

*Shepherd Elementary School*

# THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

January 22, 2010

## *Mark Your Calendars!*

- Fri, Jan. 22: **Half-day**; school out at 12:15 p.m.
- Thurs, Jan. 28: **Pastries With the Principal**, 2 p.m.  
AND **Lottery deadline** for incoming 4-year-olds.
- Mon, Feb. 1: **Auction Committee**, Ledo Pizza, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, Feb. 2: **Terrific Kid/B.U.G. Awards**, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed, Feb. 10: **Dress rehearsal for "Ragtime, Blues, Jazz, R&B, and Message Songs" concert**, 6:45 p.m. (free!)
- Thurs, Feb. 11: **Performance of "Ragtime, Blues, Jazz, R&B, and Message Songs" concert**, 6:45 p.m. (free, but \$5 donation requested)

## ***FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...***

Dear Shepherd Parents,

With Martin Luther King Jr. Day this part Monday, I know many of us spent part of the day thinking of how we can make service an integral part of our schedules. With the recent earthquake in Haiti -- a country of great need in the best of times -- we all have an opportunity to reach out and make a difference in the lives of some others in desperate need right now. I know that at least several Shepherd families have relatives who have been affected. We used our PTA meeting this past Wednesday, for instance to take up a donation to submit to the Red Cross.

If you were unable to attend the PTA meeting but want to contribute to the schools Shelterbox fundraiser, please contact me at [cbrossard65@gmail.com](mailto:cbrossard65@gmail.com), or call me at 445-0784 and we will set up a time to include your donation with the rest of the Shepherd Elementary donations.

*Charisse Brossard*

## *A Word from Mrs. Miles!*

*Greetings!*

### **Shepherd Students Call to Action- Haiti Relief**

In response to the devastation experienced by the country of Haiti, our school is taking action. Students have been asked to work for change and donate their earning to our Haiti relief fund. The money collected will be donated to Shelterbox. Shelterbox USA provides containers with a variety of supplies to aid in survival after a disaster. One 49-gallon Shelterbox includes a 10-person tent, sleeping mats, thermal blankets, water purification tablets, collapsible water containers, a trenching shovel, rope, multi-fueled cook stove, cooking and eating utensils, and more.

Though this organization is not vetted by the International Baccalaureate (IB) organization, many IB schools around the world have joined in and are collecting money to sponsor one Shelterbox.

Please help us in our efforts by allowing your student to complete a job around the house and get paid for their work. Students have been instructed not to beg parents for money and parents are asked not to give to their student unless they work for the money.

### **Mid-Year -- Early Dismissal**

Can you believe we have already reached the halfway point of the school year! This Friday marks the end of the second advisory and students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. so that teachers can finalize their grades. Please make plans to pick up your student at 12:15.

Enjoy your weekend!

*Jamie Miles*

Principal, Shepherd Elementary



## Art Smarts

Hello, everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend.

Last week pre-K classes began their torn-paper collages of "Play on a Snowy Day." Kindergartners did the same with cut paper shapes. First graders became sculptors who created actual bowls out of modeling clay. Third graders after talking about artists Romare Bearden and Alma Thomas will use their own sense of inspiration to create artistic "inventions." Fourth graders continue to work on the German art of paper-cutting called "Scherenschnitte," and their own intricate snowflakes. In the coming weeks fifth graders will be learning about innovations in the visual arts that came with the Industrial Age, e.g., from realism to abstraction. A number of classes will be working on the decorations for the Feb. 11 music concert under which as always promises be a fabulous show.

Reminder: To reach the art room Web site, just type in this URL: <http://teacherweb.com/DC/Shepherd/Art/>. Then, click any of the buttons shown to get where you need to go. Announcements change every week or two and are usually the same as the Mustang Art Smarts. Homework for grades 3 through 5 is listed weekly, and the current assignment has a bolded due date at its end. Primary and intermediate vocabulary lists are listed under FAQs (frequently asked questions).

Remember, you gotta have Art!

--Ms. Joele Michaud, art teacher

### QSP Fundraising Winners!!

First place—

**Mia Haward, Ms. Kuwaogi's Class**  
(iTouch)

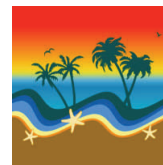


Second Place—

**Andre Jones, Ms. Holt's Class**  
(Nintendo DSi)

**Top Selling Class—Ms. Holt**

### Auction NEWS



Ignore the weather. Spring is in the air. And when spring is in the air, that means it's auction time!

