



# THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

October 2, 2009

## Mark Your Calendars!

- **10/2:** QSP/Reader's Digest Fall Fundraiser Turn-In Deadline
- **10/3:** Scholastic Book Fair Ends
- **10/12:** Columbus Day -- no school
- **10/21:** PTA meeting, 6:45 p.m., auditorium
- **10/29:** School dismissed at 12:15 p.m.
- **10/30:** Professional development -- no school
- **10/30:** Halloween Family Night
- **10/31:** Halloween Parade, Shepherd Field, 6 p.m.

## FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...

Dear Parents,

A few little showers couldn't ruin a wonderful Fall Fest event. There were so many things to do that over-cast weather couldn't damper our spirits. Did you take a picture with Ronald McDonald? Did you have any Funnel Cake? Did you get your face painted? Did you do sand painting -- or how about Frame decorating. If you are a true artist did you try Spin Art? We finally had to stop the Bungee Ride at 4 p.m.! A Good Time was truly had by all.

Thank you to all of the families and friends of Shepherd for attending the Fall Fest. I think we can officially call this fundraiser a huge success. A special thanks goes out to Stephanie Scott Melnyk and Marnie Keller for co-chairing the event and working long hours to make it a success. I would also like the entire Shepherd Elementary Executive Board for their tireless efforts throughout the day. A special shout-out goes to Mr. Kelly for helping us put the school back together. I think what makes Shepherd special is all of the teachers who attended the Fall Fest who volunteered their time and purchased tickets for their students, truly reinforcing our sense of a strong school family.

Don't forget today is the deadline for Reader's Digest!!!!

Sincerely,

*Charisse Brassard*

## A Word from Mrs. Miles!

### Fall Fest

I want to thank everyone who attended Saturday's Fall Fest. I heard it was a great event and I wish I could have been in attendance.

However, unfortunately I had to spend the majority of my Saturday in a meeting downtown discussing Shepherd's budget. Please look for final budget information next week.

### Pastries with the Principal

On Tuesday, I had my first Pastries with the Principal event for the 2009 school year. Well, we actually had chocolate cake, yellow cake with thick creamy white icing, apple pie, bagels and coffee. Eight parents attended this informal gathering. It was great listening to parents' thoughts about communication, homework, volunteering in the classroom, aftercare, health and safety and a few other items. The purpose of the day was to get parents input about what's working and in what areas we can improve. The next event will happen Tuesday, Oct. 27. If you were unable to attend, I look forward to seeing you on the 27th. The topic for next month will be announced closer to the date.

### Parent Volunteers

At Shepherd we welcome parent volunteers and we are encouraging all parents to commit to five hours of volunteer time for the school year. In order to volunteer in our schools on a regular basis, individuals need to follow the District of Columbia Public school volunteer application process:

1. Download and complete the Volunteer Application.
2. Complete a tuberculosis test.
3. Bring the completed application, TB test result, and photo ID to the district office to be fingerprinted. The office is located at 825 N. Capitol St. NE, 9th floor. Fingerprinting is available Tuesdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or Thursdays 9 a.m.-noon, or by appointment.
4. In about two weeks, you will receive a letter verifying that you have completed the process.
5. Bring a copy of the verification letter to school to keep on file.

All parents are encouraged to complete this process; however, if will be volunteering in the classroom or accompany the class on a field trip and you will remain in the presence of the teacher, you do not have to complete the process. However, if you are going to serve as a field trip chaperone, work with students one-on-one or in a small group setting or escort students to various places in the building, you must complete the volunteer application screening process.

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## The IB PYP Corner

Mona Maruca, Shepherd's IB consultant visited our school last week. She spent her first day reviewing teacher planners and the school's Programme of Inquiry (POI). On days two and three Ms. Maruca spent her time working with grade level teams. During these meetings teachers received constructive feedback, made corrections to their planners and our POI. They had the opportunity to ask Ms. Maruca some of their most "pressing" questions. Ms. Maruca also visited classrooms. According to Ms. Maruca Shepherd is in a "good place". She told us we are where we should be and if we continue on the path that we are on, we will be successful.

