



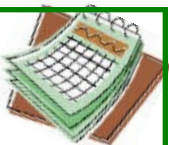
Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

November 8, 2010

Mark Your Calendars!



- Nov. 9** - International Baccalaureate site visit;
LSRT meeting, 3:45 p.m.
- Nov. 10**—Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader,
6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11**—Veterans Day, no school
- Nov. 12**—Report cards issued
- Nov. 15**—Picture make-up day; Auction Cmte.
meeting, 6:30 pm, Library

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,

The PTA has submitted a grant request to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A to help fund the start of our Children's Garden. We expect the total cost to come to \$5,000. We've asked the ANC for half that, or \$2,500.

We expect the grant request to be on the agenda of the December meeting of ANC 4A. Generally, the meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the Ft. Stevens Recreation Center on Van Buren St. NW between 13th and 14th Streets. But once we have solid information, we'll let you know.

There are seven ANC commissioners in 4A. Three of them have territory in Shepherd's attendance area, including Dwayne Toliver (his area covers the school itself), Karl Kennedy, and ANC 4A Chair Stephen Whatley.

ANC 4A, under Whatley's leadership, changed its policy and permitted grant requests. Last year, ANC 4A gave \$1,500 to the PTA to purchase violins to enhance Shepherd's music program. So we believe the ANC will look favorably upon our request.

We should send our thanks to the PTA's resident grant writer, Monica Goletiani, and the Building and Grounds

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A Word from Mrs. Miles!



Greetings Everyone!

I hope this message finds you well.

Newsletters

By now each of you should have received a hard copy of your child's grade level newsletter or an information sheet explaining to you how to access the newsletter on-line. This newsletter shares with you what students will be learning about in the upcoming weeks and it alerts you of upcoming field trips, events, etc. If you have not received it contact your child's teacher and let them know.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home Friday. There should be no surprises if you were able to attend parent-teacher conferences. Please thoroughly review your child's report card and ask questions about how you can support your child at home. If needed, schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

Reading

Every student at Shepherd is expected to read 15-20 minutes (students in grades PK-1 and 20-30 minutes (students in grades 2-5) each evening. For the non readers this may be parents reading to the child, the younger students may alternate reading with their parents and the older students should be able to read independently. Beginning Monday, you will receive a Shepherd Reading log sheet. This will be a double-sided document that will be sent home every other week. This document will require parents and students to interact with the text in order for the log to be completed successfully. More information will be in next week's Mustang and included with the first log. You can begin preparing by getting into the routine of reading with your child or listening to your child read.

Tardiness

Last week, I promised to publish names of students with 5 or less tardies. I will be doing that, but I begin this week by recognizing students with no tardies.

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'IB Corner'

"I need some time to think". "Let me think about it!" "I'm still thinking about that." "I never thought about it that way." "Can I get back to you about that?" How many times have we heard people say these things to one another?

THINKERS in:

Language Arts use language precisely and skillfully in the context of higher-level thinking.

Mathematics use mathematics as an analytical tool across the curriculum.

Science & Technology use the process skills of science (predicting, measuring, observing, and concluding) to reinforce change or reflect their existing ideas.

Social Studies reasonably think about public issues and make informed judgments about the past and about social and environmental problems.

Art/Music/Drama creatively and critically thinks about ideas.

Thinking is the process of using your mind to consider something carefully. It is using the mind to reason and reflect. The IB Primary Years Programme emphasizes the importance of developing thinking skills which encompass all of the following:

Knowledge: Gaining and remembering specific facts, ideas and vocabulary.

Comprehension: Grasping and communicating meaning from material learned.

Application: Making use of previously acquired knowledge in practical new ways.

Analysis: Taking knowledge or ideas apart; seeing relationships; finding unique characteristics.

Synthesis: Combining parts to create wholes; creating, designing, developing, and innovating.

Evaluation: Making judgments or decisions based on criteria, standards, and conditions.

Dialectical Thought: Thinking about two or more different points of view; being able to construct an argument for either point of view based on knowledge; realizing that others can also take one's own point of view.

Meta-cognition: Analyzing one's own and others' thought processes; thinking about thinking; thinking about how one thinks and learns.

These are skills students need to be able to succeed in a changing, challenging world.

