

Shepherd Elementary School

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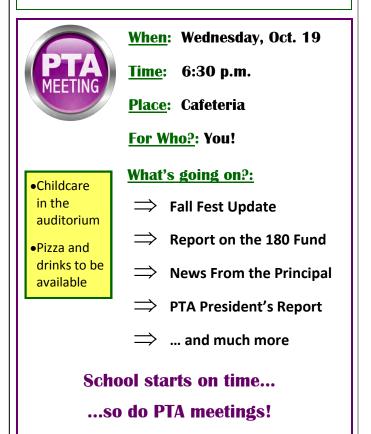
Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

- Wednesday, Oct. 19: PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m., cafeteria
- Wednesday, Oct. 19: LSAT meeting, 4 p.m., library
- <u>Saturday, Oct. 22</u>: Fall Fest, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (rain date Oct. 29)



- <u>Tuesday, Oct. 25</u>: Family Math Night, 6 p.m. (Please RSVP. See p. 6)
- Wednesday, Oct. 26: Family Dinner Night, Comet Ping Pong, 5 p.m.-close
- Friday, Oct. 28: End of first term, 12:15 p.m. dismissal
- Monday, Oct. 31: Halloween party, 3:15-6 p.m.;
 \$3 admission

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



A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings Shepherd Family,

As always, I hope this message finds you well.

<u>A Day On, Not a Day Off (for Shepherd Staff)</u>

On Friday, school was not in session for students but it was for



Shepherd staff. Teachers in grades Pre-K spent the morning inputting data into the assessment database, Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers spent the morning at other schools in the District analyzing data and reflecting on how to make sure our students receive a solid early literacy foundation, teachers in grades 2nd through 5th spent time analyzing data and creating re-teach plans and specialist teachers, our school counselor, and related service providers were offsite receiving content specific professional development. It was a busy day full of learning. Teacher professional development days were established (revived) last school year. These days are designed to provide time for school-based staff members to engage in meaningful learning opportunities that will help them better meet the needs of our students.

Did You Know Our Learning Standards Have Changed?

This year, the District of Columbia Public Schools joined other states in the adoption of the Common Core English Language Arts and Mathematics standards.

What are the Common Core State Standards?

DC has joined 45 states in adopting a new set of English Language Arts and Mathematics academic standards, the Common Core State Standards. These standards lay out what students should know and be able to do in Kindergarten through 12th grade. The new standards will help parents, teachers and community members understand what students should learn each year.

(see MILES , page 10)

October 18, 2011

Shepherd School Pledge

Today is a new day!

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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!

The Shepherd School Library is open for business! Stephanie Scott, a 5th grade parent/volunteer, is spending two days a week staffing the school



library. We are working with teachers to set up regular library visits for classes, and will happily check out books for individual children who have permission to be there. The only rule right now is one book at a time, so please bring back those library books!

We owe a big thank you to all those who supported the weeklong Scholastic Book Fair! Our gross sales passed \$6,500, so we should get a significant portion of the proceeds to benefit the library.

And speaking of book fairs, we have created an online WISH LIST at www.amazon.com, with books that the library needs. Go to Amazon, click on "Wish List" toward the right side of the page, and enter the name "Shepherd PTA" to find us. All donations are tax-deductible, and the list will grow, so check back often. Dear Shepherd Parents and Caregivers:

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost two months along already. Time is flying.



For the first time I have asked for a room parent. That's because I have subtle but temporary health restrictions that have limited my teaching activities and the displays that I usually mount. So if you have time, there is help needed in the art room in the next weeks.

A FEW HOMEWORK NOTES for grades 3, 4, and 5: Art Homework is assigned every week and will be accepted late within any given advisory. Assignments must be submitted in a sketchbook, any sketchbook. However, the sketchbook I suggest is one sold at Plaza Art at Georgia and Silver Spring Avenues in Silver Spring, just blocks away from our school. Homework which must be done in pencil does require both writing and drawing. On the art website, vocabulary words are included in the assignment instructions in bold type, and in the Question 3 in the FAQ section of the art website http://teacherweb.com/DC/Shepherd/Art/.

