



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

October 3, 2011



♦ **Mon, Oct 3:** School Book Fair (Last Day!), Library

♦ **Mon, Oct 10:** Columbus Day, no school

♦ **Fri, Oct 14:** Professional Development Day, no school for students

♦ **Mon, Oct 17:** Parent-Teacher Conferences, no school for students

♦ **Wed, Oct 19:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., cafeteria

♦ **Sat, Oct 22:** Fall Fest, 11 a.m.-4p.m.

♦ **Oct (date TBA):** Loose Change Collection

Consult the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org, for a full array of events and happenings throughout the school year!

From the PTA President

Dear Shepherd Family,

What a great school year we are off to! I would like to THANK everyone who came out to our Spring Garden Dinner Night. For those who were not able to make it out please join us next time. I would like to continue to remind everyone to visit the Shepherd Elementary School website, shepherd-elementary.org, and sign up for the Volunteer Database and the "Stay Informed" link. If you want to be "IN THE KNOW" this is the way to get there!!!

During Back to School Night, I introduced Shepherd Family Fun Days. Each month the PTA will sponsor a Family Fun Day to bring the Shepherd Family together. Below you will find the listing for this school year's Family Fun Days. We still need volunteers to assist with the coordination of these activities. To volunteer please send an email to info@shepherd.com.



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A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Dear Shepherd Families,

I can hardly believe we have already completed one full month of school. This month will be a busy month as we, have our Awards Ceremonies, Parent Teacher Conferences, Walk for the Homeless Cure, Teacher Professional Day, Field Trips, and our interim assessments for students in grades 2nd -5th.



Paced Interim Assessments (PIA)

Each advisory, students in 2nd through 5th grades will take Paced Interim Assessments (PIA). Our first PIA for this school year will occur on October 5th and 6th. This assessment will be used to help teachers and students learn more about what skills have/have not been mastered during the first advisory. From this information, teachers will develop re-teach plans which will allow students and teachers additional time to focus on the skills/standards where students need additional support.

Below are some helpful hints to get your child ready for their assessment.

Preparing for Testing

- Note test dates on your home calendar; schedule appointments on non-testing days.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility for homework and class study.
- Help your child learn how to find information independently.
- Praise your child for work done well.

(see MILES , page 8)



Dear Fellow Mustangs!

On September 27, 2011, the Shepherd Elementary family had dinner at the Spring Garden Chinese Restaurant. The place was small and cozy. More than half of the diners were from our school! Students were happy to chat with their friends while waiting for their meal. The food arrived quickly, and it was phenomenal! I read on a door sign that the Spring Garden Restaurant is in the top 100 Chinese restaurants in the DC area. I had fried chicken dumplings, chicken and broccoli, General Tsao's chicken, fried rice, and I also tasted salt and pepper squid! Yum! I was really happy to eat out with my family and school friends. I hope that next month more students, and also teachers, will come to the Family Dinner Night.

Fellow Mustangs, I encourage you to ask your family to participate in the next Shepherd's Family Dinner Night at Comet Ping Pong. It will be Wednesday, Oct. 26, starting at 5 p.m. We have a fun time, and we help our school at the same time. Our Shepherd PTA gets 20% of what we spend.

I encourage you to share cool news tips and comments with me. Please contact me at snherisse@yahoo.

—Sophia-Rose Herisse, 4th grader

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Shepherd Family Fun Days

- **October:** Fall Fest (October 22)
- **November:** Family Volunteer Event at a local Food Pantry
- **December:** Pajama Movie Night
- **January:** Ice Skating
- **February:** Jazz Night
- **March:** Roller Skating
- **April:** Earth Day Cleanup
- **May:** Outdoor Movie Night
- **June:** Kayaking/Canoeing and Cookout in Georgetown

Event dates are coming soon. I hope that everyone can join in the Family Fun!

Thanks,
Bianca Bostic
2011-12 PTA President
202-821-8076

A Plum Good Idea!

