

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

## Mark Your Calendars!



- Apr 11-14: DC-CAS Testing
- Apr 15: DC Emancipation Day, No School
- Apr 18-25: Spring Break, No School
- May 6: Auction fundraiser, Washington Ethical Society, 7-11 p.m.
- May 14: Gardening Work Day

Visit <u>www.shepherd-elementary.org/calendar/</u>for a month-by-month list of events and activities through the rest of the school year!

## From the PTA President...

Dear Shepherd Families,

We're in the middle of DC-CAS testing for our students in grades 3-5, which will be followed by D.C. Emancipation Day on Friday (but we won't be truly emancipated until we gain statehood), then spring break that runs through April 25.

I don't know about you, but I was really bothered reading the news accounts about how some OTHER schools in the D.C. system seem to have "high erasure marks" on their DC-CAS tests – and wouldn't you know it, all of the erasures were from wrong to right answers. What a coincidence! I'm grateful we don't try to pull that kind of stuff at Shepherd. Our children are already proven high achievers, and we work together -- students, parents, teachers, and staff – to preserve our gains while we strive for the next level.

But I'll clue you in on some things that cannot be erased.

One is our tremendous school spirit. Our children enjoy going to school here. Their parents enjoy sending them here at least as much. We enjoy low turnover inside the school, so teachers and staff must like it here, too. *(See PTA, Page 3)* 

A Word from Mrs. Miles!

### **Greetings!**

### It's Report Card Time!!!

On Friday, April 8, 2011, you should have received your student's report card. I had the opportunity to review each card and in general our students seem to be making great progress. If you have concerns



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or if you have questions about your student's report card please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. As we approach the end of the year, I am challenging each of my staff members and the school's leadership team to look closely to identify gaps and make plans to bridge the gaps for our students as they prepare to transition to the next grade.

### **Testing Week**

Shepherd Elementary 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students participated in the District of Columbia Comprehensive Assessment System, (DC-CAS) this past week and will continue through Monday, April 14, 2011. Students in grades 3rd -5th were assessed in reading and math. There were a total of 8 sections (4 sections of math and 4 sections of reading). Students took two sessions a day with a 10 minute break between each session. Testing was scheduled to end no later than noon each day but on some days students continued testing after lunch until 2 or 3 pm.

On Monday, April 11, 2011, 4th graders will complete the writing test and 5th graders will complete the science test. Students who need to make up any part of the test will be able to do so on Monday and Tuesday. During testing week, special area teachers and aides are pulled to serve as test proctors and administrators. Morning specials are cancelled and students may not go outside and play on the blacktop until testing is complete.

As you can see there is a lot that goes into DC-CAS and though students in grades 3- 5 are the only ones tested, it is truly a team effort! A sincere thank you to parents for working to get your student to school on time every day during testing week, to Shepherd staff for preparing students and being flexible, to Shepherd students for being focused, respectful, patient and understanding and last but certainly not least...to Ms. Liggins! Ms. Liggins is Shepherd's testing coordinator. A significant amount of time and energy goes into preparing the materials so that the weeks of testing run smoothly!!!

(See MILES, Page 5)



# Creating principled persons

All grade levels have now completed the fifth Unit of Inquiry and are working on their reflection for the unit. Unit 6 will begin when we return from Spring Break.

Our new Learner Profile for the month of April is Principled. A principled person acts with integrity, honesty, a sense of fairness, justice and respect for individuals, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions. Across the curriculum principled students:

• language arts-use language responsibly. They express themselves both verbally and in written form with honesty and respect.

• mathematics-understand that they need to work thoroughly and accurately to complete mathematical tasks. They are conscious of researching, gathering and applying data honestly and responsibly.

• science and technology- asking relevant questions and conduct careful investigations with accuracy and honesty. They are reliable and responsible in following the scientific rules and laws.

• social studies-participate actively and respectfully in group situations in class, at school, and at home. They look for ways to help their community and take action on issues that are important to them.

How can parents help to develop students who are Principled? According to Deb Bonner, researcher:

1. Involve your child in deciding on the rules for a game or activity and then ensure that they stick to the ones that have been decided upon.

2. Encourage your child to play games that involve teams. Discuss with your child the qualities of a team player. What sort of person would they want on their team?