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

-Ms. Joele Michaud, Art Teacher

Spring Garden Comes Through for Shepherd

We got a check in the mail from Spring Garden Chinese Restaurant for \$300. That's the result of Shepherd families flooding the Silver Spring dining establishment during last month's



Family Dinner Night. We thank James Zheng, Spring Garden's manager, for opening his doors to Shepherd and contributing to the PTA.

This brings to \$720 the amount of money rebated to the Shepherd PTA after just two Family Dinner nights.

Look in this week's Mustang for a flyer advertising the next Family Dinner Night to be held next week at Comet Ping Pong here in the District!



LSAT Meets Wednesday

Shepherd's Local School Advisory Team will meet this Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome to attend. The LSAT is made up of representatives from the parent, teacher, staff and neighborhood communities, with

the principal and PTA president added for good measure. All meetings are open, but may need to be closed from time to time when confidential issues are discussed. Go to the school website, <u>www.shepherd-elementary.org</u>, to look at the mission and activities of the LSAT, and to review minutes of the past year's meetings.

Halloween Party on Oct. 31

If you're looking for a head start to Halloween fun, the PTA is sponsoring a Halloween Party in

the school auditorium from 3:15 p.m. (school dismissal) to 6 p.m. The cost is only \$3. Kids are guaranteed to have a good time.



Also, the Shepherd Park

Citizens Association is sponsoring its annual Halloween Parade on Oct. 31 at Shepherd Field. The parade is free, and it starts at 6 p.m. sharp. Shepherd students who want to take part in the parade MUST first be released to their parents if they are in aftercare.

Shepherd Elementary will take part again this year in the annual "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" campaign. Last year more than \$300 was collected by students during



their Halloween rounds. UNICEF is grateful for our support.



Dear Fellow Mustangs and neighbors,

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 11:00am to 4:30pm, Shepherd Elementary School will host its annual Fall Fest. This Fall festival is an outdoor event on the school's grounds with games like Bungee Jump and Moon Bounce; activities like Tattoo painting, Pumpkin Painting, and much more! Each classroom will be responsible to provide an activity or game. There will also be a Vendor's Row for grown-ups to shop for a variety of gifts. Fall Fest always has food to buy when you're hungry. There will be food like hot dogs, veggie dogs, pretzels, raw vegetables and dip, fruit cups, fruit juices, and water bottles. Fall Fest is open to all neighbors from Shepherd Park and surrounding neighborhoods. Your admission is free; you will only need to pay for game tickets, food, and refreshments.

Fellow Mustangs and neighbors, I encourage you to come and have the best time of your life at our Shepherd's Fall Fest. Bring a friend, and come support the school's fundraising effort.

If you have news tips or comments, please contact me at snherisse@yahoo.com

--Sophia-Rose Herisse, 4th grader



Fri, Oct 21, at 5 p.m.

Deadline for Next Mustang

Send all contributions to: sesmustang@gmail.com

The 180 Fund Update

With each week, we're gaining more and more parents and families to pledge and/or contribute to the 180 Fund established by the PTA to help fund Shepherd Elementary's operations when the school's own budget can't do it. Here's the latest listing, as compiled by PTA treasurer Kim Barnette:

Completed Family Fund (*) or 180 Fund pledge:

Anna Aurillo Cara Biddle Bianca Bostic Sharon (Jackson) and Thomas Bowman Aurelia Brazeal and Joan Ignati Samuel Collins * Jami and Desmond Dunham * Monica and Temuri Goletiani Donna Johnson Harvey and Guyton Harvey * Iris and Henry Hernandez Shawn and Wanda (Dorsey) Jenkins Christine Kithcart

FAMILY DINNER NIGHT . FAMILY DINNER NIGHT



Comet Ping Pong 5037 Connecticut Ave, NW (at Nebraska) Free parking in rear

Wednesday, Oct. 26 5 p.m. - close

- Ping Pong for the kids (and adults!)
- Great pizza for the kids (and adults!)
- Great salads and desserts for the kids (and adults!)
- Great micro-brewed beer (for the adults only!)

