



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

March 5, 2010

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar 8, 2010** DC BAS Pep Rally
- **Mar 9—11, 2010** DC BAS
- **Mar 11, 2010** LSRT meeting, 3:55
- **Mar 17, 2010** PTA Meeting
- **Mar 25, 2010** Snacks with the Principal
- **Mar 25, 2010** 12:15 Dismissal/Spring Break Begins
- **April 6, 2010** Students Return



FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...

Dear Shepherd Parents,

Support Shepherd PTA's

The reason we have chosen Shepherd for our children may vary from family to family, but the fact remains that we all have made a conscious decision to apply and enroll our children at Shepherd Elementary. My guess is that the strong academic program, in the context of a caring and supportive community, is a top reason for most families - I also see those factors as our school's greatest strengths.

The PTA needs your support. At the beginning of the year 150 families committed to participating in the 180 fund. However, at this juncture we only have 39 percent of families who have actually paid into the 180 fund. When we are applying for grants, we are often asked what our parent participation rate is.



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A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings!

Pastries with the Principal

Thank you to everyone who attended February's Snacks with the Principal. During our meeting, we discussed things such as indoor/outdoor recess, Terrific Kids, the 2010-2011 budget, volunteers, carpool and parent participation.

Terrific Kids

There were some concerns expressed about Terrific Kids and the feeling of "not being terrific" by some of our younger students. As a school, we attempt to make every student know they are terrific even if they do not receive an award. Terrific Kids is sponsored by the Shepherd Park Kiwanis Club. On this day, teachers may recognize one student or their entire class. It is the teacher's choice. As I explain to the students every first Tuesday, they are all terrific; however, there is no way we can recognize every student during one ceremony. At the end of the year, we will be having an Awards Day. This day is designated for teachers to give other students an opportunity to shine.

Indoor Recess

I have parents who say "if it is below freezing students should be inside" while I have others who say, "send my child out no matter how cold". It is our goal to get our students outside every day. However, when the wind chill brings our below-freezing temperature into the 20s we keep our students indoors. Indoor activities vary. Some grade levels participate in exercises in their classrooms. Some watch a video. Some students are in the gym participating in small group activities with a few friends, some teachers have free play in the classroom while other students read. In any event, our ultimate goal is to get our students moving even if they are inside. However, it does present a challenge. A large number of students in the gym running around or throwing balls can be dangerous. If you are interested and would like to help us make our indoor recess time more active for our students, please volunteer your time.

Volunteers/Parental Involvement

We need you! We need you volunteering in the classroom, we need you attending PTA meetings, we need you participating in curriculum night and other school functions. If you have not been attending or if you are not volunteering we would love to know why. Shepherd's success depends on you!

Budget 2010-2011

The 2010-2011 fiscal year budget for Shepherd Elementary has been submitted and if you attended this month's Snacks with the

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March 'Holidays'

- March 5: Nametag Day -- Make yourself a nametag and give yourself a totally unrealistic, made-up name.
- March 6: U.S. Snowshoe Day -- Regardless of whether you live in a snowy climate, buy yourself a pair of snowshoes and wear them wherever you go.
- March 7: National Be Heard Day -- I SAAAAIDDDD....
- March 8: International Working Women's Day -- If you don't have a job, go to work with your husband.
- March 9: Panic Day -- What?!? Nobody told me!!!!
- March 10: Learn What Your Name Means Day -- Go to UrbanDictionary.com, type your name in the search bar, and click 'search'. If there are no results, make up your own definition.
- March 11: Johnny Appleseed Day -- Eat an apple, save the seeds, and plant an apple tree in your backyard.
- March 12: Middle Name Pride Day- Go by your middle name (only) today.
- March 13: National Open an Umbrella Indoors Day -- Who cares if it's bad luck?
- March 14: Pi Day -- Yeah, the value of pi is 3.14 (ask about it in math class). But if you add an (e) to the end, you now have justification to eat pie all day.
- March 15: True Confessions Day -- Type a true confession in the comments section for all to see.
- March 16: Lips Appreciation Day -- What better way to celebrate Lips Appreciation Day than to use them...to show off that new tube of lipstick!
- March 17: Campfire Girls Day -- Build a campfire and sit around it telling campfire stories. Hey, that's not a half-bad idea...
- March 18: Awkward Moments Day -- Have an awkward moment on purpose.
- March 19: National Chocolate Caramel Day -- Yum!
- March 20: Proposal Day -- If you are considering getting engaged, put it off no longer -- today is the day to pop the question.