3. When your child wins a game insist that he or she be a gracious winner. They might thank their opponent or shake hands with them if it's appropriate.

4. When playing a game, don't change the rules or let your child win just because they are your child. Being a gracious loser is just as important as being a good winner.

5. Talk with your child about why they think they are a person who is principled using, "I think I am or am not a person of principles because..."

For older students:

6. Have your child make a list of their principles, or your most basic beliefs, that would not be compromised no matter what. Now have them select one; write about a time where they did something courageous by standing up for this principle.

7. Have your child identify someone in public life they

think has demonstrated a lack of principles. Talk about what they think of his/her behavior and what he/she should do to shape up.

8. Write a letter to someone in the news whose principles have impressed you.

9. Talk about what it means to "compromise your principles." Give examples.

10. Talk about what it means to "walk your talk." Brainstorm people who are positive and negative examples of this phrase.

11. Catch your child being principled. Make sure your child knows he/she has done something good. Expressing your approval is a great way to reinforce the profiles.

12. Allowing children to reflect on their own experiences is probably the best step toward creating principled children. Talk about decisions they make throughout their day that relate to the idea of being a principled person—at recess, during class time, during specials, with friends and with teachers, at lunch, and so on.

13. When a child is reading, ask, "What does this story tell us about ourselves? What does it tell us about others? How will this knowledge change our thinking and actions?"

14. When a child makes a poor choice, allow them to understand why the choice wasn't the best one. Ask them whether other people in their environment are impacted by their actions, decisions, and choices. Discuss alternative choices for future situations. Discussions like this will allow your child to gradually learn what is fair, honest, just, and socially acceptable.

#### **IB** Recognition

On Thursday, March 31st, we had our IB Ceremony recognizing students who demonstrated how Balanced they are everyday. Congratulations to: Brianna Royall, Gabrielle Williams, Gregory Jones, Alexander Carter, Blanca Castro, Daishawn Jones, Khari Wilson, Jay Adams, Lyndon Downing, Caroline Easterling, Yao Tyus, Daija Jones, Tashi Cooper, Justin Edwards, Jenelle Bethea, Gabrielle McKinley, Courtney White, Jamal Deane, Marshall Lewis III, A-Mei Nickens, Shoa Samad, Senaf Geleta, Ethan Reece, Steven Adams, Radha Tanner, Keyshawn Lee, Ricardo Lindo, Samuel Bush, Kemani Cash-Taylor, Emely Claros, Kaitlin Robinson, Leslie Rodriguez-Escalante, Preston Evans and Davon Gamble.

Sandra Hart, IB Coordinator

### Library book donation goal is met

Thanks to the generous contributions of a half-dozen parents, the school library has collected the \$517.30 it needed to buy 60 books that are in high demand from Shepherd's rookie and veteran readers. Ms. Scinto, the librarian, will make the purchases, and the books should arrive in plenty of time for students to enjoy them before the school year is over.

Titles to be ordered come from the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series, the 'Dear Dumb Diary' series, the Sports Illustrated Kids Graphic Novels series, the 'Babymouse'' series, the 'Phonics Comics'' series, 'Bone'' and 'Percy Jackson and the Olympians'' series, plus classics like 'Treasure Island.''

### Committee seeks PTA, LSAT candidates

Not only are District residents casting ballots this spring, so too will Shepherd parents. Nominations are now open for four parent-representative seats on the Local School Advisory Team (LSAT). Also, the six PTA officer positions – president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer – are open for nomination.

Under LSAT guidelines from D.C. Public Schools, a parent may serve only two years in a row. Under the PTA bylaws, parents can serve in the same officer position two years in a row.

Nominations for LSAT and PTA positions MUST be received by 4 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in time for the candidate statements to be published in the May 9 issue of the Mustang. PTA candidates will be formally nominated during the May PTA meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If there are no contested elections, nominees will be declared elected by acclamation. If there are two or more candidates for a position, an election will be conducted during the meeting, with voting by those present.

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# PTA, from Page 1\_\_\_\_\_

Another thing is our willingness to run through a brick wall to make things better for Shepherd. If we literally ran through brick walls, that would be painful. But we make up for it by supporting our biggest events. That includes concerts, Fall Fest, and more.