Application B is due December 1. Teachers have to finalize their planners, implement their units update Shepherd's POI, and begin prepping for the authorization visit which will be held in the spring. Teachers have also worked to create the school language policy and assessment policy. Please look for announcements inviting parents to review the policies and offer input. We have done a lot of the work; however, we can not finalize these documents without you.



## Halloween Family Fun Night Fun for All at Shepherd

Keep your eyes peeled on the Mustang for details on Halloween Family Night, to be held inside the school on Friday, Oct. 30. There's no school that day, but after the sun goes down, the fun-o-meter will go up!



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### Parent Volunteer Agreement is Online

If you have not signed your Shepherd Volunteer Parent Agreement, please do so today by visiting <http://www.surveymethods.com/EndUser.aspx?B99DF1EDB CFAECE3>

### Lunch

This week you may have received a notice about your student's lunch account. Starting Monday, October any students with a negative balance after 5 meal charges will receive a courtesy meal. Please refer to last week's edition of the Mustang for more information.

Thank you for all you do!

Warmest regards,

*Jamie Miles*

Principal, Shepherd Elementary

## Rain, Rain, Go Away! Fall Fest Ruled Last Saturday!

### THANK YOU, Shepherd Community!

On behalf of the PTA board, we would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Shepherd Elementary Fall Fest on September 26.

Despite the rain-shortened day, we raised more than \$3,000 that will go directly to Shepherd classrooms!

Special thanks go to all of you who volunteered to help with the activities and rides!! We didn't get everyone's names, but we must recognize people like Nayada Cowherd, who supplied us with funnel cakes and Gina Carvana who grilled hot dogs all day (on Frank Borris' grill) -- at least until we ran out! Kelly Shuy of Ledo Pizza gave us a huge discount, and those 20 pizzas disappeared. Mr. Kelly and his team were a huge help from set-up to clean-up, as was Mark Pattison -- and our fearless leader, Charisse Brossard, who worked hard all day despite her own illness.

Everyone was all smiles as they partook in the activities, rides, crafts and food. Thanks to all the families who came and all the volunteers who pitched and made it a fun day. The afternoon rain didn't dampen any spirits as we showed Shepherd Park our school spirit!

Thank you all!

—Stephanie Scott & Marnie Keller  
Fall Fest co-chairs

## QSP Fall Fundraiser Deadline is ... Today!

We have extended the deadline for the QSP/ Readers Digest Fundraiser to TODAY - Friday, October 2 (location will be in the auditorium from 3 to 6:30 p.m.). If you get the electronic version of the Mustang via email you can drop your QSP packet off today. If you get this in your kids' backpack and you have forgotten to drop it off, you can contact me at [nlcowherd@aol.com](mailto:nlcowherd@aol.com) to set up a time to drop it off.



For a few last minute sales through the weekend (ONLY UNTIL MONDAY!!!) you can still get sales online. Quickly! Go to [www.QSP.com](http://www.QSP.com), register your child and once the link is created -- email that link and your child's participant number to all your friends and family so they can start ordering (all items including magazines). If you have family out of town (or even in town) they can order online and it is shipped directly to them. No bother with forms, pick up or delivery! With orders of \$60 or more the shipping is free (otherwise they pay for shipping). Your kid will get the credit (and a chance at the iTouch or DSi and if we reach our school goal -- an Xbox 360 or PlayStation 4), the school gets money and you don't have delivery duty!! What a great way to Go Green!!! And Go Shepherd!!

Remember: This is the "Year of Supporting Shepherd" 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. Each student's minimum goal is only 15 items!!!

--Nayada Cowherd

### 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 learn to think compassionately and learn globally.

## FallFest Photos !! Now Available Online

Did your child come to the Fall Fest and do bungee jumping? Get their face painted? High-five Ronald McDonald? Do sand art? Or, just hang out and look cute? Well then, hopefully I got a picture!! Please check out the Fall Fest photos on my website:



[www.VBphoto.shutterfly.com](http://www.VBphoto.shutterfly.com)

To order pictures, you'll need the password, "Mustang."

Proceeds from all Shepherd photos will be donated directly to the school.



