



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

September 6, 2010

Mark Your Calendars!



Sep 6 - Labor Day, no school

Sep 14 - Primary Election Day, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Precinct 62 (auditorium)

Sep 15 - Back to School Night/PTA meeting,
6:45 p.m.

Sep 17 - Professional development, No school
for students!

Sept 24 - Picture Day/Fall Fest/Book Fair begins

Visit <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/calendar/>
for a month-by-month list of events and activities
through next June!

From the PTA President...

Dear Shepherd Parents,

Whatever you do, read the Mustang -- yes, this very newsletter -- each and every week. Let me tell you a secret. For the last two years, I was the PTA's recording secretary ... AND the chairman of its Communications Committee ... AND one of a rotating team of Mustang editors. Yet, on the weeks when I wasn't the editor, I'd read the Mustang and find out something that I wasn't aware had been going on. And if someone who was supposed to be as connected as me was in the dark about school activities, imagine what it's like for all Shepherd parents in general. So Read the Mustang and Stay Informed!

We just celebrated Labor Day, which honors all workers in America. Part of reason for our Labor Day Weekend Kickoff Cookout was a big parent play date, and I hope we met your expectations (and our own!). But the reason there's a Labor Day in the first place is to honor American workers -- the folks who brought you the weekend. *(continued on page 2)*

A Word from Mrs. Miles!



Greetings,

I hope each of you enjoyed the extended weekend and you had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Instructional Fees

Thank you to everyone who paid their student's instructional fees. If you have not paid your fees please do so by the end of the week. Instructional fees cover the cost of additional instructional materials such as: a phonics program for grades K-2, writing program for all grades, handwriting workbook for grades PK and K, Weekly Reader, National Geographic, Time for Kids, and an intervention program. The instructional fees are as follows:

- » PK—Instructional Fees – \$13.50 + an optional \$10 arts and crafts fee
- » K—Instructional Fees – \$19.00
- » 1st Grade—Instructional Fees – \$24.50
- » 2nd Grade—Instructional Fees – \$24.50
- » 3rd Grade—Instructional Fees – \$19.00
- » 4th Grade—Instructional Fees – \$19.00
- » 5th Grade—Instructional Fees – \$25.00

School Wide Discipline Model

This year one of our school goals is to implement a more unified approach to discipline. This need derived from parent and teacher feedback and observations. Therefore, the school operates under one basic set of essential agreements in all settings (classroom, hallways, cafeteria, playground, arrival, and dismissal areas).

Essential Agreements:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

It is our expectations that students adhere to the established agreements and we feel confident our students will. Students will be rewarded for

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The Walking School Bus Returns to Shepherd Elem.



"Let's Move," says first lady Michelle Obama. So let's get moving by walking to and from school. It's not always the easiest thing to do on hectic mornings, but the sooner you establish a morning routine, the easier it will be to ride the Walking School Bus.

Just what IS a Walking School Bus? It's parents and children walking to school together, and other parents and students joining along the way. At least that's the morning routine. In the afternoons, parents and their children start walking home together, dropping off a few along the way until the last family reaches home.

There are many routes that a Walking School Bus could take to and from Shepherd. How about 16th Street south of school? Glad you asked. Marcie Bane is our contact for that; reach her at 291-0230 if you want to be part of her walking school bus.

Other routes could include 14th Street heading toward the Maryland line; Morningside Drive headed toward Alaska Avenue and 13th Street; and Kalmia Road heading in the direction of Georgia Avenue. Contact Marcie if you want to claim one of these routes or start an entirely different route of your own.

From the PTA President *cont'd from page 1*

Last week, though, I caught a glimpse of an ad on cable TV that took smug potshots at the District's teachers and their unions, satisfied to cast aspersions (or at least doubt) with viewers too gullible to know better. The ad's sponsor, the pathetically misnamed Center for Union Facts, doesn't deal in facts but in half-truths, quarter-truths and innuendo, happy to funnel huge wads of anonymous cash to bankroll a reckless agenda. As PTA president, I would be wrong to stay silent on this injustice.

It's when we work together as parents, and collaboratively with the school's teachers and staff, that we make a positive difference in the lives of our children and our community. It's always been that way, and no TV ad can ever change that reality. That's why I mean it every time I invite you: "Join us in our great work." Volunteer. Be active. Be more active. You'll do a world of good, and you'll do this world some good, too.