Want to Know More About Silly Socks?

Last month's Family Math and Reading Night got raves about the puppet show put on by the Silly Socks Puppet Theater. It's based here in D.C., just on the other side of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. It's available for birthday parties, festivals, and school functions. To learn even more, call 466-7010 or go to www.sillysocks.com.

Snow Make-Up Days Announced: The Orders From Headquarters

Dear Parents and Families of DCPS Students,

Our back-to-back snow storms earlier this month made history, and caused our children to miss numerous days of instruction. In figuring out the snow make-up calendar, we have consulted with the Office of the State Superintendent, DCPS instructional staff, the Washington Teachers Union, and a number of parents. Thanks to many of you who offered suggestions about how best to maximize instructional time, preserve family vacation time, and meet the state attendance requirements.

We explored a variety of options that included extending the school day, converting previously scheduled vacation days into school days, changing the dates of DC-CAS testing-but none of these proved workable.

In order to make up the lost snow days, the school calendar will shift as follows:

** Friday, March 19th will be a regular school day. This was previously scheduled as a Professional Development Day for teachers, with no school for students.*

** Monday, May 17th will be a regular school day. This was previously scheduled as a Parent-Teacher Conference Day, and we will work with schools to ensure that teachers and parents schedule time to talk about summer learning and end-of-year topics during late May.*

** Friday, June 18th will be a full regular school day. This was previously scheduled as a half-day for students. It is now a regular full school day.*

** Monday, June 21st and Tuesday, June 22nd will be regular school days. The last day of school for students and teachers is June 22nd. These were the designated "make up days" built in to the calendar last year.*

** Monday, June 28th is the first day of summer school.*

We appreciate your patience and flexibility. We understand that schedule changes can cause difficulties for families and it is our hope that these specific adjustments will cause the minimum amount of disruption.

--Michelle Rhee, Chancellor

Take a Giant Step

Wanted: Shepherd families to sign up for Giant Food's A-Plus Bonus Bucks Program. To date, we have only 21 families signed up. That figure is two-thirds LESS than what we had three years ago. And Giant is the supermarket closest to Shepherd. Next time you go to Giant, ask to sign up. Or, you can do so online.

Shepherd's code is: 00154.

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Principal event, you have the inside track. Final budget information will be shared at the last PTA meeting of the school year.

Carpool

In order to make our morning drop-off and our afternoon pick-up safer and more convenient for students and parents we implemented the morning Kiss and Ride program and the afternoon carpool. Many parents have taken advantage of both and have been pleased with the process. However, there are a significant number of you who continue to walk your students into the building each day and come in to pick them up in the afternoons and we want to know why. Please look for a survey coming soon.

Aftercare

At least once a week I receive a message or I am stopped by a parent to talk about the quality of Shepherd's aftercare program. For the past several years our teachers and other non-Shepherd staff members have worked to provide a safe place for students after school. However, even with the school's best efforts there are still some concerns. Please know your concerns have been heard and we are in the beginning stages of making changes for next year. The first step to change is hearing from you. Ms. Jennifer Pauk, the mother of Zora in pre-K, is working on a survey. This survey will be distributed to parents via the Mustang in the upcoming weeks. If you have thoughts about aftercare or you would like to submit a survey question, please contact Ms. Pauk via email at jpauk@hotmail.com. In the subject box please type "Shepherd's Aftercare". The information collected will be shared with me and used next year as we begin to reshape our aftercare program.

Snow Make-Up Day

- March 19 will convert from a professional development day to a regular instruction day.
- May 17, a parent-teacher conference day, will now also be a regular instruction day.
- June 18, what had been a half-day will convert into a fullregular instruction day.
- We will use the designated make up days June 21 & June 22.
- The last day of school for students and teachers is June 22.
- Summer school begins Monday, June 28.