If you have any questions about photos, or the VBphoto Web site, please contact Victoria Botvin at [vlbhome@yahoo.com](mailto:vlbhome@yahoo.com).



--Victoria Botvin  
Shepherd Historian

## School Directory Deadline is Upon Us

Our end-of-September deadline for YOU being included the annual Shepherd Elementary Family Directory has already passed. However, while we are still typing names into the files being created to publish the directory, we will still accept your contact information. Our scheduled publication date is Thursday, November 5, and we intend on meeting that deadline. You may be in e-mail contact with the other parents in your child's class, but there's a much wider school community than that!

### So don't miss out!

Go to the school Web site -- [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org) -- hover your clicker over "For Parents," then click on "PTA Forms." It's there that you'll find the School Directory Form, as well as the Photo Permission Slip and the PTA Membership Form, which serves as your entrée to contribute to the 180 Fund.



## 10 Keys to Successfully Motivate Your Child to Do Homework

### 1. Find ways to internally motivate your child.

- Find out what your child's goals are.
- Once you have determined the child's goals, ask questions to help the child determine how s/he can meet those goals.

Use age appropriate language to find out the following:

- How much time do you think you will need to study each day?
- What do you want your study space to look like? What conditions do you need to study most effectively?
- What materials will you need?
- What do you want the quality of work to look like?
- How can I best assist you?
- What method do you want to use to monitor your daily and weekly progress?
- What planning assistance do you need? i.e. Calendar
- Where will you keep completed homework?

- Have your child determine his own (reasonable) consequences for the following situations:
  - Forgetting homework
  - Not sticking to the schedule
  - Careless work
  - Missing a day of school (how to get homework)
  - What should happen if the goal is not met
- Have the child write all agreements, consequences and schedules.
- Be specific.
- Use encouragement.



2. Teach time management skills.
3. Help your child organize projects with a planner: i.e. (what to do, by when)
4. Make learning a family value.
5. Don't argue or bargain about homework time. Simply state: "I understand. It is homework time." Restate as often as necessary.
6. Make yourself available for help.
7. Don't do the homework for him/her.
8. Make the teacher part of your team for success.
9. If your child is not wanting to study ask, "What is my child trying to communicate?"
10. Make homework fun!

## The Healthy Digest

As cold and flu season approaches, preventing the spread of germs through commonsense good hygiene tips like hand washing becomes even more important.

Parents, teach your children this simple motto:

**You Wash Your Hands,  
You Pat Them Dry,  
To All the Germs,  
I Say Goodbye**

Remember, hand washing is not just important to keep them healthier in childhood... but all through life.



*Mommy Nurse,*

*A Healthy Life... A Happy Life*

*Look for more weekly healthy tips.*

## Movie Ratings & You

How many times have you tried to go to the movies with the kids but were unsure of what the rating really meant? R, PG, PG-13? Or is rated PG with adult situations, mature language or is it flat out cursing? Here are three websites to help you navigate the silver-screen terrain.

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) - It uses three simple ratings - "on", "off", and "iffy" - to help parents decide which films are suitable for their children. It also evaluates books, TV shows, and games. This site may be more helpful in deciding what content is not appropriate.

[www.kids-in-mind.com](http://www.kids-in-mind.com) - This site goes beyond the MPAA ratings to rank films from zero to 10 in three objective ratings for sex/nudity, violence/gore and profanity. The site also provides detailed information on precisely what events in the film may not be appropriate. This site places the objectionable material into a context, so it is easier to decide if a movie is worth viewing or not.

[www.parentpreviews.com](http://www.parentpreviews.com) - This features a worldwide comparison of rating systems. Parents can find out what the latest Harry Potter film was rated in New Zealand as well as in the U.S. Each movie receives a report card for items such as "language" and "drug use". The site includes in-depth reviews that cover the values of the films and provides discussion questions for parents to use after they take their children to a film to foment conversation and critical-thinking.





### Student's Eye-View

Last week, the Mustang introduced the writing of fourth grader Emahni Grant. Emahni, with the encouragement of her family, is writing a weekly column about Shepherd for the "School Dispatches" section of the Northwest Current, the free weekly newspaper distributed in the neighborhood surrounding Shepherd Elementary and much of Ward 4. The Current is distributed each Wednesday, and we take pride in reprinting Emahni's column that week in the Mustang. Here's her column for this week:

At Shepherd Elementary School, we have a program called the Used Uniform Clothing Sale. This program sells used uniforms donated from Shepherd parents whose children have outgrown their uniforms. Items sell for \$1 apiece.

