



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

June 4, 2012

From the PTA President

Hello Shepherd Family!

This is my last message for the school year. It's been a good year, a really good year. What follows are just a few snapshots from this year's Shepherd photo album. It's a picture of our fundraising efforts from the start of the school year through May 31. These numbers were supplied by our PTA treasurer, Kim Barnette, who did fantastic work for the PTA all year long. And we still have one more fundraiser to go, a two-night Family Dinner Night at the Daily Dish this Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5 and 6; look elsewhere in the Mustang for more details.



Our biggest fundraiser each year is the annual Gala. This year our revenue from "An Evening in Paris" came to \$31,732. The Washington Ethical Society was jammed with people ready, willing and able to help support Shepherd.

For the third year, the PTA has maintained the 180 Fund, asking parents to pay the equivalent of a dollar a day to help the school pay for things its budget can't afford. These figures also include families who pay \$500 in a super show of support for our school. All in all, contributions (including employer matches) came to \$13,472.88.

(see PTA President, page 3)

A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Dear Shepherd family,

It's hard to believe that the 2011-12 school year is about to end. Time sure flies when you're having fun! On behalf of the Shepherd Elementary staff, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support during the school year. Your dedication to Shepherd and our students is immensely appreciated. THANK YOU to all the classroom volunteers who helped make this a wonderful year! Individuals who volunteer are a valuable and important component of the success of our school program. We truly appreciate the thousands of hours you donated to our classrooms this past year. Parent volunteers are reflective of the excellent partnership between home and school that enhances and enriches the educational opportunities. On behalf of the students and teachers, we wish to express our gratitude to our many volunteers.



Shepherd students and staff also wish to thank

(see PRINCIPAL, page 8)



- ◆ Tuesday, June 4: Moving Up Day
- ◆ Tuesday-Wednesday, June 5-6: Family Dinner Night, The Daily Dish, Silver Spring, 5-9 p.m. each night
- ◆ Wednesday, June 6: Local School Advisory Team, library, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, June 7: Fifth Grade Exhibition
- ◆ Monday, June 11: International Day
- ◆ Tuesday, June 12: Awards Day, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, June 13: Fifth Grade graduation, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, June 13: School Improvement Team meeting, library, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, June 14: Last day of school, 12:15 p.m. dismissal
- ◆ Monday, June 25: Summer school starts within DCPS
- ◆ Monday, June 25: Camp Success starts at Shepherd
- ◆ Monday, August 27: First day of school for 2012-13 (forewarned is forearmed!)

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



2012 Gala to Benefit Shepherd Elementary School



AN EVENING IN PARIS: *The Romance of Giving*

June 1, 2012 (update)

Gala/Auction Summary Report

Expenses to date- \$11,194.54

Printing	\$1,911.37
Supplies and Postage	\$483.67
Decorations	\$827.49
Room Rental Fee	\$100.00
Food and Beverage	\$5,500.67
Photography	\$150.00
Entertainment	\$600.00
Auctioneer	\$875.00
Raffle Prizes and Fees	\$746.34

Revenue to date - \$31,732.00

Ticket sales	\$5,950.00
Advertisements	\$1,025.00
Monetary donations	\$722.00
Sponsorship	\$3,500.00
iPad raffle tickets	\$3,025.00
Bike certificate raffle	\$478.00
Flowers	\$75.00
SEED (Shepherd Educational Enrichment Fund)	\$4725.00
Silent auction	\$7486.00
Classroom treasures (not including those placed into live auction)	\$1836.00
Live auction	\$2130.00
Mystery boxes	\$560.00
Sangria sign up party	\$220.00

Net Profit - \$20,537.46

Congratulations Shepherd Elementary School community! Thank you for your support!

Questions regarding gala/auction? Contact Kim Barnette, sesptatreasurer2011_12@yahoo.com

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Shepherd IB PYP Corner

We are in the final stretch of the 2011-12 school year and many activities are planned for our students over the next two weeks. Most important will be the Paced Interim Assessment that is scheduled for Monday-Tuesday, June 4-5 for students in second through fifth grade. Our fifth graders will be performing at the Kennedy Center on Wednesday, June 6, and presenting their Exhibition on Thursday, June 7. Our Exhibition Presentation on "How We Express Ourselves" will start at 2 p.m. and end at 4 p.m., and everyone is welcome.