Jazz Night

If you did not attend, you missed a great treat! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help make the night a success. There was plenty of good food, music and fellowship. I look forward to doing it all over again next year.

Have a Great Weekend!!

Jamie Miles

Principal, Shepherd Elementary

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.

Shepherd Singers Find Harmony in 'Community Sing'

Six Shepherd Elementary School students sang with Dr. Ysaye Barnwell at the recent "Community Sing" at the Levine School of Music. The photo shows Calloway Majette, Emahni Grant, Marley Majette, Ebonie Hilton, Rahim Diaite, and Karim Diaite. Ysaye Barnwell is the head of "Sweet Honey in the Rock" and leads four-part harmony singing in the African-American oral tradition.



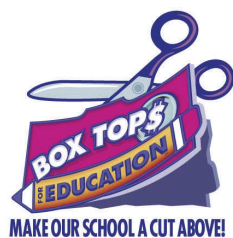
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When foundations see a strong PTA rate, they know that parents support what the school is accomplishing. When it comes to participation, it is not about amount you give, it is about giving something.

The Shepherd Elementary PTA is at a critical juncture. We have made commitments to the school for technology and cannot honor those commitments because we have not received all of the necessary funding from parents. In the next two weeks, the Executive Board will call all families that still owe money to the 180 fund (95 percent of families who indicated they would pay monthly have not contributed). Please consider what this school means to you and your child and place your checks into the PTA mailbox. I know the goals we set at the beginning of the year are not beyond our reach.

Charisse Brassard

Vie for Top Prize in Collection Effort



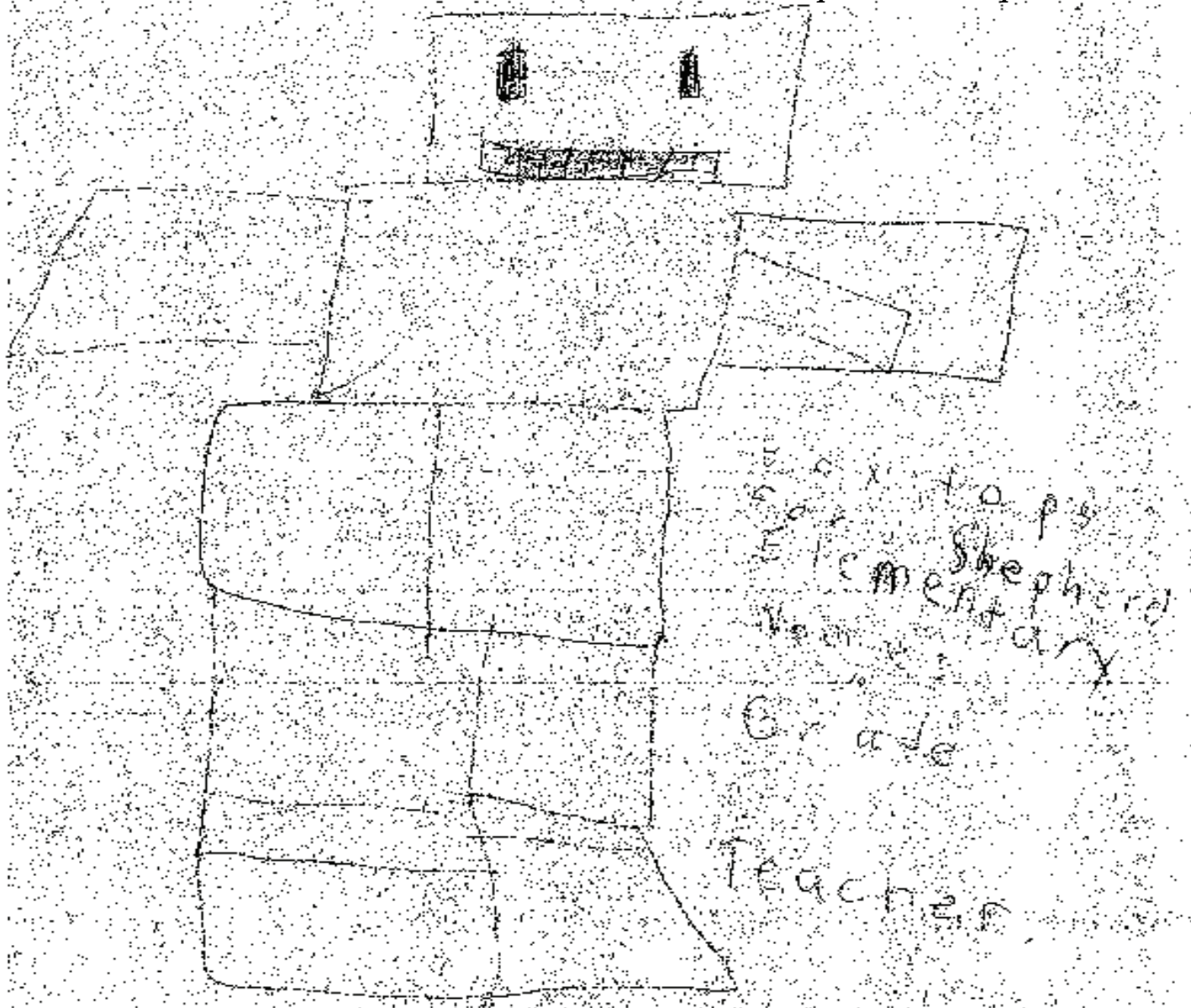
It's time for the next Box Tops collection effort. We are about \$150 away from our school year goal of \$500, so we need a lot of participation. With that in mind, we have a prize! We'll call this effort Space Age Box Tops. The contest ends May 5 and the top 40 contributors will receive a poster from the Smithsonian exhibition "Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future" (see link), just perfect for a bedroom or classroom wall!