The PTA's Auction Committee has kicked it up a notch in preparing for this year's auction.

Save the date: Friday, April 30, 7 p.m.-midnight, at the Washington Ethical Society, just down the block and across the street from Shepherd at 7750 16th St. NW.

Before then, there's lots of work to do. But many hands make light work.

The next order of business is a "stuffing party," putting letters inside envelopes, then sealing them, stamping them and labeling them. It'll take place after school this Friday, Jan. 22.

How long will it take? A few hours if it's just a solitary soul. But that figure goes down big-time the more people who turn out.

Consider lending a hand when you pick up your child from school at 12:15 p.m. Friday. If you don't see us in the library, ask at the office where we are. The more, the merrier!

Keep in touch with the latest auction developments by sending an e-mail to [shepherdauktion@live.com](mailto:shepherdauktion@live.com).

### EARLY STAGES

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW MY CHILD IS LEARNING?

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[www.earlystagesdc.org](http://www.earlystagesdc.org)

## Call for Used Cell Phones Still Ringing

If you have a cell phone you don't use anymore, now's the time to turn it in to the big purple box in the school office. Shepherd Elementary is still getting \$2 minimum for every used cell phone turned in so that the organization we send them to can recycle the parts to use in other phones.

Did you drop your cell phone once too often? Does the screen of your BlackBerry look like a spider web? Did you upgrade to a 3G phone? A 4G phone? Give us your old cell phones, no matter how well they work (even if they don't work) and we can get money for them and do the Earth a small favor at the same time.

## Music Department Notes



At a concert in the second week of February, Shepherd Elementary School students will perform many types of music that have become the soundtrack of our modern life. Starting with Scott Joplin's ragtime "Maple Leaf Rag," students will sing blues and jazz standards,

rhythm-and-blues hits, civil rights songs, and "message songs" such as Sam Cooke's "A Change is Gonna Come." The D.C. Labor Chorus will sing along with Shepherd students. Several students will narrate the concert, providing historical information about the composers and the songs. One student will play a piano solo. Two students will tap dance. All students are welcome to sing. The dress rehearsal (Wednesday, Feb. 10) and the concert (Thursday, Feb. 11) both begin at 6:45 p.m.

--Mr. Ken Giles, music teacher

## Open House at Hardy Middle School

Please Join Us at an Open House!  
Wednesdays, January through March  
9:30-11 a.m.

Hardy Middle School  
Grades 6, 7 & 8  
1819 35th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20007  
729-4350

Applications available at the school or online at  
[www.hardyms.org](http://www.hardyms.org)

Rolling admissions starting  
Monday, Feb. 1

Hardy is a D.C. public school. It has wonderful music and arts programs AND strong academics. Shepherd Elementary sent 15 graduates to Hardy last year. One of our daughters graduated last year, the other started this year. Both have had wonderful experiences there. If you have questions about the school, please contact me.

--Susan Catler  
[scatler@yahoo.com](mailto:scatler@yahoo.com)

## Pretty in (FREE) Pictures!

By now, just about everyone has seen the Fall Fest photos from our school historian, Victoria Botvin, that have graced the bulletin boards in the auditorium vestibule. Well, after having been up there for public display for the better part of the autumn season, you are now invited to take your favorite photo from the display. It even says so at the bottom of each bulletin board: "Take one!"

So feel free to get something for free. You can't beat the price!

## Baby, It's Cold Outside!



Amazing how, on the first day back from school, it was so cold ("How Cold Was It?") that nobody left any hats or gloves or coats or mittens or scarves behind. But by the end of the week, the table in the auditorium vestibule was filling up once more with clothing left behind.

Notebooks, textbooks and journals, too! If you suspect your child has left something behind at school, make him or her look through the items -- or, if need be, go through them yourself. At the end of each month, unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill. And you wouldn't want that to happen to your children's clothing that you bought and paid good money for, would you?

## *When All the Homework's Done!!!*

### **Activities for You and Your Family**

**"Pirate Adventures,"** Friday, Jan 22, 10-11:30 a.m., Rockwood Manor, 11001 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Come dressed in your pirate best and search for long-lost treasure. Admission charge. For details call 301-299-5026 or go to

[www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org).

**"Puss 'n' Boots,"** Friday, Jan. 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Synetic Family Theater, 4041 Campbell Ave., Arlington. For ages 4-up. The classic fairy tale about a clever cat who dons a pair of human boots and leads his poor homeless master to a life of luxury. Runs through March 14. Admission charge. For details call 800-494-8497 or go to <http://classika.org>.