Best wishes,

Mark Pattison

PTA President

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CORRECTION:

Early Readers Program

Shepherd Elementary's Early Readers program will begin the first Wednesday in October. It will be open to K through 2nd grade students, by invitation only. Teachers, along with the help of the school's instructional coaches, will select participants. If your child doesn't receive an invite, and you'd like for him or her to participate in the program, contact Ms. Scinto, the school librarian. You will be placed on a wait list and contacted if additional space becomes available.





Student's Eye-View

There were changes at Shepherd Elementary School's Library over the summer break. The carpet was removed. Now we have new and improved tile floors. Ms. Scinto, the new librarian, is great and very understanding. She is a good addition to the Shepherd Elementary School staff. [Last year, she helped with the cheerleading squad at Shepherd.]

This year, we will work with newspapers to learn more about the library. For Ms. Ulba's fifth grade class, the first thing we did in the library was a newspaper summary. Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? These are questions every newspaper article should have-- including this one.

We will also learn and review the process for finding books in the library. This week, Ms. Scinto has helped us find books we can use when doing homework assignments. There are also computers in the library that can be used to research homework assignments.

This has been a great first week of school my fellow Mustangs. Remember to make the year great and awesome by using the library as much as possible.

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

**—By Emahni N. Grant,
5th Grade**

PTA's Health Committee Unveils 2010-11 Agenda

I met Principal Miles the second week of school to discuss her philosophy regarding healthy living and healthy eating at Shepherd and she is on board with promoting healthy eating and healthy living for Shepherd students and staff. Principal Miles had applied to the White House "Chefs Adopt-a-School" program last academic year, and she also requested a school visit to the White House's vegetable garden. In addition, Shepherd staff is forming a Health Committee that will identify and plan activities such as a staff lunch-time walk, "Water Wednesday", or mini stretching sessions, etc.



I am also in contact with our D.C. regional manager for the Alliance Healthy Schools Program. Shepherd will receive onsite support from the AHSP, an organization that supports Mrs. Obama's "Let's Move" campaign.

The Alliance can recommend us for programs such as "Chefs Adopt-a-School" as well as other programs of interest.

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LSRT Meets, Sets Agenda for Year

The Local School Restructuring Team at Shepherd met for the first time Aug. 31 and has set an agenda for the year ahead of Parent Involvement in Academics. Plans to implement this agenda could be ready as early as next week.

Teacher representatives to the LSRT are Ms. Michaud, Mr. King, Ms. Thomas and Ms. Booth. The staff's LSRT representative is Ms. Brooks. Parent representatives to the LSRT are Marcie Bane, Charisse Brossard, Marcus Hall, and Jennifer Pauk. Mrs. Miles, as principal, and Mark Pattison, as PTA president, are ex-officio members of the LSRT. The community representative to the LSRT chosen by parents is one-time Shepherd parent Don Squires; a community representative chosen by teachers has yet to be selected.

Marcie Bane was chosen as LSRT chair for the coming year and Mark Pattison was chosen as secretary.

Two committees were formed to advance the LSRT's agenda. One is a Parental Involvement Committee consisting of Charisse Brossard, Jennifer Pauk, Don Squires and Marcie Bane. The other is an Academic Enrichment Committee consisting of Mark Pattison, Ms. Thomas, Marcus Hall and Mrs. Miles.

The LSRT also set its meeting schedule for the year ahead. While D.C. Public Schools guidelines require six LSRT meetings during the school year, the Shepherd

LSRT will meet seven more times: October 12, November 9, January 11, February 8, March 8, May 10, and June 7. All dates are Tuesdays, and all meetings will start at 3:45 p.m. All meetings are considered "public" meetings, but non-LSRT members in attendance can act only as observers.

Minutes from the Aug. 31 LSRT meeting are on file at the school office.



Here Come the Cops!

Last week, a young Shepherd student, despite holding his mother's hand while in the crosswalk crossing Jonquil Street at 14th, was nearly struck by a car. Cars have routinely blocked the crosswalk at that intersection while dropping off their children. As Mrs. Miles said in her column last week, it is "a tragedy waiting to happen."

The PTA has asked the principal to ask the city for swift action to make the situation better. The crossing guard unit of the D.C. Department of Transportation will conduct an assessment of the intersection. In addition, they are going to increase the ticket patrol. Don't say you weren't warned.