Of course, I'm leading up to the annual Auction to be held May 6. It is by far the PTA's biggest fundraising event of the year. And we depend on the support EVE-RYONE in the school community to make it a success.

Buy tickets. Treat neighbors, family and friends to tickets; at \$40 per ticket or two for \$70, they'll probably spend way more in auction items than you'll have spent getting them tickets.

But beyond tickets, donate items for the auction. You may run your own business and can donate goods or professional services. Or, you can simply go to a store, buy something *tres* cool and donate it to the effort. And we always have room for sponsors and supporter.

Now is the time to make your voice heard. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. Now is the time for Shepherd to be recognized for all it is – and all it can become.

Now is our time.

Best wishes,

Mark Battison

PTA President 829-9289, pattison\_mark@hotmail.com



**DC LABOR CHORUS concert**: Saturday, May 7, 8:00 p.m., Luther Place Church, 1226 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Benefit for Bethany's Women of Praise, a homeless women's choir from N Street Village. Several former Shepherd Elementary School students sing with the DC Labor Chorus.

VIOLINS, GUITARS, BWL concert: Friday, May 13, 6:45 pm, Shepherd ES Auditorium. Our beginner violinists will play "Twinkles" and our intermediate violinists (joined by several alumnae) and guitarists will play a medley of "Civil Rights Songs." Then Mr. Velez's BWL band will perform.

**DC Youth Orchestra concert:** Sunday, May 15, 2:00 pm (beginners) and 4:00 pm (intermediates), Eastern High School, 17th and East Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC. Several Shepherd ES students will perform in this end-of-season concert at the beautifully-renovated Eastern High School. The DC Youth Orchestra Program offers a 2-week summer daycamp and a 3-week evening program for beginners. Check this site: www.dcyop.org

# Special election to fill vacant seat on D.C. education board is April 26

Because the next issue of the Mustang isn't coming out until Election Day itself, here's your notice that there will be a special election Tuesday, April 26. Shepherd Elementary is home to Precinct 62, and the auditorium will be used for voting; adjustments will be made for morning gathering and afternoon dismissal.

One election is for a new Ward 4 representative to the D.C. State Board of Education. A vacancy was created when Sekou Biddle, a Shepherd parent and the Ward 4 representative, was chosen by the D.C. Democratic State Committee to fill a vacancy on the D.C. Council. There are five candidates on the ballot. In alphabetical order, they are: An Almquist, D. Kamili Anderson, James Garay Heelan, Andrew Moss and Bill Quirk.

When Biddle was chosen to fill the D.C. Council vacancy, it was only a temporary appointment until an election could be conducted to fill out the remainder of the term. Biddle is a candidate for the permanent spot as an at-large council member. The candidates, listed alphabetically, are Sekou Biddle, Tom Brown, Dorothy Douglas, Arkan Haile, Joshua Lopez, Patrick Mara, Vincent Orange, Alan Page and Bryan Weaver. Neither the school nor the PTA issue endorsements. Our job is to encourage participation by all D.C. residents in voting.

Do your civic duty and vote! Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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# **Auction Tickets on Sale?**

The PTA's seventh annual Auction is all set for Friday, May 6, from 7 to 11 p.m., just a block away from Shepherd, at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16<sup>th</sup> St. at Kalmia Rd.

And we've held the line on ticket prices: \$40 for one, or two for \$70.

Even better, this year you can buy tickets at the school office. Exact change is preferred, or feel free to write a check made out to the Shepherd Elementary PTA.

And, if you're brimming with Shepherd Elementary school spirit, there's more you can do to enhance everyone's auction experience, including yours.

One thing you could do is donate an auction item or two. It could be merchandise, tickets, gift cards or certificates, or services. You just never know what will drive up the bidding at an auction, so be creative!

"A Taste of D.C.: Shepherd's Recipe for Success"

Another thing you can do is to work with

your child's teacher and the other parents in your child's classroom to come up with a top-notch classroom donation. These auction items – many of which feature the creativity of the students in that classroom – not only spur on some of the most spirited bidding on auction night, but they also fetch the highest sums of any auction item. (You can see how a fundraiser such as an auction might benefit from this!) If your teacher is distracted from participating in classroom donations due to the upcoming DC-CAS tests, then work jointly with your classroom parent and your other parents from the homeroom to chip in on a terrific prize. The sky's the limit when it comes to your imagination.