So print out a robot collection sheet (courtesy of a Shepherd budding artist) and get to work! Remember the rules: no expired Box Tops or Box Tops without a visible expiration date. Box Tops only. Please tape or glue (no staples) one Box Top to each square on the collection sheet for a total of 10 per sheet. Also, you may submit Box Tops loose in a bag - just be sure to include student name and teacher/grade.

Thanks for your continued efforts to raise money for the Shepherd PTA.

Katherine Trimble,

Shepherd Box Tops Coordinator



Once the Homework's Done!

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

Activities for You and Your Family

Ladysmith Black Mambazo in concert, Friday, March 5, 8 p.m. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Ln., Bethesda. \$18-\$55. For details call 301-581-5100 or go to strathmore.org/education.

Washington Wizards Family Fun Night, Friday, March 5, 7-8 p.m., Verizon Center, 601 F. St. NW. Wizards vs. the Milwaukee Bucks. Package includes four tickets, four hot dogs and four drinks. Admission charge.

"The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley," performances through April 6, Adventure Theatre at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. for details call to www.adventuretheatre.org.

"Curious George: Let's Get Curious!" Port Discovery Children's Museum, 35 Market Place, Baltimore. Performances through June 6. For info call 410-727-8130 or go to portdiscovery.org

"Orchids: A Cultural Odyssey," daily through April 1, U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Explore the way orchids have permeated the lives of people around the world. Discover orchids in art, literature, exploration, jewelry, trade and business. For more, go to usb.gov

Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players, Saturday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Intelligent and whimsically rocking music for kids and their parents. Admission charge. For info call 703-255-1566 or go to www.jamminjava.com

"The Emperor's New Clothes," Saturday, March 6, 5-6 p.m., Jewish Community Center of Fairfax, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Harmonia School presents this fractured fairy tale. Admission charge. For details call 703-938-7301.

"Smithsonian Sleepovers," Saturday, March 6, 8 p.m., National Museum of Natural History, 1000 Constitution Ave. NW. Includes evening snack, light breakfast, Imax movie screening, evening activity and tour. Admission charge. For information call 633-3030 or go to <http://residentassociates.org/ticketing/landing>.

Big Apple Circus, Saturday, March 6-Saturday, March 27, Dulles town Center, 45630 Dulles Town Center Blvd., Sterling. No one's more than 50 feet away from the action. Admission charge. For details go to www.bigapplecircus.org

Verdher Trio performance, Sunday, March 7, 4 p.m., Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW. Free with museum admission. Includes world premieres from Brazilian and Venezuelan composers. For info call 387-2151.