Dear Shepherd Parents and Caregivers:

A hearty welcome or welcome back from Shepherd's Art Room. I am Ms. Joele Michaud, Shepherd's art teacher.

We all know that art can be a lot of fun. At the same time, students should advance their art making skills and view masterworks from many cultures. Therefore, your children will be learning the vocabulary of visual art, exploring the role visual imagery and form plays in core subjects, and developing creative brainpower as they express feelings through their art making. Object-based

learning will take them back in time and across cultural boundaries. We are up and running and already creating amazing things using the art element of line. Look here for regular announcements about what your child is viewing, creating, and/or critiquing each week in art. Better yet, go to the art room website, <http://teacherweb.com/DC/Shepherd/Art/>, and click on "Announcements" to see what's happening in art.

I supply aprons for little ones and shirt smocks for the rest. However, we ALWAYS need hand wipes and cleaning wipes to keep the germs in check. I can also use glue sticks whenever you have the inclination. I will occasionally call for specific recyclables such as styrene meat trays to use as servers or as media in our artworks. Just send them in to your child's teacher and I will get them. I can always use volunteers to help mount work or to help distribute and collect materials. Let me know if you have free time. See the "WISHLIST" section of the website to view the current needs of the art room. Questions? Go to the "FAQ" (frequently asked questions) section of the site, or put a note in my office mailbox.

GRADES 3, 4, AND 5--Art Homework is assigned every week beginning with the first week of school. All homework must be completed in a wire-bound sketchbook that has at least half of each page without lines. The one I recommend is sold at Plaza Art at Georgia and Silver Spring Avenues in Silver Spring, just blocks away from our school. Homework will always require writing, and will sometimes ask for sketching, pasted clippings, etc. The first few weeks' homework will focus on vocabulary and definitions. Later assignments will require a descriptive sentence. Ultimately, students will learn how to create a paragraph that explains or analyzes artwork. Current and previous assignments are always listed in the "HOMEWORK" section of the website listed above.

It has been a pleasure meeting you or seeing you again. It will be my joy to help your child see and enjoy the wonders of the world through art. Here's to an artful school year at Shepherd!

Remember! You gotta have Art!


Ms. Michaud





Musical Notes

By Ken Giles, Music Teacher


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 All classes learn songs for the Holiday Concert (December 8) and the World Music and Dance concert (February 9).


 Recorder students (1st through 5th grades) rehearse on Wednesdays at 8:00 am and will play in the Holiday Concert.


 Violinists rehearse at recess and will play in the Holiday Concert, along with guest musician Christylez Bacon.


 Guitarists (3rd and 4th grades) rehearse in afterschool on Mondays at 5:00 and 5:45.


 DC Labor Chorus rehearses Mondays at 7:00 pm. Students and parents are welcome.

 DC Youth Orchestra starts its 51st season on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the newly-renovated Eastern High School.

 Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will make "djembe" drums from Ledo's pizza sauce cans and learn to drum the rhythms.

 On October 14, our 5th graders will see excerpts from an opera at the Kennedy Center and then compose and perform their own student opera.

 Students continue to study Paul Robeson and advocate his inclusion in DC music textbooks.

 Pete Seeger (who sang with Paul Robeson) donated a copy of his songbook autographed to all the students at Shepherd Elementary School.



It's the Rack for You!



If you're stopping by school for any reason -- pickup, drop off, volunteering, etc. - stop by the rack outside the school office. We work to keep fresh and useful information for parents and the whole school community in the racks.

You can always find extra copies of the Mustang in the rack. And, if you don't want to rip up your copy of the Mustang, we've got extra copies of the 180 Fund

form, the Volunteer Signup Database sheet, the School Directory form, plus the "Stay Connected!" and "Read All About It" sheets that were enclosed with every student's green folders (a.k.a. The Parent's Owner's Manual). Plus, Box Tops for Education collection sheets!

You'll see other magazines and newsletters in the racks as they become available at Shepherd - keeping you in the know!

Box Tops for Education

- Go to ww.boxtops4education.com to see list of eligible products and marketplace vendors
- Put Box Tops into Collection Box in Main Office.
- Shop through the Box Tops Marketplace when doing on-line shopping.



PTA's Health Committee Unveils 2010-11 Agenda (cont from page 3)

The Alliance will help Shepherd:

1. Create a School Wellness Council (an advisory group concerned with the health and well-being of staff and students that includes school staff, community members, parents and students.)