Shepherd Elementary School has partnered with the parenting website, Plum District, to raise money for the Shepherd PTA. As the website says, "The busiest people in the community—moms—are often the most plugged-in. And for them, the Internet is often the best tool to (re)discover what's in their own backyard. Plum District was created just for them. Plum District connects moms (and dads too) with daily deals and inspirations from businesses in their community, and helps them get the most out of their day—for their families and for themselves."



Here's the cool part. For each person who signs up on Plum District's website through this link, <https://www.plumdistrict.com/?ref=u575a5e60d35>, Plum District will donate \$3 to Shepherd Elementary PTA for each new subscription. It's free!

And, as a special promotion this week, anyone who subscribes through Shepherd's referral link (<https://www.plumdistrict.com/?ref=u575a5e60d35>) will automatically receive \$10 Plum Dollars in their account!

This promotion ends soon, so please sign up today and help support our local school and the Shepherd Elementary School PTA!



Dear Shepherd Parents and Caregivers:

I'm happy to tell you that we are moving right along in art.

Pre-kindergartners are learning all about kinds of lines and can't wait to share.

Kindergartners have been looking at book illustrations to see how they add to the meaning of stories.

First graders are working on drawing themselves wrapped around their first initial in clever drawings that will surprise and amaze you.

Second graders having been looking at the art of Norman Rockwell to get an idea about authentic artworks about good citizenship.

Third graders are becoming architectural draftsman as they sketch famous monuments and buildings of Washington, DC.

Fourth graders are learning figure drawing as they compose books that show various yoga and sports poses.

Fifth graders have become botanical illustrators using graphed photographs as a basis for up-close drawings of fruits and vegetables.

A FEW HOMEWORK NOTES: Art Homework is assigned every week. Work is accepted on *any lineless paper* that is in a sketchbook. The sketchbook I suggest is sold at Plaza Art at Georgia and Silver Spring Avenues in Silver Spring, just blocks away from our school. Homework does include *both writing and drawing* and, for now, **only in pencil**. Art vocabulary is listed in the FAQ section of my page on the [Teacherweb](#) website and it is shown in bold type in the

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TV and Video Game Turn-Off Is a Real Turn-On!

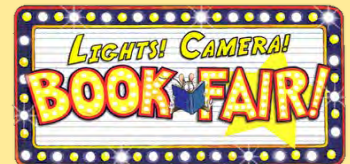
In the first week since the Local School Advisory Team at Shepherd introduced its TV Turn-Off initiative – this year adding video games to the mix – dozens of students have signed their willingness to limit, or even cut out entirely, their TV watching and video game playing on weekdays and week-nights.. This is good news for students AND parents.



If you still have last week's Mustang, the TV Turn-Off form is on the back page and can easily be separated from the rest of the newsletter. If you can't find it, the pledge sheet can be accessed from the homepage of the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org.

Book Fair Ends Monday

If you read the Mustang online on the school website, the PTA listserv or the PTA's Yahoo Groups page, this is a reminder that your final chance to buy books at this year's Book Fair ends Monday at 4 p.m. Help your children foster their love of reading with books for all reading levels and a wide variety of subjects, plus books in French and Spanish. Our thanks to Ms. June Confer, the school's business manager, and parents Stephanie Scott Melnyk and Sabine Neree Herisse (among others) – plus some dedicated student helpers -- who have supervised this year's Book Fair.



assignments. Students will be tested on their vocabulary knowledge. Later on, I will require a descriptive sentence or paragraph which includes this vocabulary.

Here's to continuing an artful school year at Shepherd!

Ms. Joelle Michaud, Art Teacher



Here are the top types of music, songs, instruments, and dances enjoyed by Shepherd families, according to the "Family Music Survey" taken in music classes:

Top Types of Music:

1. Gospel (church)
2. Rhythm and Blues
3. Hip Hop and Rap
4. Jazz
5. Pop

Top Instruments:

1. Piano
2. Guitar
3. Drums
4. Violin
5. Flute

Top Songs:

1. Lift Every Voice and Sing
2. We Shall Overcome
3. Redemption Song
4. Smile
5. This Little Light of Mine

Top Dances:

1. Electric Slide
2. Hand dancing
3. Cupid Shuffle
4. Limbo
5. Merengue

The full details from the "Family Music Survey" are posted on the wall outside the music room. Shepherd families mentioned 30 different types of music, 49 specific songs, 24 different instruments, and 36 dances. Quite a diverse musical community!