"3 x Chopin," Thursday, March 11, 6 p.m., Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW. Leading Polish composers and musicians mark the bicentennial of Chopin's birth. Admission charge. For info call 387-2151 or go to www.phillipscollection.org.



Gaithersburg St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m.-noon, Washingtonian Center, 209 Boardwalk Pl., Gaithersburg. Everybody's Irish on St. Paddy's Day! For details go to <http://washingtoniancenter.org>

"Opera Tots," Saturday, March 13, 20 and 27, 11 a.m.-noon, Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Ln., Bethesda. For kids ages 3-5. They get introduced to the concept of a singing story and led in an operatic performance of "The Three Pigs" and "Little Red Hen" at the end of the course. \$90, plus \$25 materials fee. For details call 301-581-5100 or go to strathmore.org/education.

"Storybook Festival," Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. For ages 3-8. Stories, craft projects, books, book-related materials, refreshments. Special musical guest Barry Louis Polisar. Children can meet some of their favorite storybook characters in person. For details call 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org.

"A Year With Frog and Toad," Sunday, March 14, 1 p.m., Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Ln., Bethesda. \$18-\$38. A musical based on Arnold Lobel's story series. For details call 301-581-5100 or go to strathmore.org/education.

"The Little Mermaid," Sunday, March 14, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., Gaithersburg High School, 314 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. Presented by American Family Theater. Free. For info call 301-248-6350 or go to www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Emily Deans and Julio Elizalde in concert, Sunday, March 14, 4 p.m., Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW. The program includes works by Johann Sebastian Bach and Robert Schumann. Free with museum admission. For info call 387-2151 or go to www.phillipscollection.org.

"Finland" concert, Thursday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m., Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW. Olli Kortekangas' music will be played by young Finnish musicians he's chosen. Admission charge. For info call 387-2151 or go to www.phillipscollection.org.

Comprehension

is the process of constructing meaning from text. The goal of all reading instruction is ultimately targeted at helping a reader comprehend text. Reading comprehension involves at least two people: the reader and the writer. The process of comprehending involves decoding the writer's words and then using background knowledge to construct an approximate understanding of the writer's message.

Literacy Corner



Here are some activities that you can try at home to help build your child's vocabulary:

Activity 1

COMPREHENSION: The Comics

Directions:

1. Read and look at the Sunday comics with your child.
2. Cut boxes of comic strips apart.
3. Have your child tell the story by putting the strips in sequence.

Activity 2

COMPREHENSION: Who/What/Where/When Card

Directions:

1. Create a card that gives them cues on how to answer various types of questions.

Example:

Who – tells a character/person

Where – tells a place where action took place

What – tells the problem

Why – tells the reason something happened (because)

2. After reading a selection, show the cue cards to your child and asking him/her to respond to the cue.

*Instructional Coaches
Crystal Moorefield and Christina Bush*

Auction Time Is Here!

The Sixth Annual Shepherd PTA Auction, "The Carnival for Giving," will happen on Friday, April 30, starting at 7 p.m., and it'll be held at the Washington Ethical Society, partially across the street from Shepherd at the corner of 16th and Kalmia.

And ticket prices are down from last year: \$40 for one, or two for \$70.

Do you want a table? They are in short supply this year -- just seven left as the Mustang went to press. They seat six and you can reserve a table for \$210.

- Need tickets?
- Want to reserve a table?
- Have an auction item to donate?
- Want to buy an ad in the program book?
- Got a lead on people and businesses who can be an auction sponsor?

Just send an e-mail to:

shepherdauktion@live.com

and we'll keep you in the loop!

And in more Auction News...

Auction Ticket Booth Set, And So Is Next Committee Meeting

We'll have an auction ticket booth set up at the school next Friday, March 12, for parents and the community to buy auction tickets. Remember you can buy an auction ticket for \$40 -- or two for \$70. The booth will be staffed from 3 to 6 p.m. Look for it! You can pay with cash or with a check made out to "Shepherd Elementary PTA."

The Auction Committee needs more hands on deck as we get closer to the auction date! The next meeting is Monday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. If you don't know what to do, don't worry. We'll find a great match between auction needs and your talents.