2. Create an action plan for Shepherd.

These two steps are needed in order for Shepherd to be eligible to apply for a \$1,000 School Garden grant and the Great American Salad Bar Project grant that includes five portable salad bar kits and training tools from the Cambro food service company.

This means that we need to create -- ASAP -- a School Wellness Council with about 10-20 members that will include school staff, community members, parents, and students. It will convene, plan, and implement action plans for the whole school.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining the council and/or in helping recruit interested teachers, staff, parents, and/or if you know individuals in our community who may want to support Shepherd's efforts towards wellness.

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'Do'Your Best for Shepherd's PTA with Styling Special

Shepherd parent Mickey Bolek, owner of Michael Anthony Salon, is offering a 5 percent rebate to the PTA for anyone coming into the salon for hair, nail, or associated work. You could say the PTA gets a "cut" of the proceeds! The 5 percent rebate is good to all

Shepherd parents, teachers and staff. Say you're from Shepherd and the 5 percent PTA



rebate will kick in. This offer is good not just for one day, but for the whole school year!

If you were wondering, Michael Anthony Salon does women's, men's and children's hair - all hair lengths and textures, including extensions.

The salon is located at 661 C St. SE at Seventh Street SE, across the street from Eastern Market on Capitol Hill, and just a one-block walk from the Eastern Market stop on Metro's Blue and Orange lines.

The phone number is 506-3609. Michael Anthony is open Tuesdays-Saturdays. To see more about its range of services and products, go to

www.michaelanthonysalondc.com/

A Word from Mrs. Miles! (cont'd from p.1)

appropriate behavior and should students fail to adhere to the established school agreements the consequences are as follows:

- Step 1: Verbal Warning
- Step 2: Written Warning
- Step 3: Time Out – Reflection Time with the Teacher
- Step 4: Phone Call Home
- Step 5: Counselor Referral – Detention
- Step 6: Office Referral – In School or Out of School Suspension

*Fighting and/or causing physical harm to another student or destroying school property is an automatic office referral. Parents will be contacted at step 5 and 6.

Each day students have a chance to start over regardless of the kind of day they had the day before. However, if a student continually exhausts steps 1 through 3, there will be an alternate behavior plan established for the student.

Parents, you can support us by reminding your students of the expectations and talking to them about what each agreement entails.

Shepherd School Pledge

Today is a new day!

I will respect the rights of others.

I will treat all property with respect.

I will take responsibility for my learning.

I will take responsibility for my actions.

I will act in a safe and healthy way.

Today I will be the best me I can be!

Communication

Please be sure to check your student's green communication folder each day. Monday or the first school day of the week is our school wide communication day. School-wide announcements will be sent home in the folder on this day. Some grade levels may elect to send the folder home more frequently. When this occurs, usually the communication is specific to the grade or classroom.

Next Sunday I will begin my weekly announcements. These announcements will come via phone on Sunday afternoon. If you know you will not be home on Sunday, please set your answering machines to accept the phone call. The purpose of my

messages is to help keep you informed about upcoming school events.

DCBAS

Students in grades 3rd – 5th participated in their first standardized assessment for the 2010-2011 school year. The assessment will continue through Thursday. Please work to make sure your student is present.

Pick-up and Dismissal

Students will not be dismissed from the office after 3:00 p.m. If you have an appointment and you need to pick your student up before the end of the day, please do it before 3:00 p.m. Any parent who arrives after 3:00 p.m. will be asked to report to the gymnasium or the school's carpool line. Please make sure your child knows how he/she is getting home each day. It is also imperative that you put your dismissal changes in writing and send the note to your child's teacher. Students begin transitioning at 3:05 p.m. and when routines change without notification it makes it difficult to locate students. To help make the afternoon dismissal as smooth as possible, please adhere to the information listed below.

*Please arrive between 3:05 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to pick up your student. Please proceed directly to the gymnasium and remain there until students arrive. Please do not enter the gymnasium and proceed directly to classrooms. Teachers have been instructed not to release students unless they receive a notification from the office. The gym doors will open for dismissal between 3:00 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m., students who have not been picked up will be escorted to the main hallway. After 3:30 p.m. parents should proceed to the office area to pick up their student.

If your student is an aftercare student and you arrive to pick them up between 3:00-3:45 p.m., please report directly to the security desk, sign-in and proceed through the building to the playground. All aftercare students are dismissed to the playground at 3:10 p.m. After 3:45 p.m., please check in at the office to find out the location of aftercare students.