NewsLetter
DEADLine

**Deadline for Next
Mustang Issue**

**Fri, Oct 7,
at 5 p.m.**

Send all contributions to:
sesmustang@gmail.com

14th Year for Tutoring Program in Neighborhood

The "Shepherd-TI Tutoring" program is getting ready to start up again. For the last 14 years, the program has provided free weekly tutoring to Shepherd Elementary students, and we are starting to recruit this year's group of students.



The program meets every Sunday (except holiday weekends) at Tifereth Israel, the local synagogue at the corner of 16th and Juniper Streets NW. The tutors are mostly members of the synagogue and their teenage children, although we also have many tutors from the community and from other neighborhoods. (In fact, we are also looking to recruit additional tutors.) We match up a tutor and a student for the entire year, and they form a delightful relationship that helps fuel the learning. Every week the tutors work with their students on math, reading, vocabulary, current homework, or anything that the child's parent or teacher thinks would be helpful. Our goal is not to teach anything advanced, but to reinforce the lessons learned in school, and to try to add a little fun to doing school-work on the weekend.

We have a long list of successful alumni of the program, and many parents send their children back year after year for the program, because they find that it does encourage the students in their learning. The program is run by Shepherd Park neighbor Dan Nathan, whose two daughters attended Shepherd Elementary, and who works closely with the school in putting on the program. (Dan promoted the tutoring program at Shepherd's Back-to-School Night.) In the past, some of the program's tutors have come from the families of Shepherd students, such as their parents or older siblings; volunteering in the program is a good source of community service credits.

If you know someone who would like to tutor, please put them in touch with Dan. For more information about the program, or to sign up your child, please call Dan at (202) 746-2680, or e-mail him at ShepherdTutoringProgram@gmail.com.

Meet Your Classroom Parents!

<u>Grade/Teacher</u>	<u>Classroom Parent</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
<i>Pre-K</i>			
Ms. Holt	Jermaine Bowens Hasanna Tyus Amie Wright (still searching!)	202-250-0104	jermainedennee@hotmail.com htyus@hotmail.com amie.wright@americancapital.com
Ms. Gibbs			
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Ms. Madiedo	Bienvenida Thorne	202- 841-4380	bebethorne@msn.com
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	Alesha Dominique	202-249-0698	aleshadominique@gmail.com
Ms. Chambliss	Selma Simms	202-212-9690, 202-390-2358	selma.simms@yahoo.com
Ms. James	(still searching!)		
<i>3rd Grade</i>			
Ms. McKenzie	(still searching!)		
Ms. Thomas	(still searching!)		
Mr. King	Lisa Connor		lconnor@nea.org
<i>4th Grade</i>			
Ms. Valentine-Nelson	Nairy Hudgens Rhonda Davis Smith Patti Rasmussen Star Downing		NairyHudgens@yahoo.com championco@aol.com rasmussenp@si.edu stardowning@yahoo.com
Ms. Christenberry	Alicia Anderson Stephanie Williams Kimberly Harrison		alicia.anderson@hud.gov smissy2003@hotmail.com bodymagicbykim@yahoo.com
<i>5th Grade</i>			
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Ms. Ulba	(still searching!)		

Teachers in the upper grades need love, too! They also need Classroom Parents! If your son or daughter is in Ms. James', Ms. McKenzie's, Ms. Thomas', or Ms. Ulba's class, take the bold step and become a Classroom Parent. If you've already volunteered in one of those classrooms, please notify our Classroom Parent Coordinator, Patti Rasmussen at rasmussens@starpower.net. Each teacher having a Classroom Parent is vital, especially with Fall Fest coming just around the corner!