International Day will be on Monday, June 11, and many different countries will be represented. If you have something you would like to contribute, please see Mme. Gadie, Ms. Goldman, Ms. Crockett, Mr. Giles, Ms. Moore or Mrs. Hart. We hope you can all join us.

Awards Day will be on Tuesday, June 12, for students in pre-K to fourth grade, and Fifth Grade Graduation will be on June 13.

The Learner Profile for the month of June is Reflective. Reflection is important because without taking time to review our experiences and consider future effect, we are likely to repeat our actions in future situations. This can mean that we may repeat the same mistakes again. A reflective person gives thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experiences. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and their limitations in order to support their learning. Throughout the month of June take some time to reflect.

Have a super safe Summer!

--Ms. Sandra Hart, IB coordinator

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



The entire Shepherd family congratulates our fifth-graders, who are graduating on Wednesday, June 13, at 9 a.m. in the school auditorium. You are welcome to attend. And anytime between now and then, congratulate any of our fifth-graders you see. And here they are:

CLASS OF 2012

Ms. Ulba's class

Saige Ballard
Hailey Baptiste
Darnia Basil
Luis Bolanos
Mecca Camille
King-Ajah Campbell
Richelle Coward
Alicia Dawson
Aleisha Hopkins
Rahman Hunt
Jaden Inniss
Hadyn Lindsey
Lesly Maradiaga
Jovaan McKinney
Mattie Melnyk
Jerrod Nolan
John Pollock
Leo Saunders
Blake Silver
Kamden Smith
Cecilia Sneed
Kwaniyah Tuffour
Nmesomachukwu Ukaegbu
Excel Woods

Mr. Leonard's class

Steven Adams
Imani Allen
Aaries Askew
Jenelle Bethea
Mayra Bolanos
Chance Burgess II
Caleb Bush
Kadija Cash-Taylor
Jamal Deane
Devon Dunn
Trinity Greene
Alexander Leonard
SaAnkheesa Meskheniten
Epiphany Miller
Jordan Mitchell
Leah Percy
Colin Powell
Charles Ross II
Shoa Samad
Jumel Silver-Rhodes
Natalia Thomas
Jason Tyner
Christian Watkins
Noah White
Zaria Wilson

PTA President from p. 1 _____

Fall Fest has been an annual event at Shepherd for at least six years now, bringing together school families and the neighborhood community. The weather was simply terrific. And so was our profit: \$2,697.33.

Family Dinner Nights expanded from last year, when there were four, to more than double that number for 2011-12. We go to dinner, tell the server we're from

Shepherd, and the restaurant gives back to the PTA at least 15 percent – and usually 20 percent – of our bill as a rebate as a thank-you for our support. The numbers include our annual Shepherd night at Color Me Mine in Silver Spring, but don't include revenue that will be generated from this week's Family Dinner Night at the Daily Dish. Even without that figure, our year-to-date
(see Fundraisers, p. 12)



Hello, everyone,
from the art room!

It's that time again,
to say farewell and
thanks for it all this
school year. Many
thanks to all the
parents who

supported the art program. Second-grade parents, led by Sandya Mehta, contributed over \$220 for art supplies! Ms. Mehta's family alone contributed three cartons of wipes and tissues that allow us a supply well into next year. Thanks also go to all the staff but especially to those about to retire. Ms. Confer, Ms. Crockett, Ms. Chambliss and Ms. LaPenna have all been great supporters of art whom I will surely miss. I wish them all the very best.

The DCPS Systemwide Student Art Show is on exhibit at the Katzen Center of American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW and one of the prize winners was third-grader Zoe McCullough! Shepherd has 15 other exhibitors out of over 1,000 artworks in the show. They are: Saige Ballard, Jerrod Nolan, Goodness Ukaegbu, Aanisah Hasan, Tolani Smith, Savannah Waymer, Samuel Bush, Kemani Cash-Taylor, London Downing, Elijah Johnson, Madison Swanson, Tony Wilson, Kyle Bowman, Myra Shalaty, and Jared Stevenson. Also Shepherd alumni Lionell White and Evelyn Cahall won scholarship awards at the show! So make an outing of it between now and June 17, the last day of the exhibit. Thanks must go out to Shepherd alum artist and framer, Michael Hairston of Hairston Art and Framing in Silver Spring. For almost ten years he has made Shepherd's art shine above the rest in the citywide exhibit with cost-adjusted mounts and backing. Stop by and thank him.

