howard University Music Department Chair Chris Royal will work with students from the program. Mr. Royal has been a featured soloist with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Peabody Ragtime Ensemble, the Baltimore Jazz Orchestra, and the Soulful Symphony. Free and open to all students who wish to attend. Please RSVP to info@dcyop.org.
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. -- String Master Class: All students welcome! A String Quartet from "The President's Own," the U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra, members include Gunnery Sgt. Regino Madrid, violin; Gunnery Sgt. Erika Sato, violin; Staff Sgt. Sarah Hart, viola; and Staff Sgt. Charlie Powers, cello. This skilled group of musicians will work with a number of students and also present a performance of part of Beethoven's "Harp" Quartet. Free and open to all students who wish to attend. Please RSVP to info@dcyop.org.
- 1-3 p.m. -- Tchaik 4 Reading Session. Open to all advanced-level students. Students from around the metropolitan area will come together for a rousing, exciting reading of Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony. If you are interested in joining us for the reading session, please go to www.everynote.com and take a look at the parts. If you can play the part, come join the fun! Bring a friend or two as well! Free and open to all students who wish to attend. Please RSVP to info@dcyop.org.
- 3 p.m. and later (by appointment) -- Audition Opportunities: Students interested in auditioning to be placed in one of the programs 9 major ensembles (orchestra or wind ensemble) have the opportunity to audition. The DC Youth Orchestra Program does NOT charge students to audition for the program. (New beginners do not need to audition for placement.) Free and open to all students. Please RSVP to info@dcyop.org.

Better quality teaching -- better price! Come check it out! Just \$260 for 15 weeks of music instruction (\$335 for non-DC residents) -- less than \$20 a week. Scholarships for 100 percent of fall tuition available for residents of Wards 6, 7 and 8 (first-come, first-served) and financial aid available on a needs basis.

For more information, go to www.dcyop.org.

School Safety Tips

Our schools are centers of the community as well as centers of learning. Our schools should also be centers of an active partnership for promoting neighborhood safety. Here are some ideas on how you can help keep your children, your school and your neighborhood safe.

- Check Your Children's Route to School for Hazards.

Vacant buildings, abandoned cars and uncleared vacant lots can pose a danger to your children. Not only can these seem to your children to be exciting places to play, they can often become centers for criminal activity. Another benefit of walking with your children to school is that it can help to identify such conditions on your children's route to and from school and report them to your beat officers or school administrator. Working together with the police and other city agencies, you can ensure that these kinds of hazards are removed from your neighborhood.

- Make Sure Your Children Are in School Every Day.

Youngsters are most likely to get into trouble when they are not in school when they should be. Sit down and have a 10-minute conversation with your children every day about what they did in school. Not only will this help you to ensure that your children are going to school, it can help you identify problems or challenges that your children may be facing and help them to address those problems. Also, make sure that your children's school has a well-developed anti-truancy policy that can help you address truancy problems should they occur.

- Ensure That Your Children Have Something to do and Somewhere to Go to After School.

There are a variety of activities available to broaden your children's interests and abilities as well as provide a safe place to be after school. Shepherd offers the Star Achievers after-care program which contains a wide variety of activities. Perhaps your child wants to try out for basketball or track. In addition, the recreational parks sponsors a wide range of activities at park facilities throughout the city. Other programs include the Metropolitan Police Department's Girls and Boys Club.

- Attend Your Child's School Parent and Teacher Meetings.

The PTA and Local School Restructuring Team (LSRT) meetings can both celebrate and enhance parents, teachers meetings can follow cases of concern to the community through the court process. Working with the subcommittee, parent groups can help ensure that the court system imposes stiff penalties for violations of Safe Zone laws.

Be Safe This School Year!

Meet the Shepherd Staff – 2009-2010

Principal	Mrs. Miles
Business Manager	Ms. Confer
Administrative Assistant	Ms. Brooks
Counselor	Ms. Liggins
Pre K	Ms. Gibbs
Pre K	Ms. Holt
Kindergarten	Ms. Miller
Kindergarten	Ms. LaPenna
Kindergarten	Mr. Byers
First	Ms. Chambliss
First	Ms. Kuawogai
First	Ms. Crockett
Second	Ms. Johnson
Second	Mr. King
Third	Ms. Thomas
Third	Ms. Weber
Fourth	Ms. Thurber
Fourth	Ms. Valentine-Nelson
Fifth	Mr. Leonard
Fifth	Ms. Ulba
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Special Education Intermediate	Ms. Booth
Special Education Self-Contained	Ms. Laughinghouse
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Spanish	Sra. Menchen
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Library	Ms. Scinto
Music	Mr. Giles
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PE	Mr. Burgess
Instructional Developer	Ms. Moorefield
Instructional Developer	Ms. C. Bush
Instructional Aide/Office Assistant	Ms. Mason
Pre-K Aide	Mr. Velez
Pre-K Aide	Ms. Beale
Kindergarten Aide	Ms. Conte
Kindergarten Aide	Ms. Y. Bush
Kindergarten Aide	Ms. Nobari
Special Education Aide	Ms. Lester

The Mustang Round-Up**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@yahoo.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, and go to Yahoo Groups on the web to read the postings.

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 available on the Shepherd Elementary School website at www.shepherd-elementary.org.

Support Shepherd PTA's



If you need another copy of the 180 Fund form or Directory form, please go to the Shepherd Website under the "For Parents Section" and Click on PTA Forms.

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