A 180 Fund Salute

As this issue of the Mustang went to press, here is the most updated listing of Shepherd parents who have either pledged to the PTA's 180 Fund, or fulfilled their commitment:



Anna Aurillo
 Kim Barnette
 Nashwa Beach
 Cara Biddle
 Sharon (Jackson) and Thomas Bowman
 Aurelia Brazeal (and Joan Ignati)
 Samuel Collins
 Jami and Desmond Dunham
 Ken Giles
 Monica and Temuri Goletiani
 Donna Johnson Harvey and Guyton Harvey
 Iris and Henry Hernandez
 Shawn and Wanda (Dorsey) Jenkins
 Christine Kithcart
 Yasmin Lewis-White

Mark Pattison and Judith McCullough
 Jennifer Pauk
 Kesha Pendergrast
 Jean Pierre and Rachel Coles Roberts
 Stephanie Scott
 Jay and Kathryn Shalaty
 Daniel and Sarah Gershman Silverberg
 Syafrida Syafrida
 Leonard and Magda Taylor
 Katherine and David Trimble
 Barbara Turner-Fridie
 Shawna and Edward Underwood
 Ed and Yolonda Walden
 Leon and Annie Wallace
 Katherine Woods and Mama Kanta
 Amie and Barry Wright

We salute you all for your commitment to Shepherd.

If you don't see your name on this list, now it's YOUR turn. Use the form in this week's Mustang, make your pledge, write your check and deposit it in the PTA box in the school. Or, you can go online at www.shepherd-elementary.org and do it all from your computer. Our children's education gets better the more you get involved!



Thank you for acknowledging my birthday in last week's newsletter.

I'm still not sure how you found out, but

what a pleasant surprise it was to see it mentioned in the Mustang. I showed Nelson (Kindergarten/Pethtel's Class) and he was so excited to see it! In his own words, he said, "YEAH! THAT'S COOL!"

So, thank you Mustang for acknowledging my birthday!

—Kesha Pendergrast (Nelson's mom)



A big Thank You to Andrew and Nicole Reece -- parents of third-grader Ethan and first-grader Sean --

who volunteered

(without even being asked!)

to change the information on the marquee outside the school. So, no more "Welcome Back!" for 11 months. Instead, you can consult it every visit to Shepherd for the most important happenings at school in the weeks ahead -- for the rest of the school year!

Thanks to Shepherd's Traffic Heroes

We have hundreds of parents, staff, caregivers and neighbors who have signed the petition to the D.C. government to take concrete steps to improve traffic (and pedestrian) safety at Shepherd Elementary. Thanks to all. And virtually of them, when given the chance, also vowed to practice what they preach by signing the Local School Advisory Team's traffic safety pledge.



Parent volunteers took time away from their regular duties before and after school Monday and Tuesday last week to encourage people to sign. The overwhelming majority of them, ironically, were on foot.

If you haven't signed the petition or the pledge – this is especially true if you stay in your car to drop off and pick up students – go to the homepage of the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org, click the links to the petition and pledge, print them, sign them and put them in the PTA box in the school office.

Box Tops Keep Rollin'

Every little bit helps. Every time you cut that Box Tops rectangle from a box of Cheerios or Kleenex or Hefty bags and put it in the Box Tops box inside the main office, Shepherd Elementary gets 10 cents. But it's not just your 10 cents, it's every family's 10 cents. When added together over the course of a year, Shepherd Elementary rakes in about \$500 a year from the Box Tops for Education program. That's money that wouldn't just show up otherwise. Thanks to the collective actions of every parent and student at Shepherd, we get a little closer to the standard of excellence we want to maintain and sustain.



Look for Box Tops collections sheets in the rack outside the office, paste on your Box Tops, and slip the sheet in the Box Tops box. Can't find a sheet? Not to worry! Just slip the clipped-out Box Tops and put them in a zippered lunch or snack bag, include your child's name and teacher, and put the bag in the Box Tops box. Helping your school isn't much simpler than that!

Second Success at Family Dinner Night!

We thank all of the Shepherd families who went to Spring Garden Chinese Restaurant last Tuesday for the PTA's second Family Dinner Night of the school year. We don't have a tally yet from the restaurant, but one frequent patron said that weeknights are generally "quiet" – and she didn't referring to the happy chatter of students!