A third way is to buy an ad in the auction program. Rates are highly attractive, from \$25 for a quarter-page black and white ad to \$125 for a full-page color ad. Promote your business, your sideline, offer a testimonial to the school, or congratulate your child, his or her teacher, or the whole class. Look elsewhere in the Mustang for more details.

You can even include yourself and your spouse and/or your family as auction sponsors. You can be a sponsor of the auction for as little as \$500 – or, if you're feeling particularly generous, you can step it up to \$750 or \$1,000. See a separate Mustang article in this issue about the perks you get when you sponsor the auction.

This year's theme is "A Taste of D.C.: Shepherd's Recipe for Success." And YOU are an essential ingredient.

To learn more about the auction, reach Auction Chair Bianca Bostic at 821-8076 or <u>Bianca.bostic@noaa.gov</u>.

# **Be an Auction Sponsor!**



Did you know that sponsorships help raise critical funds for the Auction? It's true! Every sponsorship, regardless of the level, not only brings proceeds into the PTA treasury but it also brings more people to the auction itself, where they can bid on a wide range of ultra-cool things.

You can be a <u>Mustang Sponsor</u> for just \$500. Here's what you get:

- Two tickets to the Auction
- Signage applauding your sponsorship at the Auction
- A half-page ad in the auction program booklet
- A live shout-out acknowledgment of your sponsorship at the Auction
- Recognition of your sponsorship on the Shepherd Elementary website

You can also be a <u>Silver Sponsor</u> for \$750. Take a look at these perks:

- A reserved table at the Auction (trust me, you'll be glad you've got one!)
- Signage at the Auction
- A FULL-page ad in the auction program booklet
- Recognition of your donation during the Auction itself
- Your company's logo on the school website as an auction sponsor

Or, shoot the works and become a <u>Gold Sponsor</u> for \$1,000. Get a load of what Gold Sponsors get:

- A reserved table at the Auction (naturally!)
- Premier signage at the Auction
- A presentation of a check during the Auction representing your contribution
- A FULL-page ad in the Auction program booklet
- Your company's logo on the school website as an auction sponsor
- And YOU being listed as a Gold Sponsor in various Shepherd Elementary materials over the next year!

So why wait? Sign up for a sponsorship TODAY. Call Auction Chair Bianca Bostic at 821-8076 or e-mail her at <u>Bianca.bostic@noaa.gov</u>.

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Great job everyone and I look forward to sharing our results with you this summer!

### Minute to Win It Comes to Shepherd

If you are a game show junkie then you may be familiar with the game show called, "Minute to Win It." Contestants have 60 seconds to complete a "crazy" challenge using household items. Well, on Friday, April 1, 2011, Shepherd 3rd - 5th grades had an opportunity to participate in our own version of the game. Students were randomly selected during the annual DC-CAS Pep Rally to complete various challenges. For example, students had to race across the gym floor carrying an egg on a spoon held with their mouth. When they got to the end they had to transition the egg (still held on the spoon in their mouth) to the top of the cone. This was one of the several games played.

The annual school Pep-Rally is a way for students to "Destress Before the Big Test." Students participated in games, received a pep talk, and each class did a step, chant, poem, cheer, etc. to show their DC-CAS spirit. The day ended with the DC-CAS train. Students in grades 3rd – 5th formed a train and marched through the school. Students, staff, and parents stood on the sidelines and cheered them on!

### **Enrollment Time is HERE!!!**

It is time to begin the DCPS enrollment process for the 2011 -2012 school year. Recently, you should have received an enrollment packet in the mail. Please fill out the forms and bring it to Shepherd as soon as possible. The earlier you enroll, the sooner we can project the number of students for each class, the number of classes on each grade level, and order textbooks and supplies.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Brooks in the main office. You may also call the DCPS Central Office at 202-442-5885.