**"The Human Jungle Gym,"** 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22, Kennedy Center. For ages 7 and up. Combines acrobatics, striking visual effects, physical comedy and inventive choreography by none other than Galumph. Repeated Saturday Jan. 23, 11 a.m. and 1:30 and 5 p.m. Admission charge. For tickets call 467-4600.

**Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto,** Friday, Jan. 22, 8 p.m., Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Ln, Bethesda. Performed by pianist Garrick Ohlsson and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Admission charge. For info call 410-783-8000 or go to [www.bsomusic.org](http://www.bsomusic.org).

**"Afro-Mexican Dance,"** Saturday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m., Anacostia Community Museum 1901 Fort Dr. SE. For all ages. Dancer-choreographer Carol Foster leads a workshop on traditional dances performed in the Veracruz and Costa Chica regions of Mexico. To register call 633-4844.

**"Alex and the Kaleidoscope Band,"** Saturday, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m., Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. A mix of original world music with insightful and inspiring lyrics, focusing on self-awareness and appreciation of the world around us. For ages 1-up. Admission charge. For tickets go to [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**"Blended Families: Tracing African-American Genealogy,"** Saturday, Jan. 23, 1 p.m., National Museum of the American Indian, 601 Independence Ave. SW. for all ages. Angela Walton-Raji leads a public genealogy workshop presented in conjunction with the exhibition "IndiVisible." For details go to [www.nmai.si.edu](http://www.nmai.si.edu).

**"Sleeping Beauty"** presented by the Missoula Children's Theater, Saturday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Arts/Harmony Hall Regional Center, Fort Washington. A musical version of the classic tale featuring area school children. Admission arts. For

tickets call 301-203-6070.

**"Sing Books With Emily!"**, Saturday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m., Aladdin's Lamp Children's Bookstore, 2499 N Harrison St., Arlington. For ages 2-6. Join singer Emily Leatha Everson as she sings picture books made from your favorite songs. For details call 703-241-8281.

**"The Snow Queen,"** Saturday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m., Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville. For ages 5-up. Uses both speech and sign language to tell the famous Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale. Admission charge. For tickets call 240-567-5301.

**"What Do Your Clothes Say,"** Saturday, Jan. 23, 2-4 p.m., Textile Museum. Around the world, people communicate through fashion. Examine what your own style says about you! For details call 667-0441.

**"What's It All Mean to Make Prints,"** Saturday, Jan. 23, 1-3 p.m. Smithsonian American Art Museum. For all ages. Find out the difference between a lithograph and a serigraph print, then help design a collaborative print inspired by works in the museum's William T. Wiley exhibit. For info go to [www.americanart.si.edu](http://www.americanart.si.edu).

**Washington Wizards Kids Day,** Sunday, Jan. 24, 1 p.m., Verizon Center, 601 F. St. NW. See the Wizards take on the Los Angeles Clippers. \$5 tickets on the VW Penthaus (Upper Level) for all children 17-under with purchase of one adult Upper Level ticket. You can get up to eight kids' tickets per adult ticket. For details go to [www.washingtonwizards.com](http://www.washingtonwizards.com).

**"Band of the Irish Guards With the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Regiment of Scotland,"** Sunday, Jan. 24, 2 and 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, Fairfax. For ages 6-up. Rousing marches, sailor ballads and native folk songs featured. Admission charge. For tickets call 888-945-2468.

**"Contemporary Art,"** Sunday, Jan. 24, 2-4 p.m., Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore. Enjoy sketching tours, hands-on workshops, gallery tours and more. For details call 443-573-1832.

**"CityDance Ensemble,"** Sunday, Jan. 24, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., National Zoo, Connecticut Avenue. For ages 3-up. Get moving with CityDance's "Jungle Books," then "snake," rattle and roll at the reptile Discovery Center. Admission charge. For tickets call 397-7328.

**Winter Walk,** Sunday, Jan. 24, noon, Brookside Nature Center, Wheaton. For all ages. Look for signs of winter and winter animals. To register, go to [www.brooksidenature.org](http://www.brooksidenature.org).

## When All the Homework's Done!!!

**"Snowflake Craft,"** Tuesday, Jan. 26, 6-8 p.m., Austin Grill, 5825 Trinity Pkwy., Centreville. For ages 1-10. "Ms. Donna" will help in making a snowflake that can be hung in the restaurant. For details call 7-3-2566-4400.