Mark down the date of the next Family Dinner Night:

Wednesday, Oct. 27 at

Comet Ping Pong,

5037 Connecticut Ave. NW, just south of Nebraska Ave. NW. It starts at 5 p.m. when the restaurant opens, and runs all night. And this time, the restaurant will include take-out orders. Just remember to say, "I'm with Shepherd!"



MILES _____ from p. 1

- *Encourage your child to ask questions at home and in class.*
- *Assure your child knows that you value a good education.*

Testing Day

- *See that your child is rested and eats breakfast.*
- *See that your child arrives at school on time and is relaxed. School begins at 8:45 and if your child arrives late on testing dates, they will not be admitted to class until after testing. This will result in your child having to make-up that part of the test at a later time.*
- *Encourage your child to do the best work possible.*
- *Do not send your child to school if they are sick.*
- *Do not remove your child from school on test days for appointments.*

Strategies for Reducing Test Anxiety

- *Discuss the test openly and in a positive way.*
- *Have realistic expectations of your child's performance while encouraging his/her best efforts.*
- *Emphasize that the test is only one measure of academic performance.*
- *Emphasize that test scores do not determine a person's worth.*

Sickness Bugs

Over the past few weeks we have seen an increase in the numbers of sick children. Please do not send your child to school sick. If they have a fever or diarrhea, please allow a 24-48 hour period to pass before sending your student back to school. Thank you!

Salad Bar

The school's salad bar will re-open for students in grades 2nd through 5th on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 and will remain open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The salad bar is included with the meal of students who are purchasing or receive free and/or reduced lunch. Students who bring their lunch from home may purchase a salad for \$1.00.

Parent-Teacher Conference Day

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held October 17th. This is an exciting time for our teachers to share with you the successes that your child is having at school this year and how we can provide even more opportunities for success for the remainder of the school year. Our goal is to conference with all parents...100%. Teachers will work with you to find a time that fits your schedule...even if it is not on the conference day. Your child's teacher will be contacting you to schedule a time for you.

Happy October everyone and thank you to all of those who continually volunteer at Shepherd Elementary.

Sincerely,

Jamie Miles

Principal

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!

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TV and Your Child

DID YOU KNOW that children who watch a lot of TV and movies tend to:

Perform worse in school.

- They spend less time reading.
- They have shorter attention spans.
- Their vocabulary is not as highly developed.

Be more overweight.

- They snack excessively while watching TV.
- They see food in programs and ads that promote unhealthy eating choices.
- They tend to exercise less.

Act the way TV characters act.

- Children as young as 1 year old learn behaviors from television.
- Children imitate actions and scripts from TV programs instead of creating their own play ideas.

See ads that are harmful to them.

- Children under the age of 6 cannot tell the difference between an ad and a show.
- Children are encouraged to nag their parents for things they see on TV.

Children learn to see violence as an acceptable form of play and way to solve problems.

Important Facts and Figures

- ★ *The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends **no TV or videos** for children under the age of 2.*
- ★ *Regularly watching TV for 10 or more hours a week has been shown to **negatively affect academic performance**.*
- ★ *The **foods featured on TV** are usually very unhealthy (high in sugar and fat) and contribute to obesity.*
- ★ ***Entertainment violence** is stored in the brain as if it were a real experience. This "memory" can negatively affect behavior.*
- ★ *Children and adolescents in the United States spend **22 to 28 hours a week watching TV**. By the time they are 70 they will have spent 7 to 10 years watching TV.*

What you can do about your family's viewing habits:

Reduce the role of TV in your family.

- Agree to limit the time spent watching television.
(to one hour a day, for example)
- Use a TV guide to help choose programs with your child.

Help your child turn off the TV.

- Give your child a warning a few minutes before the TV goes off.
- Help your child come up with things to do when the TV is off.

Watch TV with your kids and discuss what you're watching.

Some conversation starters:

- What did you think about that show/game?
- Did you like it when ____ happened?
Why do you think it happened?
- What was pretend and what was real? How could you tell?
- How can we tell the difference between the ads and the show?
- What would you do if you were in that situation?
- What do you think about how ____ solved their problem?
If you had a problem like that, what could you do /say?
Can you think of a peaceful way to solve that problem?
- I wonder, why is it usually the male characters that fight?
- I've noticed that women need to be rescued by men a lot.
Have you noticed that? I wonder why?
- I wonder, why do the "bad guys" have foreign accents?
Wear dark colors? Have darker skin?