Ideas for parents to help develop students who are

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Following is a list of classical music's "greatest hits." We will be listening to excerpts from many of these pieces in the next couple of weeks:

Beethoven's 5th Symphony and 9th Symphony
("Ode to Joy")

Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik"

Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture"

Paganini's 2nd Violin Concerto

Dvorak's "Humoresque"

Bizet's "Toreador Song" from the opera Carmen

Dukas' "Sorcerer's Apprentice"

Pachelbel's Canon

Bach's Brandenburg Concertos

Handel's "Messiah"

Rossini's "William Tell Overture"

Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag"

Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever"

Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"

Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing
If It Ain't Got That Swing"

Creating change with change

From Nov. 29 to Dec. 10, we'll be collecting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in each classroom with the goal of helping a needy family in the area for the holidays as well as supporting needed changes at our school.

- Learn the joy of giving by sharing with the less fortunate
- Show your class spirit by working together for a worthwhile cause
- Work with your parents on counting currency
- Win a pizza party for your class for the most money collected!

Fill up the Ziploc bag in your classroom and let's make change with loose change! Start collecting your money now to bring in to school!



Student's Eye-View

This week, we took DC BAS testing at Shepherd. We tested for 2 days - November 2 and November 3. The test was from 9 a.m. to Noon each day for grades 1 - 5. If you did not finish the test, you would have to go to the computer lab so you could finish.

Also, if you were absent one or both days of the test, there were make up tests given in the computer lab. The DC BAS test helps students prepare for the very important DC CAS test. We will have to take the DC CAS test close to the end of the school year.

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

—By **Emahni N. Grant,**
5th Grade

Bits & Pieces

Get your school directory, turn in UNICEF donations

The annual School Directory is nearing completion. However, if you want FIRST DIBS on a copy, you can ask for an electronic copy to be e-mailed to you as an attachment. Because once it's ready for the printer, it's ready for you, too! You save trees, and you can make modifications as you need to.

All you have to do is send an e-mail which includes the name(s), grade(s), and teacher(s) of your child(ren), because each family's going to get one directory -- print or e-mail, but not both. (The directory will not be posted on the PTA listserv or on the school website.) Send your e-mail, with DIRECTORY in the subject line to: sescommcmte@gmail.com.

If you or your kids took part in Trick or Treat for UNICEF, bring the box back to the school office. Someone will collect the boxes and record the revenue from each box and send the total to UNICEF headquarters in New York. Thanks for doing your part to help children around the world!

Take a look at www.shepherd-elementary.org

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Committee, which includes the Garden Initiative and the new Green Team, for pulling things together.

We raise a lot of money via the PTA and its 180 Fund and the many events we sponsor over the course of the school year. Still, it's always nice to be able to use other people's money, especially if they're that willing to give it to us. After all, \$2,500 equals close to 14 families' \$180 contributions to the 180 Fund.

But, if you remember what I wrote earlier, the total cost is expected to come to \$5,000. So even if the \$2,500 grant comes through, that still leaves \$2,500 to get. If you haven't yet contributed to the 180 Fund, this could be a prime use of your money. Students from fifth grade all the way down to pre-K will have their own spot in this garden, and they'll learn more about nature and how it works as they go through their years at Shepherd. Our thanks to Mr. King for being willing to incorporate the school garden into an easy-to-apply curriculum.

In a related matter, Green Team parents did a walk-through of the school last Thursday to determine how best we can implement a recycling program for all classrooms at Shepherd.

You see, at Shepherd, "green" is more than just one of our school colors.

Best wishes,

Mark Pattison

PTA President

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When you go to Giant.com, go to the tab "Our Stores", select "A+" . This goes to a page to "Register Your Card" . You can either select the state, DC and then select Shepherd, or input the school's code—**00154**—and hit enter.

Finally, if you do not know your Giant Card number, you will need to call the Giant hotline at 1-877-366-2668 to get the card number.

Parenting tips...

Give Children Appropriate Ways to Feel Powerful

If you don't, they will find inappropriate ways to feel their power. Ways to help them feel powerful and valuable are to ask their advice, give them choices, let them help you balance your check book, cook all our part of a meal, or help you shop. A two-year-old can wash plastic dishes, wash vegetables, or put silverware away. Often we do the job for them because we can do it with less hassle, but the result is they feel unimportant.

Use Natural Consequences

Ask yourself what would happen if I didn't interfere in this situation? If we interfere when we don't need to, we rob children of the chance to learn from the consequences of their actions. By allowing consequences to do the talking, we avoid disturbing our relationships by nagging or reminding too much. For example, if your child forgets her lunch, you don't bring it to her. Allow her to find a solution and learn the importance of remembering.