**"A Jump Start to Wellness,"** Tuesday, Jan. 26, 8-9 p.m., Montgomery County Commission for Women Counseling and Career Center, 401 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Rockville. An interactive workshop in which you'll learn important concepts of fitness and nutrition that will help you move to a higher level of wellness. There will be exercising, so dress appropriately for it! Admission charge. For details call 240-777-8300 or go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

**"Tyke Hike,"** Wednesday, Jan. 27, Meadowside Nature Center, Rockville. For ages 2-4. Includes a mini-nature hike. You can make a craft to take home. Admission charge. To register go to [www.meadowsidenature.org](http://www.meadowsidenature.org).

**"Friendship Skates,"** Wednesday, Jan. 27, 4:15-6 p.m., Cabin John Ice Rink, 10610 Westlake Dr., Rockville. Admission charge. For details call 301-765-8620 or go to [www.cabinhonice.com](http://www.cabinhonice.com). If you're looking for someplace a tad closer, try 3:45-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Wheaton Ice Arena, 11717 Orebaugh Ave., Wheaton. Admission charge. For info call 301-649-3640 or go to [www.wheatonicearena.com](http://www.wheatonicearena.com)

**"Peter and the Wolf,"** presented by the Puppet Company, Thursday, Jan. 28, 1:15 and 11:30 a.m., Smithsonian Discovery Theater, Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW. For ages 3-10. You'll hear the familiar Prokofiev music and character dialogue, but as told by the characters (in puppet form), not a narrator. Also being staged Friday, Jan. 29. Admission charge. For details call 633-8700 or go to [www.discoverytheater.org](http://www.discoverytheater.org).

**Make sure you have as much fun as possible because there will be homework again!**



## Student's Eye-View

On Monday, Jan. 11 Shepherd Elementary's Auction and Communications Committees met jointly to discuss one of the biggest and most important events of the school year: the annual fundraising auction.

The Shepherd Auction will be held April 30 at the Washington Ethical Society, located at 7750 16th St. NW. Proceeds from the PTA-sponsored event go toward expanding educational opportunities for Shepherd students.

During the meeting, committee members talked about the food that will be served and some of the items that will be auctioned off too.

"You could tell that people were charged up about the auction, bringing big names to the event and obtaining top-quality items for bidding," said Mark Pattison, president of the Shepherd PTA Communications Committee.

A Caribbean theme has been chosen for this year's auction.

Anyone can come to the auction, not just Shepherd parents. Keep reading this column and look for Twitter updates for more details on the auction as the date draws near.

The auction planning in the months ahead will be a lot of work, but fun!

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

--Compiled by Emahni Grant, 4th grade

## Join a Walking School Bus!

A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. If that sounds simple, it is, and that's part of the beauty of the walking school bus. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school, or as structured as a route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers.



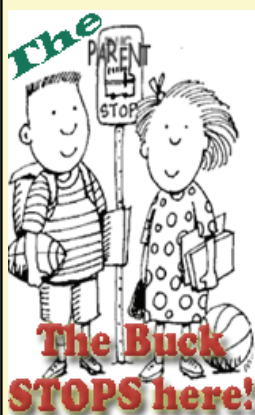
If your family is interested in participating in a walking school bus contact Marcie Bane at [marciebane@comcast.net](mailto:marciebane@comcast.net).



### Get in the Swim!

The Lowell School's aquatics program is under way. It's for ages 12 months to adults. Lowell offers beginner, intermediate and advanced instruction and classes, and features stroke development, adult lap swimming and lessons, family open swimming and even private lessons.

Lowell School is at 1640 Kalmia Rd. NW. Applications and schedules can be accessed at [www.lowellschool.org](http://www.lowellschool.org). For more information call 577-2006.



### Teaching Values:

#### Emphasize Your Actions With Your Words.

Talk to your child about your actions. Tell them the good feeling that you get from following through on a value. For example, "I worked with some people to help them read. It really fills my heart when I can help people learn."

Support Shepherd PTA's



### 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.

## The Mustang Round-Up

### Join the PTA Listserv Today –

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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.

### Past Issues of The Mustang are Online –

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*The Mustang* is also available on the Shepherd Elementary School website at [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org).

## Deadline Looms!

### for Next Mustang Issue

The deadline for the January 29th issue is TUESDAY, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. Send all contributions to:

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You'll be glad you did!

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