For more auction details or to learn how you can make "The Carnival for Giving" a success, send an e-mail to **shepherdauktion@live.com**.

Music Department Notes

Fifth-graders Compose/ Perform Rappera



Fifth graders at Shepherd Elementary School will perform their five-minute student opera/rap on March 16 and again on May 12. After seeing excerpts of the opera "Falstaff" at the Kennedy Center last fall, fifth-graders composed their own modern opera in the form of a rap. They will perform it for fourth-graders at Shepherd School on Tuesday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m. Two months later, on May 12, our fifth-graders will perform their opera/rap for other D.C. Public Schools students who also composed student operas. The May 12 program will be at the Washington National Opera headquarters in Takoma, D.C., near the Takoma Park Metro stop. This is part of a school program funded completely by Washington National Opera, which each year enables our fifth-graders to see an opera and then compose their own.

Ken Giles, Shepherd music teacher

Thank You Corner

A Jazzy Thanks!!

I would like to thank everyone that came out, supported, volunteered for and enjoyed Jazz Night 2010. I believe a wonderful time was had by all! The food was hot, the music cool and the night great!

A special thanks to:

The entire Jazz Night Committee

- Volunteers (last minute and early risers)
- Contributors and Sponsors - Ledo's Pizza (thanks Joel)/Cork&Bottle/SPCA
- Much kudos to Mrs. Miles, Mr. Vincent, Mrs. Confer and The Shepherd Staff.

We couldn't have pulled it off without you!

In the Thank You Corner, ANYBODY connected with Shepherd Elementary can thank ANYBODY ELSE connected with Shepherd. Just send in your thanks, whatever they are, to sesmustang@gmail.com.

If you prefer to stay anonymous, you can. Or, if you want everyone to know you're the one who appreciates someone's good deeds, you can do that, too!



The school Web site, www.shepherd-elementary.org, now has added summer camp listings, most of them in Washington.

All are in alphabetical order. You will likely find something to your liking in terms of activities offered, distance traveled between home, camp and job, and other considerations.

As with the no-school days listings, some summer camps offer spring break activities. You can inquire with the facility of your choice as to its offerings.

If you know of a camp that you would like included on the list, please send details to ses-mustang@gmail.com.

Following are the new camp listings:

Adventure Theatre

Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo
Summer musical theatre workshop

For ages 1-15

Mini session June 14-18

Regular sessions June 21-July 2, July 5-16, July 19-30, Aug. 2-12 and Aug. 16-27

Theatre, light saber, clowning; professional theatre for families with children 301-634-2268

Beauvoir Summer Program

National Cathedral Elementary School
3500 Woodley Rd. NW

For ages 3-11. Day camp for boys and girls. Arts and crafts, counselor-in-training program, drama/theatre, educational activities, field trips, music, photography, sports, swimming. Extended day available 537-2313

www.beauvoirschool.org
hsquire@cathedral.org

Budding Yogis Yoga Camp

3838 Northampton St. NW

For ages 5-12. Offers kids the chance to practice mindful yoga; includes arts and crafts and games 686-1104

www.buddingyogis.com

Camp Listings

Camp Creativity

Corcoran College of Art and Design
1801 35th St. NW

For ages 5-16

Day camp for boys and girls

Arts and crafts featured "Designing the Future," "Art of Turkey," "Starry Night," "Dragons of the World," "Book Master" and more. Extended day available. 639-1805

www.corcoran.org/campcreativity
mshannon@corcoran.org

Camp Shakespeare

516 Eighth St. SE

For ages 9-18. Two-week day camp sessions led by Shakespeare Theatre Company teaching artists on the artistry and process of classic theatre.