### Summer School

This year DCPS will operate a full-day summer program for students currently enrolled in kindergarten through 5. The A.M. program for elementary students will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The P.M. program for elementary students will run from 1p.m. to 6p.m. As in previous years, parents may register their student for the A.M., P.M., or both programs. Summer school will run from June 27 – August 5, 2011. Please be aware that due to limited capacity and available space, enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to DCPS students. Shepherd Elementary is not a summer school site. Shepherd students who are accepted into summer school will be enrolled in the program at Truesdell Elementary (800 Ingraham St. NW). If you are interested in your student attending summer school, please complete the enrollment form as soon as possible but no later than Friday, April 29, 2011.

Remember, a completed enrollment form does not guarantee your student a space in summer school. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive notification if your student is accepted. We sent enrollment forms home with all Kindergarten – 5th grade students on Friday. Completed enrollment forms should be turned into the main office. This summer DCPS will be offering enrichment, acceleration and intervention. Students will be provided breakfast, snack and lunch free of charge. (See **DCPS**, Page 8)

# **Be an Auction Advertiser!**

The auction program booklet is not only thick with descriptions of items up for auction, but it also ought to be thick with advertisements from businesses and parents alike. It's not too early to reserve your space in the booklet. Take a look at how you can advertise:



- ♦\$25 for a black-and-white quarter-page ad
- ♦\$50 for a color quarter-page ad
- ♦\$50 for a black-and-white half-page ad
- ♦\$75 for a color half-page ad
- ♦\$100 for a black-and-white full-page ad
- ♦\$125 for a color full-page ad

And inquire about the availability of premium "real estate" in the booklet, such as the back cover, the inside front cover, the inside back cover, or a center spread. Call Auction Chair, Bianca Bostic, at 821-8076 or e-mail her at <u>Bianca.bostic@noaa.gov</u> to place your ad.

# Fifth graders have fun with physics



Students in Ms. Ulba's class recently concluded a unit based on physical science concepts, such as Newton's laws of motion, kinetic and potential energy, the periodic table of elements, etc.

Ulba, enrolled in a master's program at George Washington University in physics education, developed some very interesting projects/experiments for the class.

Students brought in paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, and duct tape to use for a number of experiments, including designing and building roller coasters to show their knowledge of the learned concepts, seen in the pics on this page.



## Brick-By-Brick Campaign – Building Shepherd's Future!

It's almost time to hit the bricks! We want the first edition of Shepherd's Brick-By-Brick fundraising bricks to be laid for all to see and enjoy before the school year ends. So get your brick orders in NOW. Go to the school website, <u>www.shepherd-elementary.org</u> and choose how you'd like to order: Either a printable form and check made payable to the Shep-

herd Elementary PTA that can be deposited in the PTA box in the school office, or entirely online (including brick inscriptions) with a credit card. Don't miss out on this choice chance to be true to our school!



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# Game console raffle gives chance to 'KINECT' with Shepherd event

The hottest gaming console in 2011 is here!!! The 4GB Xbox 360 Kinect Bundle pack can be yours for as little as \$3.

This year's pre-auction raffle is a 4GB XBOX 360 with Kinect and Sports Games Bundle Pack. Raffle tickets are \$3 for one and \$10 for five.

Raffle tickets can be purchased using the "Ticket" form. The form is available on shepherd-elementary.org. Simply complete the form and drop it off in the red box labeled "AUCTION" in the main office, along with a check, made payable to Shepherd Elementary PTA or cash. We also accept credit cards. The drawing will be held May 2, during the morning announcements.

Auction tickets are also available for purchase using this form. Tickets are one for \$40 and two for \$70. Tickets will be available for pickup at the "check-in" desk the day of the auction. Donation forms and advertising contracts are also available in the front office. All donations are welcomed: services and goods, in-kind donations, furniture, event tickets, clothing, jewelry and accessories. Volunteers are welcome.

See you at the auction!

--Bianca Bostic, Auction Committee Chair

# Date is set for annual gardening day

The school gardening day, originally announced for April 30, has been shifted to Saturday, May 14. We'll start at 9 a.m., but there may well be some early birds. We'll be joined by volunteers from the men's ministry (See GARDEN, Page 8)



LSAT balloting, by D.C. Public Schools guidelines, MUST be conducted regardless of how many (or how few) nominees there are to allow for write-in voting. LSAT balloting will be conducted May 18 at the school before, during, and after the morning dropoff, and again before and during afternoon dismissal – and staying all through aftercare and into the beginning of the PTA meeting to allow as many parents as possible a chance to vote. Stay tuned for the exact hours. The winners will be announced before the PTA meeting is over.