SAY "I'M WITH SHEPHERD"

AND the PTA gets a 20% rebate from your pre-tax tab



This offer good for BOTH dine-in AND carry-out (Place orders at 202-364-0404)

Mark Pattison and Judith McCullough* Jennifer Pauk Kesha Pendergrast Andrew and Nicole Reese Stephanie Scott Junior ("Jose") and Sandra Serrano Jay and Kathryn Shalaty Daniel and Sarah Gershman Silverberg Stan and Kimberly Sinkford Leonard and Magda Taylor Barbara Turner-Fridie Shawna and Edward Underwood Camille and Keith White Katherine Woods and Mama Kanta Amie and Barry Wright

Made contributions towards 180 Fund pledge:

Kim Barnette Nashwa Beach Tiffany Flores Ken Giles Yasmin Lewis-White Mark and Patsy-Ann Rasmussen Jean Pierre and Rachel Coles Roberts Katherine and David Trimble Syafrida Syafrida Ed and Yolonda Walden Leon and Annie Wallace

Completed a pledge form for the 180 Fund:

Jason and Sherri Alston Joseph and Michelle Alston Angela and Changamire Anderson Franklin and Kimelia Austin Postelle Birch-Smith and Steward Smith Aurelie and Joe Nathan Bush Yolanda Bush Lisa and Ashford Connor Monclisa Delves Fillie Dakka and Shewaye Negra Alesha and Thomas Dominique Star and Neal Downing Lynnette Ecraela-Duckenfield and Thomas Duckenfield Maria Galvez and Santiago Rodas Weldon and Jill Genies Florencia Ibarra and Gustavo Bolanos Johannes Kebede and Alpha Meresa **Dwight and Pamela Marable** Tyisha McCarter and Carlton Agee Columbus and Sandra McKinney Tabatha McNeill Erika Mercer-Epps Jamillah Moss Lauren Newsome Tony and Elvy Popa Benidia and William Rice **Robert and Selma Simms** Dovga and Mimouna Sissoko **Toby Susse and Mickey Bolek** Monica Watson and Ivan Holloway Stephanie Williams Jennifer White and Eric Ruffin



Yes, it IS possible to have the time of your life and to cram it all in in less than six hours! Shepherd Elementary PTA's annual Fall Fest takes place THIS Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 14th Street will be blocked off between Kalmia and Jonquil because Fall Fest is so big that there's not enough room on the school grounds to contain it all. Food, fun, activities, games, prizes and more. Just look at what's in store, and the families of the students in each teacher's class are making it happen:







<u>Ms. Chambliss</u>: Popcorn Stand <u>Ms. Holt</u>: Candy Jewelry <u>Ms. Madiedo</u>: Face Painting <u>Mr. King</u>: Spin Art <u>Ms. Christenberry</u>:

Cupcake Decorating

<u>Ms. Goldman</u>: Pumpkin Decorating

<u>Ms. McKenzie</u>: Big, Big Moon Bounce

<u>Ms. Pethtel</u>: Junior Moon Bounce

Ms. Johnson: Cotton Candy

<u>Ms. Crockett</u>: Shrek Moon Bounce

Ms. Gibbs: Bean Bag Toss

Ms. Valentine: "Go Fish"

Ms. LaPenna: Hot Dog Stand







Only a handful of teachers had parents not committing by press time to a particular activity. But whether your child's class signed up early for something or is waiting until the last minute, take a shift or two to pitch in and help out – and, if not at your teacher's chosen activity, then at the food concessions, where PTA First Vice President Alicia Anderson and past PTA president Mark Pattison are organizing things. (We don't have a Stick Stand, but that's OK, since there will be more fun than you could shake a stick at anyway!)













LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION CONTINUES

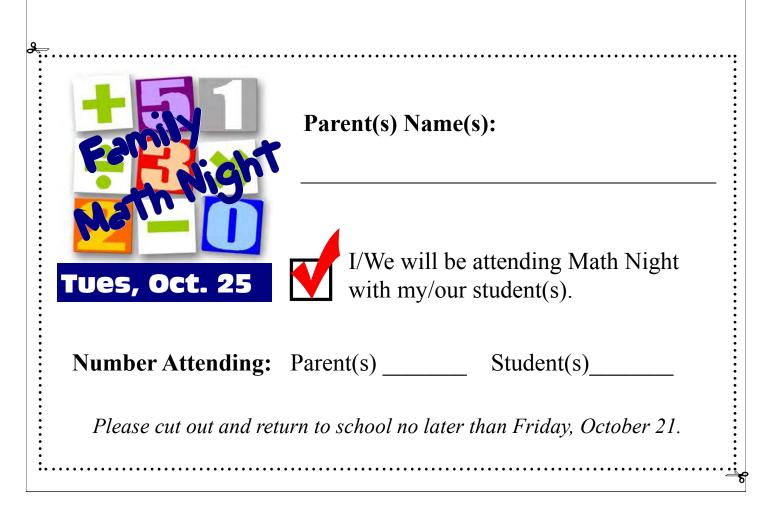
Shepherd's annual Loose Change Collection is getting an earlier start this year. So instead of helping out impoverished Shepherd families just a hair before Christmas, we intend to give help by Thanksgiving.



The collection has already started in each teacher's classroom. The class that collects the most will win a no-uniform day courtesy of Mrs. Miles, the principal.

Last year, Shepherd students brought in nearly \$1,195 in loose change (and the occasional piece of paper money). We rounded it up to \$1,200. The PTA kept half and provided the school's custodial crew with tools to make repairs in-house without having to send them to a central shop where honoring requisitions can take, well, a long time. The other \$600 was given to Mrs. Miles, who split it evenly among five Shepherd families needing a boost for the holidays.

Do your part. Empty your pockets and purses of all that change, and send it with your kids each day to Shepherd. The collection continues through Thursday, Nov. 10, just before the Veterans Day holiday.





Request for <u>FALL FEST</u> Food Donations Due no later than Friday, Oct. 21, 2011

The FALL FEST is scheduled for **Saturday**, **October 22nd** from 11a.m. -4 p.m. To make this event the very best it can be, we need your help. Donations of any items on the list below are greatly appreciated and desperately needed! So that we can get a sense of what will be donated please check the items you can bring and drop <u>*this flyer*</u> in the PTA mailbox located in the main office, no later than Wednesday October 19th. Let's work together to make this event a success!!

- ____ Beef hot dogs and buns
- ____ Chicken/turkey hot dogs and buns
- ____ Veggie dogs and buns
- ____ Snack size assorted chips
- ____ Snack pretzels
- ___ Coke
- ____ Diet Coke
- ____ Pepsi
- ____Bottled water
- ____ Potato/macaroni salad
- ____ Crockpot
- ____ Apple cider





__ Orange soda

- ____ Sprite/Sierra Mist
- ____ Box juice
- ____ CapriSun juices
- ____ Cooler with ice
- ____ Disposable plates and napkins
- ____ Plastic utensils and cups
- ____ Recycling canisters
- ____ Snack size candy
- ____ Donation towards the purchase of Ledo's pizza
- ____ Something else????? (Please indicate item)

Indicate the actual amount that will be provided for the items checked:

All food items should be brought to the school on Friday, October 21st. Sodas and waters can be delivered Monday, October 17th through Friday October 21st. If you sign up for dogs or burgers, bring enough buns for the burgers or dogs you've volunteered for. Please, no "all-meat" or mystery-meat franks because of some parents' concerns about unlabeled pork products. Again we thank you!!