547-5688

www.shakespearetheatre.org

Chess Camp

June 21-25 and Aug. 2-6, National Cathedral School,
3609 Woodley Rd. NW

June 28-July 2 and July 26-30, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 8804 Postoak Rd., Potomac

August 16-20, Two Rivers Public Charter School, 1227 Fourth St. NE

Morning, afternoon, and all-day sessions

For ages 5-16. Beginners through advanced welcome. 888-652-43777

www.chesscamp.com

DAR Museum

1776 D St. NW

Quilting, crafts, hands-on activities, tours, field trips, early-American culture

879-3240

www.dar.org/museum

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

3500 R St. NW

For ages 10-14. July 2-30. Four workshops daily: dance, theatre, vocal music, visual arts Includes building sets, costume design, script development and more. 333-2555. www.ellingtonarts.org
info@ellingtonarts.org

D.C. Youth Orchestra Program

Coolidge High School, 6315 Fifth St. NW

For ages kindergarten through 12th grade

Session runs June 28-Aug. 6. Instruction available in (with minimum age in parentheses):

Violin (4½), viola (4½), cello (7), string bass (10), harp (10, with 2 years' piano), recorder (4½), flute (8), oboe (8), clarinet (8), saxophone (8), bassoon (8), trumpet (8), French horn (8), trombone (8), tuba (10), percussion (8), guitar (10). Registration discount available through June 9

723-1612

www.dcyop.org

ava@dcyop.org

GDS Summer Program

Georgetown Day School

4530 MacArthur Blvd. NW

For ages 5-18. Extended day available

Arts and crafts, dance, educational activities, sports. 274-1687

www.gds.org/campsandclasses

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo

Classes and camps in visual arts, festival and special concerts, environmental education, plus fully restored 1921 carousel

301-634-2222

www.glenechopark.org

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Discovery Creek and Discovery Adventure
Camps**

Locations include Gangplank Marina, Southeast Waterfront; Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, 1550 Anacostia St. NE; The Historic Schoolhouse, 4954 MacArthur Blvd. NW

Day camps and overnight weeklong out-of-town camps available. For ages 4-9 and 10-14

Extended day and transportation available

Arts and crafts, boating, counselor-in-training program, educational activities, field trips, hiking, photography, rock climbing, sports

488-0627, ext.236

www.livingclassroomsdc.org/summercamp

azuk@livingclassrooms.org

Smithsonian Summer Camp

S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW, St 3077

Day camp for boys and girls and teens

Arts and crafts, counselor-in-training program, computers, cooking, dance, drama/theatre, educational activities, field trips, music, photography. Extended day available. 633-3030

<https://residentassociates.org/camp>
tsacamp@si.edu

St. Albans School Summer Programs

Mt. St. Alban, 3100 Wisconsin Ave. NW

For ages 4-18. Day camp for boys and girls

Extended day available. Counselor-in-training program, computers, educational activities, photography, sports, swimming

537-6450

www.stalbansschool.org/summer

St. Columba's Summer Day Camp

4201 Albemarle St. NW

Art, music, science, literature

Visiting artists featured. 363-4110

www.columba.org/community/youth/daycamp.html

Strathmore

5301 Tuckerman Ln., Bethesda

"Plein Air Camp" for ages 11-14, July 8-10, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"Who Are You" art camp for ages 5-10 Aug. 9-13 and Aug. 6-20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Call 301-581-5100

strathmore.org/education

The Theatre Lab School of the Dramatic Arts

733 Eighth St. NW

For ages 5-19

For boys and girls. Extended day available.

Drama/theatre and music.

Call 824-0449

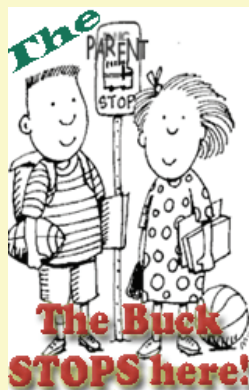
www.theatrelab.org

**Don't Wait
Until It's Too
Late!!!**

Combating Peer Pressure

Practice the following steps to resist peer pressure:

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a calm voice.
3. Say clearly that you do not want to engage in that activity.
4. Suggest another activity. Give a reason.
5. If the person tries to convince you, keep saying "No."
6. Leave or ask the person to leave.



Support Shepherd PTA's



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.



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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Shepherd_Elementary_PTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

Once signed up, you will be able to receive listserv updates directly to your email inbox. If you prefer to not receive emails for each listserv posting, simply select "no email" under the message delivery option in your listserv user setup.

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.

Deadline Looms!

for Next Mustang Issue

The deadline for the March 12 issue is Tuesday, March 9, at 5 p.m. Send all contributions to:

sesmustang@gmail.com

You'll be glad you did!

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