Find appealing non-TV activities for your family.

- Go to your local library. *A library card is free!*
- Participate in library sponsored activities: story time, puppet shows, and craft activities.
- Have a family game night. Play board games, cards.
- Read books and tell stories together. Listen to books on tape/CD.
- Start a journal, scrapbook, or photo album.
- Have art supplies available:
crayons, play dough, colored pencils, paper
- Sing songs or listen to music.
- Go for a walk.
- Do puzzles.

Promote healthy eating habits.

- Make sure TV snacks are healthy:
apple slices, cheese or peanut butter and crackers, raw vegetables
- Resist junk food advertised on TV.
- Eat together as a family without the TV.

Get support from family and community.

- Talk to other parents, teachers, and caregivers about your efforts to limit your child's TV viewing.



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PTA Membership/180 Fund/School Directory/Permission Slip/Volunteer Form

For the **2011-12 school year**, EVERY Shepherd parent is in the Parent Teacher Association. If you are at a PTA meeting, you will automatically have a vote and a voice. There are no membership dues, either! If you 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, your worries are over! [The Mustang](#), the [Shepherd Elementary website](#), and the [PTA listserv](#) will let you know how you can make Shepherd Elementary – and our children’s educational experience -- better than ever.

‘180 Fund’ Finances PTA Activities and School Needs

In place of PTA membership dues and the old “family enrichment fee,” the PTA 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 to enhance the educational mission of Shepherd that don’t fit into the school or D.C. Public Schools’ budget. Please complete this form and check the boxes:

Household #1 (also for School Directory)

Home address _____

Zip Code _____ Home phone number: _____

Parent 1: First and Last Name _____

Work number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Parent 2: First and Last Name _____

Work number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Household #2 (or other important contact, i.e., grandmother, babysitter, etc.; if applicable; also for directory)

Home address _____

Zip Code _____ Home phone number: _____

Parent 1: First and Last Name _____

Work number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Parent 2: First and Last Name _____

Work number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

† You may use the above information for the annual school directory, except for those portions that are shaded or in parentheses. ()

Note: All student names will be included in the directory.

** My signature here authorizes Shepherd’s PTA to publish the information above in the school directory:*

Your 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. **Enclosed is my lump sum contribution of \$180.**

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will make **two semi-annual payments of \$90** each by Sept 16 and \$90 by January 16th 2012

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will make **four quarterly payments of \$45 each** by Sept. 16, Nov. 16, Jan. 16 and March 16.

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will be able to pay semi annually \$90 by Sept 16 and \$90 by January 16th 2012

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

(Please return form and check made payable to SES PTA to the PTA mailbox in the Shepherd Elementary School Office. You can also pay via credit card online at www.shepherd-elementary.org)

How Can YOU Help? Volunteer in Our Initiatives and Activities!

Check all that you're interested in or intrigued about.

☐ Academic Affairs

☐ Health Committee

☐ PTA Functions

☐ Newsletter

☐ Fundraising

☐ Special Events

☐ Auction

☐ Building and Grounds

☐ Grant Writing

☐ Garden Initiative

☐ Fall Fest

☐ Fall Flower Bulb Sale

☐ Clerical

☐ Book Fair

☐ School Office

☐ Technology/Computers

☐ Used Uniform Sales

☐ Cafeteria

☐ Jazz Night

☐ Green Team

☐ Family Fun Day

☐ As Needed

“Permission Slip”

During the course of the school year, we will be taking photographs of Shepherd students at various school events for inclusion on the Shepherd website, the Mustang newsletter etc. Names will not be included. Please express your preferences for the use of photos containing your child/children:

☐ I give Shepherd Elementary School permission to use my child/children's photograph on the Shepherd website, Mustang newsletter, etc. I understand that names will not be included.

☐ I do not give Shepherd elementary School permission to use my child's/children's photograph on the Shepherd website, Mustang newsletter, etc.

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.