Physical Activity

Give Them the Ball: Teach your kids how to get everyone moving. When they're babysitting or playing with younger brothers or sisters, show them how to invent games and get everyone involved. Young kids love games like hopscotch, tag, hide-and-seek, Hula-Hoops, jumping rope, squirt guns, T-ball, kickball or flying a kite—especially when they're doing it with a “cool” older kid. Courtesy of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation: www.healthiergeneration.org

****Do you have a suggestion, is there is a question/situation you want a fresh perspective on or a topic you want covered, send an email to: amberagolden@gmail.com with the subject 'Shepherd's Parent Corner' and we'll do some research.**



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THINKERS at home:

Talk with your child about current events from different points of view.

Encourage your child to try to think of multiple solutions to problems independently.

Ask your children questions when they are working on a problem like: “Do you have any ideas about how we might begin?” or “How can we do this differently?” or “I had never thought of that.” “Tell me more about it.” Or “What other ways can we show that?” or “Why do you think that?” or “How did you figure that out?”

Catch your child being a thinker.

Help your child to become a better thinker by allowing them to solve problems and make decisions on their own.

Pose different real-life problems and questions to your child, like: “I’m not sure how to arrange the glasses so they can all fit in the cupboard,” or “I wonder how much the groceries in the cart will cost. How can we make an estimate?” or “We need enough muffins for the 20 people in your class. What kind of change should we make to our recipe?”

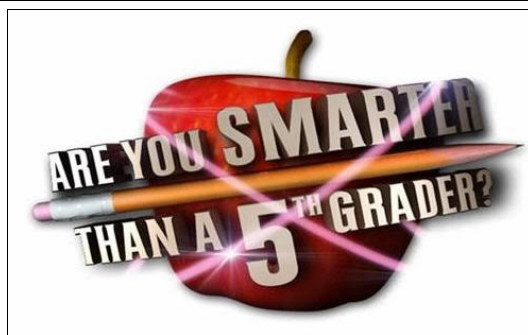
Make sure your child knows he/she has done something good. Expressing your approval is a powerful way to reinforce the profiles.

—Sandra Hart, IB Coordinator

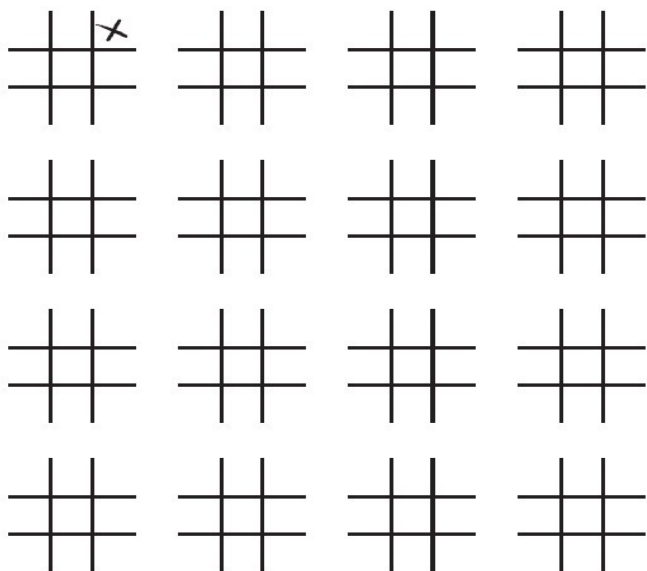
School version of popular TV show is Wed.

Shepherd's "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader" night will be on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Please note there is no school the following day. Parents will play the game. They will answer questions with varying degrees of difficulty, from 1st grade to 5th grade in different subjects. Each question will have a dollar value assigned, and the amounts crease as the grade level goes up (i.e., a 1st grade subject may be for \$20 and the 5th grade subject for \$40).

Here's the twist...The admission price of \$7 will be charged for each audience member. The total amount from door sales comprises “the bank.” “The bank” will either go to the PTA or Shepherd's 2011 5th Grade Class. As the parent answers the questions correctly, the PTA banks the money. The contestant has the option to quit after any question they answer correctly... because if they get the next question wrong, the aggregate amount for their turn goes to the 5th Grade Class. See **SMART**, Page 5



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There will also be an "Extra-Credit" question for a larger amount if the contestant successfully answers all of the grade level questions.

Each 5th grade student will be called to the stage to "assist" the contestant. The contestant has the option of utilizing the 5th grader's expertise.