Art work in the final days this year involves making and illustrating portfolios that will contain all our artwork for the year. Many students will also be bringing home sculptures they made. Every art piece is a treasure that required skill and decision-making to create. Fourth-grader Frank Sheffield told me that art practice has taught him to 'figure out' what he didn't know. Isn't that what we all

Star Achievers Update

Shepherd parent Corey Barnette updated last month's PTA meeting on the progress of the transition of Star Achievers, Shepherd's before- and aftercare program, to PTA control.

Barnette said that, under current plans, the PTA would appoint a board of directors – quite probably Star Achievers-using parents – to oversee the administration of Star Achievers.

However, a new program coordinator is being sought to replace Ms. June Confer, who is retiring after 39 years at Shepherd. You can go to the homepage of the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org, to see the job posting and a description of what the position entails. If you know somebody who you think would do well in the job, encourage them to apply. After all, you wouldn't entrust your kids to just anybody, would you?

"...PTA would appoint a board of directors... to oversee the administration of Star Achievers."

The law firm of Holland & Knight has assigned an attorney to work on a pro bono basis with the Aftercare Committee to effect the smoothest, least problematic transition of Star Achievers to PTA control. Parents on the committee will have to choose the successful job applicant. The committee, along with the new coordinator, will have to decide the best mix of offerings – and adults to provide those offerings – for aftercare while keeping the price affordable for Shepherd families.

The expectation is that Star Achievers will be ready to roll starting with the first day of school of the 2012-13 year (that's Monday, Aug. 27). Parents will be notified through a school mailing about Star Achievers' status and what to expect.

want to do to increase our learning and that of our students?

Keep art in your life this summer. Remember: Art is music to eyes and food for the soul.

All the Best,
Ms. Joelle Michaud

Water, Water Everywhere – Especially School Garden!

If you're ever in the library after school, either sitting or standing you could look out the window at the lush greenery and marvel at how good it looks. But sometimes we need to help Mother Nature.



D.C. summers can be hot and dry -- even when it's humid. Green turns to brown all too easily. And the \$3,000 in plantings put in the ground in the past couple of years -- plus all of the trees donated by Casey Trees -- could wither up and shrivel and die, leaving all of our earlier hard work for naught.

So what we're asking is a rotating corps of volunteers to keep our plants watered and our tree bags filled. Until you see sprinklers popping up out of the ground, this is the best we can do. Please sign up for a week or two. It'll probably take an hour of your time three or four times a week, but the plants will love you for it. And a lot of humans, too.

Please reply to Mark Pattison at pattison_mark@hotmail.com if you can take a week starting...

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| • June 18: TAKEN! | • July 23 |
| • June 25: TAKEN! | • July 30 |
| • July 2 | • August 6 |
| • July 9 | • August 13 |
| • July 16 | • August 20 |



Thank you to the Mustang's seemingly tireless layout and design editor, Yolonda Walden, for her great eye for design, which has made each issue of

the Mustang a delight to read. We published 26 issues this year, including this one, and each has been a visual feast.

Yolonda also deserves big thanks for buckling down -- and not buckling under -- when faced with deadline pressure and coming up with a gorgeous 64-page program booklet for last month's auction. Thanks again from deeply appreciative parents!

BWL-Strings Show Is Wet, Wild, Wonderful

Parents and families braved sheets of rain and the occasional tornado watch and flash-flood warning Friday to make it back to Shepherd to catch the annual BWL and Strings concert in the auditorium. And everybody went home happy. But not before hearing some wonderful music supplied by dozens of our very own Shepherd students.

First to take the stage was a combination performance of Mr. Giles' violinists and recorder players, followed by Mr. Giles' beginning violinists. Then a virtual guitar army of students played a pair of blues and pop classics. And, for the first time, Ms. Goldman's clarinet students performed a couple of selections.

Then came the BWL Band, backed by a corps of leather-lunged vocalists and energetic dancers. The band ran through a series of instant pop mainstays, and parents could be seen mouthing the lyrics along with the students and shaking to the beat. The band even reprised one of their show-stoppers from last year, "Why Can't We Be Friends," along with a couple of renditions of their theme, "We Are BWL." This was the seventh year of the BWL performance at Shepherd.

While BWL stands for Black, White, Latino, the "B" for one selection could have just as easily stood for Burgess, as Mr. Jarrett "Picasso With a Pen" Burgess, the evening's emcee, took to the stage to perform (with BWL assistance) his own rap, "Gotta Go."

The show was dedicated to Ms. Confer, who is retiring at the end of the school year. She received a lusty round of applause in thanks for all of her years of service to Shepherd Elementary.