You can run for the PTA or the LSAT, but not both. If you are interested in either, submit your name, or that of a parent you admire, to Yasmin Lewis-White at: yaslewis@aol.com.

# DC WASA, council host town hall @ Shepherd

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) will partner with District Councilmembers to host town hall meetings in every ward of the District.

In these meetings, General Manager George S. Hawkins and staff will address future water and sewer projects and issues facing local communities.

Ward 5's meeting will be held Thursday, April 21, in the Shepherd Elementary auditorium, It starts at 6:30 p.m.

For the first time this year, Hawkins recorded a personal invitation to customers that will go out by automated phone call. The calling list includes all those who have con-

tacted DC Water with questions or concerns with-

in the last year.

"I feel it is important for DC Water, and me

personally, to go into the communities we serve," said Hawkins. "We want to talk to all of our customers and others who we affect with our work.The team and I will also be ready to talk about upcoming construction projects, including the benefits and any possible disruptions."

The meeting will feature information on water quality, construction projects, employment, and customer service. Experts will be on hand to discuss water and sewer rates, drinking water, infrastructure, and efforts to help clean local rivers.

For information about the town hall meetings, please contact (202) 787-2200.

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at St. Mary's Baptist Church, neighbors from the Shepherd Park Citizens Association, and possibly some teens from a D.C. charter high school who need to log service time so they can graduate.

We'll be doing all sorts of work, from digging flower beds, planting in the ground and in raised flower beds, shoveling and hauling mulch from one place to the next, addressing a few problem areas in the school landscape, and get ready for the end of spring and the onset of summer. Our materials and equipment will be coming to us courtesy of \$3,500 in grant money awarded to the PTA over the past year for just this project.

Bring your garden gloves and your favorite implements and come ready to make sustained progress in making Shepherd as lovely on the outside as it is on the inside.

## DCPS, from Page 5\_\_\_\_\_

### Its the Little Things that Matter Most

Though Shepherd Elementary is not due for renovations until 2014, we continue to get a few upgrades. As mentioned previously, Shepherd will be getting new playground equipment. The final completion date is pending; however, it should be complete by the end of spring break or soon afterwards. We will also be getting a new stage to include a new curtain and a few others things I will wait to share with you when the requests are finalized.

Have you noticed the beautiful decorative flags from various countries and exercising fruit displayed in the gymnasium and along the playground fence? If not, please take a moment to admire the lovely art work done by Greater DC Cares. "Greater DC Cares is the leading and largest coordinator of volunteerism in the region" (greaterdccares.org). Recently they deployed over 88 volunteers to Shepherd to complete the artwork on display. Greater DC Cares and Hands on DC (another organization that coordinates volunteers) will be visiting Shepherd several times between now and July to do some grounds work, painting, cleaning, building and moving. Again, it is a little things that count... so THANK YOU DCPS, Greater DC Cares and Hands on DC for helping make Shepherd more aesthetically pleasing.

### And the Winners Are...

During Family Math and Reading Night students received raffle tickets. Students were asked to hold on to their tickets and if their number was selected they would be invited to go on a special field trip with Principal Miles. Well, the winners are... Saige Ballard, Morgan Jealous, Yasmina Konate, Keshav Meta-Harwitz, Ethan Reece, Cyndi Taylor, Kwaniya Tuffour, and Benjamin White. Congratulations everyone! Additional information will be sent directly to parents.

Enjoy your spring break and I look forward to seeing you April 26th!

Warmest regards, Jamíe Míles Principal, Shepherd Elementary



# Auction Committee meets this Tuesday; be there

The Auction Committee will meet this Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. **It's crunch time for** the auction effort; does that mean you should bring a big bag of tortilla chips to share?

Possibly, but there's work to be done in assuring that all the worrying and fretting will be over when Auction Day rolls around. Many hands make light work. Lend your to the effort. Reach out to Bianca at 821-8076 or <u>daisyl-</u> ove25@live.com to find out how you can help.

### **Deadline for Next Mustang:**

Fri., April 22 at 5 p.m. Send all contributions to: sesmustang@gmail.com

### **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.



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