By selling uniforms, parents save money. Selling uniforms teaches children good math skills by using real money.

"I don't know who started the program, but it was in full swing at Shepherd in 2007," said Mark Pattison, Shepherd PTA recording secretary who runs the Used Uniform Clothing Sale. "All D.C. public schools will require uniforms for 2010-11 [school year]. And they'll require schools to offer low-cost alternatives, so the PTA is way ahead of the curve on both counts."

Uniforms are sold at PTA meetings and at other big school events. This is also when parents drop off uniform donations. Donated uniforms have to be freshly washed. Uniforms are donated in all sizes since we have pre-kindergarten through fifth grade at Shepherd. We always need parents to donate more gently used uniforms. Gently used means no holes, no rips or tears. (We would hate to not be able to use some of the uniform donations.)

Usually there are two tables. There is one child at each table and one parent helper. On one side of one table, there are girls' uniform bottoms and on the other side of the same table, there are boys' uniform bottoms. On the other table are girls' and boys' uniform tops.

At Shepherd, we wear white tops and blue bottoms. Jumpers, skirts, shorts, pants, capris and skorts are sold. We also sell short-sleeved shirts, long-sleeved shirts and blue sweaters -- but all must be plain.

Selling reusable uniforms makes money for the school. So far this year, we have raised over \$250.

To submit news tips, comment or contact this reporter, send an e-mail to [Emahni5@gmail.com](mailto:Emahni5@gmail.com).

### Batty For Box Tops!!

Please continue to clip Box Tops for our "Batty for Box Tops" collection drive, which runs all the way through Wednesday, Nov. 4. Use the link below to access and print the collection sheet. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?Id=64> Help us reach or beat our goal of \$500 in Box Tops for the 2009-10 school year!

Glue or tape (no staples) one Box Top Coupon onto each dotted box on the collection sheet and help earn CASH for the Shepherd Elementary PTA! Each completed sheet is worth \$1 to our school. (Expired Box Tops, Box Tops with missing expiration dates, and other coupons such as Betty Crocker points cannot be used.)

For more information about the Box Tops for Education Program and eligible products, please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) or contact Katherine Trimble, Shepherd's Box Tops Program Coordinator, at [kctrimble@mac.com](mailto:kctrimble@mac.com).

Make SURE you see the small "Box Tops" logo on the product, though, before you put it in your shopping cart. Most items from these brand names have them, but not all. Products imported from Canada, for example, may not carry Box Tops logos.



### A Short Guide to Box Tops

Do you want to contribute more box tops to the Box Tops program but don't know which items to look for? Here's a short list of brand names to look for next time you're in the grocery store:

- Avery office supplies
- Betty Crocker baking products and snacks
- Bisquick baking products
- Cascadian Farm cereals
- Chex cereals
- Cottonelle bath tissues
- Fruit Roll-Ups snacks
- General Mills cereals
- Hefty disposable tableware
- Hefty trash bags
- Huggies diapers
- Kleenex facial tissues
- Nature Valley granola bars
- Ziploc food storage bags

... and even Nestle's Juicy Juice!

In future weeks, we hope to publish a series of lists of items in each category that you can find the Box Tops logo you can cut out.

The more you clip, the more you help Shepherd earn!



## LITERACY CORNER

### Phonemic Awareness and Phonics

**Phoneme:** a speech sound that combines with others in a language system to make words.

**Phonemic Awareness:** the conscious awareness that words are made up of segments of our own speech that are represented with letters in an alphabetic orthography (this means "spelling in accord with accepted usage").

**Phonics:** the study of the relationships between letters and the sounds they represent.

These are essential skills in learning to read, spell, and write!

Practice the following activities with your child daily.

#### Primary

**Letter Snacks** -- As your child is introduced to new letters, choose a snack whose name begins with or contains the sound the letter stands for. This yummy treat will serve as a memory device to help children associate the letter with its sound.