Dear Fellow Mustangs,

Shepherd Elementary held its annual Field Day May 25 on the lower field. This year the temperature was 80 degrees Fahrenheit. It was so hot that we drank all of the water bottles, and we jumped in the water sprinklers without our shoes and socks! We had activities such as the parachute, running races, potato sack races, tug of war, and soccer. I heard a student say, "This is the best!" At 2 p.m., the whole school had a picnic. We ate hot dogs, potato chips, and Rita's Ice. I got a yummy mango ice. By the end of the day, everyone was very happy. What a cool way to end the year!

This is my last Student's Scoop for The Mustang this year. I enjoyed writing for Shepherd Elementary and The Northwest Current. It was not always easy, but I achieved it. Thank you for reading my column every other week.

Only 9 more days of school left!

Have a good summer!

--Sophia-Rose Herisse, rising fifth-grader

A special thank you to Mark Pattison for the many hats he's worn for Shepherd this school year. Among those are Mustang reporter and editor, School Improvement Team chair, and Shepherd PTA listserv moderator and

communicator. His dedication is very much appreciated.

A big "HOORAY!" for Mark from a lot of grateful parents!



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our current PTA board for sponsoring many fun activities, providing instructional materials, food, stipends and working with us to make sure we have everything that we need to be successful. We asked and you provided! You are the best!

I would also like to personally thank all of Shepherd wonderful teachers who have worked tirelessly to provide a productive and positive learning environment for our students. Shepherd teachers are some of the best and we are fortunate to have their services at Shepherd!

A special thank you is extended to all the support and non-instructional staff who consistently demonstrate the highest degree of dedication and professional performance. We are indeed fortunate to have so many wonderful, warm and caring people to work with and nurture our children.

Registration

Please register before the last day of school. This will help make summer planning, the placement of teachers and the hiring of new staff members a lot smoother.

Teacher Requests

As you know, I do not welcome parents' requests for a particular teacher. However, I do welcome specific information about your student's likes/dislikes and personality traits that may be beneficial when creating class lists. At Shepherd we pride ourselves on knowing our students and their needs and as close as possible we try to place them in a setting in which we think they will best thrive. Remember, we see your student every day and we have the privilege of watching them interact in their classrooms, in the hallways, on the playground, etc. The child you may know and love is not necessarily the same child we know and love. Therefore, please trust us and know that we have all students' best interests at heart.

Class Lists

Class lists will be published late July.

(see MILES, p. 12)

Dear Shepherd Family,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Shepherd Family for enabling me to spend the last four years of my forty-four year teaching career with you. Throughout these four years, I have had wonderful experiences with my parents and students. It has always been thrilling to work with students who love to learn and families who love to expand their children's horizons. I have many fond memories of our journey together. I am grateful for all of the support the Shepherd family gave me, when I most needed it. I am particularly thankful to my teaching colleagues and administrators who serve our children so well. I look forward to following the progress of our Shepherd students. Once again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Diane LaPenna



Thanks to Our Early Reader Volunteers!

At the current time we have 23 wonderfully committed Early Reader volunteers. Some have been with us since the program started four years ago. Three Silver Spring residents participate as well. We thank and recognize the following for their generous service.



*Edward Archer
Linda Archer
Joyce Batipps
Shelley Brazier
Kenya Brent
Sandra Cox
Jackie Holt
Iris Jeffries
Ruth Jordan
Altomease Kennedy
Dorothy Kennison
Julia Lara*

*Susan Learmonth
Valerie Mann
Dan Nathan
Monroe Newman
Margie Odle
Cynthia Prather
Tamara Prince
Dorothy Ramsey
Carol Randolph
Arthur Sheekey
Kathleen Sheekey*

SES ALUMNI SEEK YOU!

Did you know that there are two Facebook groups for Shepherd Elementary alumni? Go to the lower left corner of the homepage of the school's website, www.shepherd-elementary.org. You can ask to join either – or both! Shepherd parents are just as welcome to join as former students, and you don't have to wait for your kids to graduate from school to join, either!



Visit Our Website: Hundreds Already Do!

Did you know that hundreds of people view the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org, each week?

Take the most recent week, for instance. We had 280 unique site visitors. And 67 of those visitors were repeat visitors. All told, there were 808 page views, meaning an average of 2.33 page views per visit. Visitors also spent, on average, 4 minutes and 31 seconds per visit. Impressive!