Chat and Chew

Each month, parents are invited to participate in an open-dialog with me. At these meetings, parents openly discuss what is working well for them and their student and how they feel things can improve. Parents can also use this time to get some of

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Shepherd IB PYP Corner

Welcome back to another exciting school year! At Shepherd Elementary, we continue our journey towards authorization as an IB World School. The IB Primary Years Program (PYP) for which we are a candidate school, is a program for students in Pre Kindergarten to Fifth grade. The program focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. Our authorization visit is scheduled for November 8th and 9th, 2010.

This week, teachers have been working hard reacquainting the students with the concepts and the skills of the IB Program. The PYP program focuses on the heart as well as, the mind of the child. The program provides opportunity for students to construct meaning, principally through concept-driven inquiry. Each grade level has begun working on their first Program of Inquiry which is as follows:

- Pre Kindergarten – How We Organize Ourselves - Our School
- Kindergarten –Who We Are - Being a Good Citizen
- First Grade – Where We Are in Place and Time - Map It
- Second Grade – How We Organize Ourselves - Community Systems
- Third Grade – How We Organize Ourselves - Yes We Can
- Fourth Grade – Who We Are - The Story of Us
- Fifth Grade – Where We Are in Place and Time - Changing Times

This month our Learner Profile focus is **Caring**. A caring person is someone who shows empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings to service and acts of others. It is a person who has a personal commitment to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

At home, please encourage, discuss, and highlight the moments you observe your child or others in your family being caring. “Action speaks louder than words”, therefore, if we model how to be a caring individual, this will teach your child to be caring and kind. As parents, you have the power to nurture, to guide, to show, and to instill kindness, responsibility, and gentleness.

Back to School night will take place on Sept. 15th and an IB PYP introductory session will be given then. Hope to see all of you!



A Word from Mrs. Miles! (cont'd from p.8)

their unanswered questions answered. The first event will be held on Monday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m. (location to be announced). Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Finally, thank you for all you do and know that each day at Shepherd we are striving to become better today than we were the day before.

Warmest regards,

Jamie Miles

Principal, Shepherd Elementary

Shepherd Elementary School Mission:

At Shepherd, we are committed to the advancement of students' academic, emotional, social and physical well being. We, as a community, will provide students with a safe, supportive, creative, and flexible environment in which children think and learn globally and act compassionately.

Here Comes Everybody! — *The Sequel*

Last week's Mustang listed all of Shepherd Elementary's staff and what they do. This week, it's the parents' turn. Join them in their great work!

Elected Parent Leaders

Mark Pattison	PTA President
Lisa Deane	PTA First Vice President
Kim Jeffries Leonard	PTA Second Vice President
Keisha Grant	PTA Recording Secretary
Cory Barnette and Kim Barnettte	PTA Corresponding Secretary
Lisa Connor	PTA Treasurer
Marcie Bane	LSRT Parent Representative
Charisse Brossard	LSRT Parent Representative
Marcus Hall	LSRT Parent Representative
Jennifer Pauk	LSRT Parent Representative

Volunteer Parent Leaders

Safiyyah Abdal-Haqq	Mustang layout/design
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Corey Barnette	Investment Strategy Committee
Nashwa Beach	Volunteer Database
Frank Borris	Building & Grounds Committee
Bianca Bostic	Auction Committee
Charisse Brossard	Fall Fest
Lisa Connor	Fundraising Committee
Rose Dawson	Mustang design/layout
Lisa Deane	Classroom Parent Liaison
Monica Goletiani	Grant Writing
Keisha Grant	School Directory
Victor Gutierrez	Hispanic Parent Liaison
Donna Johnson Harvey	Pre-K Play Date
Sabine Herisse	Health Committee
Tom and Sharon Bowman	Sign Changing
Marnie Keller	Used Uniform Clothing Sales and "Loose Change" collection
Kim Jeffries Leonard	Academic Affairs Committee
Laura Lewandowski	Mustang editor
Fred Lewis	Mustang editor
Richard McIntire	Communications Committee
Jennifer Pauk	Out-of-School Activities
Patsy-Ann Rasmussen	Jazz Night Committee and PTA Meeting Prep
Stephanie Scott	Fall Flower Bulb Sale
Laura Smyth	Mustang editor
Lawanda Tyus	"Brick by Brick" Fundraiser
Yolonda Walden	Mustang design/layout
Tina Wright	Box Tops coordinator

Thanks to Our Classroom Parents!