Example: Be sure to select a variety of words that have short and long vowel sounds. Also use consonant sounds.

**Focus Letter: A**            Snack: apple  
Beginning Sound: /a/ short vowel

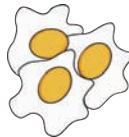


**Focus Letter: A**            Snack: cake  
Middle Sound: /a/ long vowel



**Focus Letter: N**            Snack: noodles/nachos  
Beginning Sound: /n/

**Focus Letter: E**            Snack: eggs  
Beginning Sound: /e/ short vowel



**Focus Letter E**            Snack: green beans  
Middle Sound: /e/ long vowel



#### Intermediate

Practice these phonological skills.

**Odd Word Out:** Which word does not begin with the same sound as others?

theory \_\_\_\_\_            therefore \_\_\_\_\_  
thistle \_\_\_\_\_            thinker \_\_\_\_\_

**Phoneme Segmentation:** Raise a finger for each sound as you break each word into its individual speech sounds.

shear                                    chains  
quite                                    fleshy

**Practice these skills with other vocabulary words that your child may be assigned.**

--Crystal Moorefield and Christina Bush  
Instructional Specialists

## Once the Homework's Done! Activities for the whole family...

**Saturday, Oct. 3:** "Sketching With Sargent," 10:30 a.m.-noon, Corcoran Gallery in Washington. For all ages. Get a sketchbook and travel through the Corcoran special exhibition "Sargent and the Sea." Translate some of your favorite sketches into postcards for family and friends. Tickets \$5. To register call 202-639-1700.

**Saturday, Oct. 3:** Wiley Family Day, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Smithsonian Museum of American Art. Listen to William Wiley perform his own music; take an "Improv for Kids" workshops; play pinball machines; create pinball paintings; design your own buttons. For all ages. For info call 202-633-8490.

**Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4:** "Beethoven One, Two, Three." For ages 7-up. 8 p.m. Oct. 3 and 3 p.m. Oct. 4. Features the National Philharmonic playing Beethoven's Symphony No. 1, Piano Concerto No. 2 and "Choral Fantasy." Kids ages 7-17 get in free; if you're older, it's \$5. At the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda. For tickets call 301-493-9283.

**Sunday, Oct. 4:** "Art a la Cart," 1-4 p.m., Smithsonian Museum of American Art. For ages 7-12. travel throughout the galleries and handle bushes, palettes, bison hide and bottle caps at an interactive cart. For info call 202-633-8490.

**Sunday, Oct. 4:** "More Math & Music," 1:30 and 4 p.m., Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. For ages 9 and up. Learn more ways that math and music are linked as you listen to works for cello, flute and percussion performed by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$5 each. To order call 202-467-4600.

**Sundays, Oct. 4-25:** "Awash With Color," 1-3 p.m. National Gallery of Art. For ages 9-12. Explore paintings by Pablo Picasso through movement and drawing, learn about his "blue" and "rose" periods, and create colorful paintings using watercolor techniques. To register call 202-789-3030.

**Wednesdays, Oct. 7-28:** "Hok-noth-da?" Reading Program, National Museum of the American Indian. 11 a.m. each day. For grades K-4. Enjoy books by or about Native American people, presented by museum staff. To register call 202-633-6644.

**The Abrakadoodle** art class is for children ages 20 months-3 years 11 months. The class runs from Oct. 23-Dec. 11th. Fridays from 10-10:45 am. The fee is \$100 for DC residents. Through Saturday, Oct. 3, Shepherd Park residents can register in person at Ft. Stevens Recreation Center (202) 541-3754, M-F 10 am-9 pm, Sa 10 am-4 pm. On Monday, Oct. 5, registration will go online and will open up to the community.

## Art Classes and Camps

Let your children explore their "create-ivity" this fall at Create Arts Center in downtown Silver Spring. A new session of after school and weekend classes begins the week of October 4. Create also offers one-day camps on DCPS no-school days. For more information and to register, go to [www.createartscenter.org](http://www.createartscenter.org) or call 301-588-2787.