The 3rd and 4th grade classes will be the chorus (singing the theme song directed by Mr. Giles). Each class will perform a "commercial" about an IB character trait (i.e., "Caring," brought to you by Ms. Thomas' 3rd grade class).

The fun filled evening is essentially a game for Shepherd parents (with the assistance of the 5th graders -- just like the TV show). The evening will either raise money for the PTA, give the exiting 5th grade class a wonderful end-of-year send off, or a combination of both. Time to start studying!

Save the Date, Wednesday, Nov. 10! If you would like to be a contestant, please e-mail: rukiya_b@hotmail.com. Please include your child's name/class and a contact number.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to a memorable evening!

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for several new things, including the complete International Baccalaureate Programme of Inquiry for all grades for 2010-11, the current year's focus on foreign languages, several new dates on the school calendar, plus the Shepherd Pledge and the Shepherd Mission on the home page!

With the onset of cooler weather there is an increase in the number of coats, jackets, and sweaters that don't seem to be as much in need in the sunny afternoon hours as they do in the chilly morning hours. Each month the unclaimed items are donated to charity. If you don't want that to happen to your child's clothes, take a look at the lost and found table in the vestibule of the auditorium.

The Mustang you're reading just may be a little bit greener than last week's. The PTA purchased three cases of recycled paper with at least 30 percent post-consumer recycled content. Yes, it costs a little more, but it's one new way to show greater care for the environment.

Remember that there will be no school on Thursday in recognition of the federal Veteran's Day holiday observed every Nov. 11. World War I ended on Nov. 11, giving rise to Armistice Day, which later became known in the United States as Veteran's Day.

Box Tops for Education

- Go to www.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



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Did your child make the list? By class, they are:

McKenzie: Tiara Dupee, Justin Edwards, Masai Jenkins, Wynston Jones

Byers: Micah Charles, Mario Imbroscio, Jadon Kithcart, Sean Reece, Eyan White

Crockett: Mertinu Geleta, Everett Keller, Henry Trimble, Ytam (Tiana) Bui

Pethtel: Roman Carter, Romy Herisse, Grace Kao, Robert Lewandowski, Elias Mack, Phillip Omohundro, Bianca Popa, Myra Shalaty, Nia Sinkford, Radha Tanner

Holt: Senaf Geleta, Makayla Kennedy, Marshall Lewis, Sarah Sambou, Irvin Scott, Emanuel Wolde

LaPenna: Layla Brent, Andre Jones, Ryan Jones, Cori-Jaiden Langley, Janessa Perry, Casey Ross,

Johnson: Jordan Yates, Courtney White, Cyndi Taylor, Heidi Nikiema, Zachary Moneme, Kaden Mont

King: Jasmine Greene, Antonio Imbroscio, Ernestine Lwangu, Kamari Nolan, Ethan Reece, Caleb Schuster, Frankie Scinto, Madison Swanson

Chambliss: Milke Hailu, Clarque Kelley, Taye Moss-Suggs, Christopher Villalta

Goldman: Samuel Bush, David Camille, Jada Culmer, Kobe Jenkins, David Okechukwu, Deborah Okechukwu, Jean-Pierre Roberts, Rosa Robles, Briana Knight- Rodriguez, Nana Sissoko, Marie-Therece Tata, Yonatan Tussa

Gibbs: Erin Askew, Claudia Goletiani, Yasmina Konate, Emma Laudadio, Aaron Smith, Kristian Swanson

Laughinghouse: Micah White

Thomas: Jaden Brazey, Julianna Ingram, Brooklyn Jenkins, Alvaro Lopez, Colyar Trimble

Valentine-Nelson: Savannah Brinkley, Decosta Edwards, Jasmine Hopkins, Tiffany Missembe, Kimari Price, Gavin Ras-

mussen, Justin Williams

Ulba: Frank Borris, Maryam Holt, Amani Richardson, Zoe Roberts, Kaitlin Robinson, Mame Sissoko

Christenberry: Jenelle Bethea, Mecca Camille, Jamal Deane, Isaiah Moneme, Cecelia Sneed

Weber: Aaries Askew, Caleb Bush, Christian Watkins, Shoa Samad, Kenneth Redman, Alexander Leonard

Leonard: Ricardo Lindo, Eric Martinez, Caleb Okechukwu, Everett Reed

Warmest regards,

Jamie Miles

Principal, Shepherd Elementary

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.

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