Name	 	 	
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	Please retain a copy of this form for your records. EIN: 47-0879109 Thank you for your support!
	7800 14 th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20012 www.shepherd-elementary.org



Your Guide to Supporting SES FALL FEST 2011

- 1. Admission to FALL FEST is free and open to all!
- 2. Ride and Activity Tickets must be purchased at the central ticket booths.
 - Tickets are *required* for games and activities (classroom booths).
 - Tickets may be used for rides and food.
 - Tickets are not accepted in Vendor Row (school auditorium).
 - Tickets are sold for \$1 each.
 - Ticket booths accept cash and checks. The indoor ticket booth will accept credit cards.

3. Moon Bounce and Bungee Rides:

- * 3 tickets per ride (reduced from last year's price).
- Tickets booths will sell wristbands for \$20, entitling the wearer to unlimited rides until 4 p.m.

4. Games and Activities:

- Prices vary and will be posted at each booth.
- * Games and activities must be paid with tickets.
- Wristbands are not accepted for games and activities.

5. Food and Beverages:

- Prices vary according to item.
- The food concession will accept cash or tickets.
- The food concession will not accept credit cards, but you can use a credit card to purchase tickets.

6. Vendor Row

- Vendor Row will feature a variety of local vendors.
- Any purchases made on Vendor Row will be paid directly to the vendor, in a manner acceptable to the vendor.
- Tickets and wristbands are not valid on Vendor Row.

MILES

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Why are academic standards important?

Academic standards help ensure that all students, no matter where they live, are prepared for success in college and the workforce. These internationallybenchmarked standards help set clear and consistent expectations for learning and help set high goals for all students. Of course, high standards are not the only thing needed for our student's success. But standards provide an important first step — a clear roadmap for learning for teachers, parents, and students.

What will my student learn this year? What standards are being used in DCPS?

English Language Arts & Literacy: During the 2011-12 school year, kindergarten – grade 12 teachers will teach the English Language Arts & Literacy Common Core standards.

Mathematics: Also during the 2011-12 school year, kindergarten - grade 2 classrooms will begin to implement the Common Core standards in mathematics. DCPS teachers in grades 3 - 12 will continue to use the DC mathematics learning standards during the 2011-2012 school year. During the 2012-2013 school year, all grades will transition to the Common Core standards in mathematics.

Arts, Health, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Technology, and World Languages: During the 2011 -12 school year, teachers will continue to use the DC learning standards in these core subject areas.

Where can I learn more about what these standards mean for my student?

Read the National PTA's Parents' Guide to Student Success for:

- An overview of some of the key things your child will learn in English/literacy and mathematics,
- Ideas for activities to help your child learn at home, and
- Topics of discussion for talking to your child's teacher about his or her academic progress.

Visit <u>www.dcps.dc.gov</u>, <u>www.corestandards.org</u> or www.pta.org/common_core_state_standards.asp.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences were held Monday. During your conference you should have received information about what your student is doing well, areas where they can improve and specific things you can do to support If you were unable to attend your parent-teacher conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time that is convenient for the both of you. Remember our goal is 100% participation.

Are You Doing Your Part?

Daily, I hold my teachers accountable for putting plans in place to meet students' individual needs. I expect them to know each of their student's strengths and areas of growth and develop plans to support our students. They work hard and do a good job; however, it is a job they cannot do alone. Parents, we need for you to help us, help your student. To learn more about how you can support learning at home, please attend our Math Night which will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Parents and students should attend.

In order for us to plan for the evening, we need an idea of the number of students and parents who will be attending. Please complete and return the RSVP sheet found on page 6 of this issue of the Mustang no later than Friday, October 21, 2011.

Have a great week!

Warmest regards,

Jamie Miles

Principal

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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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! <u>The Mustang</u>, the <u>Shepherd Elementary website</u>, and the <u>PTA listserv</u> 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 CodeHo	ome phone number:		
Parent 1: First and Last Na	ame		
Work number:		Cell phone number:	
Parent 2: First and Last Na	ame		
Work number:		Cell phone number:	

 \Box 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.

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.

 \Box 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:

 \Box 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.

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

SIGNATURES:

Parent/Guardian/PTA Member signature

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