## Sundays No More

Take advantage of the last library Sunday. Oct. 4 is the LAST Sunday that D.C. Public Library branches will have Sunday hours. So take advantage of our neighborhood library this Sunday to check out some books and scope out what else our neighborhood library has to offer! Visit the Juanita E. Thornton-Shepherd Park Library, 7420 Georgia Avenue. Sunday's hours are 1-5 p.m.

## Art Smart



Here's a brief but urgent message to all who have questions about their child's art program.

There is a new website for the art room --

<http://teacherweb.com/DC/Shepherd/art1/>

Parents of students in grades 3 through 5, on this site you can click the homework button at the top and see all homework assignments given so far including this week's!

There is a FAQ (frequently asked questions) section as well and a button for emailing Ms. Michaud with any questions you might have. I welcome any and all queries you might have. See you on the Web and in the meantime, keep art close to your heart.

--Ms. Joele Michaud



## "NE1 4 10 is" Or Anyone for Tennis?

There's a new tennis program called A-Team Tennis at the Banneker Recreation Center Tennis Courts, 2500 Georgia Ave. NW, a partnership between Kevin Dowdell and Jack Schore sponsored by the D.C. Department of Recreation. While the first week of classes has already begun, there are still spaces left for DPR). After a successful summer, A-Team Tennis is now offering high-quality youth and adult tennis instruction this fall.

The youth tennis program is for children ages 6-12. It runs through Friday, Nov. 13. Tennis instruction goes from 3:45 to 5 p.m., with reading and homework assistance from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is low -- \$30 for the full run of the program, including water and snacks.

Children should dress appropriately for tennis each day - sneakers, shorts, T-shirt and a sweater or jacket for cold days. Water bottles are encouraged, and no low-hung pants or cell phones allowed.

Adults can also take tennis through A-Team. Sessions runs Mondays and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:45 to 7 p.m. through Thursday, Oct. 29. Cost is \$100 for the program.

You can register online at: <http://activenet15.active.com/dcdpr> -- click "View Activities" then select "Banner" after Location," then "Sports" after "Category," and finally "Classes" under "Type." For more details, call A-Team director Kevin Dowdell on his cell phone at 917-940-9858.

## GOT SCOOPS? OUR NEWSLETTER IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!

The Mustang is an informative newsletter issued weekly on behalf of the whole school community. If you'd like to contribute to it, all you have to do is submit something by e-mail to the newsletter's e-mail address:

[sesmustang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmustang@gmail.com)

and our editing team will get right to work on it.

## Thank You Corner

Thanks to former Shepherd parents Doug and Laura Noble for donating a TV set with a built-in VHS player to the World Languages Department, so the teachers there can hook it up to a DVD player and show language videos. The Nobles were one of three families who offered unused TVs to Shepherd -- but they were the first.

Is there someone you'd like to thank for deeds great or small? You can thank anyone connected with Shepherd. You yourself can be anyone connected with Shepherd. Just send your thanks to the Mustang editorial team at [sesmustang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmustang@gmail.com).



## Turn In an 'Opt-In' for the Mustang Before It's Too Late!

Remember the old joke: What's black and white and "read" all over? The answer used to be the newspaper. Ah, but newspapers use color photos these days, and even the Mustang has been printed on green and yellow paper early on this school year.

But if you want to see what color in the spectrum next week's Mustang will be printed on, you **MUST** complete and turn in the accompanying "opt-in" form. Next week, barring any difficulties, the "opt-in" system will officially kick in, meaning that the only children who will get a newsletter in their backpacks will be those kids whose parents have turned in their opt-in form.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### GOT THANKS???

Is there someone – parent, student, staffer, community member – who deserves to be thanked in the Mustang? Note who the people are and what they've done, and send an e-mail to [sesmustang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmustang@gmail.com). It's just that simple!

### Deadline Looms! for Next Mustang Issue

The next issue will be available Friday, October 9. **Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 6.** To submit an item for the Mustang, send it to

**[sesmustang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmustang@gmail.com)**

5 p.m. on Tuesdays is our standard deadline for submissions for the following weeks edition.

## 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](mailto: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, simple select "no email" under the message delivery option in your listserv user setup.

### 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](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org).

*Support Shepherd PTA's*



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