Here is our current roster of classroom parents, whose duty it is to keep other parents in their child's class informed about school and classroom and PTA activities, and even arrange a schedule for bringing snacks. If you don't see the name of your child's teacher on this list, then perhaps you should step up and be a classroom parent. Send a message to Lisa Deane, PTA 1st vice president, at klbdeane@aol.com.

Pre-K

Ms. Gibbs: Keisha Pendergrast-Alston, Chantale Swanson

Mr. Byers: Yasmin Lewis

Kindergarten

Ms. Holt: Yolonda Walden and Liz Folk

First Grade

Ms. Goldman: Audrey and William D.P. Chumbris

Ms. Crockett: Marnie Keller, Donna Johnson Harvey

Ms. McKenzie: Lawanda Tyus, Sandhya Metha, Leonie Stephenson

Second Grade

Mr. King: Chantale Swanson

Third Grade

Ms. Valentine-Nelson: Rhonda Davis-Smith

Fourth Grade

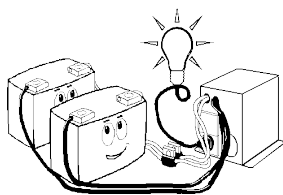
Ms. Christenberry: Charisse Brossard

Ms. Weber: Sherilyn Pruitt, Stephanie Scott-Melnyk

Fifth Grade

Mr. Leonard: Rukiya Bonner, Angela Anderson, Genevieve Galbreath, Sean Link

Ms. Ulba: Stephanie Scott-Melnyk



STAY CONNECTED!

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www.shepherd-elementary.org

Join the PTA listserv:

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To post a message:

shepherd_elementary_pta@yahoo.com

To see the archives:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shepherd_elementary_pta

Weekly school newsletter - *The Mustang*

Delivered each Monday in kids' backpacks.

Copy deadline each Friday at 5 p.m.

To submit an item send to

sesmustang@gmail.com

HEALTHY RECIPES COOKBOOK TO FEATURE YOUR FAVORITES



The PTA's fundraising committee is assembling the first-ever Shepherd Elementary Cookbook. This will be a collection of healthy and kid-friendly recipes contributed by you and your family members. Please drop off a copy of your favorite recipes in the office! Make sure to note your child's name with the recipe. All recipes must be submitted by September 30!

Deadline Looms! *for Next Mustang Issue*

The deadline for the September 13 issue is Friday, September 10, at 5 p.m.

Send all contributions to:

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The 180 Fund



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PTA Membership Form

For the **2010-11 school year**, EVERY Shepherd parent is in the PTA. If you are at a PTA meeting, you will automatically have a vote and a voice. There will be no membership dues, either! If you had ever thought of money – or anything – as a barrier to participating in the PTA in particular, or more fully in the life of the school in general, then your worries are over! The Mustang, the Shepherd Elementary Web site, and the PTA listserv will let you know of plenty of ways you can make Shepherd School – and our children’s educational experience—better than ever!

‘180 Fund’ Is Created To Finance PTA and School

In place of PTA membership dues and what had been known as the Family Enrichment Fee, the PTA has established the “180 Fund.” 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. There are all sorts of things that Shepherd Principal Jamie Miles and PTA leadership have identified since the end of the school year that will enhance the educational program at Shepherd that don’t fit into the school or D.C. Public Schools’ budget. Please complete this form and check one of the boxes below:

Member(s) name(s): _____

☐ I am a Shepherd teacher/staff member.

Email address(s): _____

☐ Yes, sign me up for the Shepherd PTA Yahoo Group!

Phone Number(s): _____

Child(ren): _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

_____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

_____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund. Attached is my lump sum contribution of \$180.

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will be able to pay \$45 with each new report-card period:

8-23-10, 11-1-10, 1-24-11, 3-28-11.

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will be able to pay semi-annually: \$90 by September 15, 2010 and \$90 by January 24, 2011.

☐ I wish to participate in 180 Fund and I would like to be exempt from Fundraising. Attached is my contribution of \$500.

SIGNATURES:

_____ Parent/Guardian/PTA Member signature

_____ Parent/Guardian/PTA Member signature

Join the Shepherd PTA! Let your voice be heard. Be a partner in your child’s education.