All we can say is thank you for using the website as a ready reference for all things Shepherd. Even after summer vacation starts, we'll keep updating and uploading vital information to benefit you, your children and your family.

School Improvement Team Meets One More Time

The School Improvement Team, which is assembling recommendations for renovations to take place a year from now at Shepherd, will hold one more meeting at the school before classes end for the summer. The meeting is set for Wednesday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. All team members are urged to get to the meeting and provide input on the most critical series of renovations at Shepherd in at least a generation. For more details, contact team chair Mark Pattison at either pattison_mark@hotmail.com or 202-829-9289.

Family Dinner Night Is This Week at Daily Dish

You wouldn't just forget to go to work, or to take your kids to school, right? And you wouldn't simply forget to eat dinner, right? So after work and school this Tuesday and Wednesday, go to The Daily Dish restaurant in Silver Spring as a fitting close to a successful series of Family Dinner Nights at Shepherd.

Thanks to your participation in Family Dinner Nights throughout the school year, plus a fundraising tie-in with Color Me Mine, you've raised more than \$2,000 for the PTA -- \$2,387.25, to be exact -- with these last two dinner dates to go.

Make a dinner date with your family. Invite friends you've made at school this year -- or the family of your child's friends -- to join with you at the Daily Dish. The address is 8601-A Grubb Rd., in the Rock Creek Shopping Center. From Shepherd, go west on Kalmia beyond Lowell School. Follow the Jersey barriers, then turn right on West Beach Drive, then make a left on Primrose Lane. Primrose becomes Grubb Road once you cross into Silver Spring, and the restaurant and

shopping center will come up quick on your right.

The dates are Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5 and 6, 5-9 p.m. each evening. You can carry out your order (phone 301-588-6300), and you can even ask for patio seating. The PTA will get 15 percent of the pre-tax tab. As always, SAY YOU'RE WITH SHEPHERD so the PTA gets back everything it's earned.

Will It Be Lost -- or Found?

The year-end pile of clothing (and more) in the Lost and Found keeps piling up, but it won't be around forever. Once the school year is over, everything that goes unclaimed will be donated to the Goodwill.



If you suspect your child's sweater, jacket, notebook, folder or what-have-you didn't just vanish into thin air, then you should inspect the Lost and Found at the school before the school year is over. You could save yourself little hassle, a little heartache, and a little money by not having to replace something that's gone missing.

FAMILY DINNER NIGHT FAMILY DINNER NIGHT FAMILY DINNER NIGHT



The Daily Dish

8301-A Grubb Rd, Silver Spring
(just south of East-West Highway,
in the Rock Creek Shopping Center)

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 5-6
5-9 p.m. each night

➔ **SAY, "I'M WITH SHEPHERD"** ➔

The PTA gets 15% of your bill!

*Serving "comfort food with a twist"
that's locally sourced and made from
farm fresh ingredients*



Good for Dine-In and Carryout (PH: 301-588-6300) • thedailydishrestaurant.com

What You Can Do On Your Summer Vacation

Just because there are 10 weeks of summer vacation coming up, you can still help Shepherd in ways big and small.

One way: Keep on collecting those Box Tops for Education. If you buy Hefty tableware and trash bags, Green Giant fresh vegetables, General Mills cereals, Kleenex tissues, Ziploc bags, Pillsbury products, Betty Crocker baking items, Juicy Juice juices, Totino's pizza rolls, Old El Paso Mexican foods, Scott paper products, Land O Lakes dairy products, Yoplait yogurt, Avery office products, Chex Mix, Fiber One and Nature Valley snacks, and Brita water filters, save those Box Tops. Cut them out, and put them in a (dare we say?) Ziploc bag and save them for the new school year. If you have questions, get in touch with our new Box Tops coordinator, Sherilyn Pruitt, at spruitt@hrsa.gov.



We also collect used cell phones for recycling. Every 10 we get from you means we can turn them in to a California recycling firm for cash! The more advanced your old phone is/was, the more cash we get as the recyclers harvest the phones for critical technology and keep the earth from being mind for these precious metals. For more details, reach out to Jennifer Pauk at jpauk@hotmail.com.



Shepherd also can recycle used toner cartridges. We get cash for them, too! Bring your used toner cartridges to Ms. Brooks at the office, and she'll make arrangements for their delivery – and the return check!



And remember to hang on to your receipts from Snider's Super Foods in Silver Spring over the summer. Snider's gives us 1 percent back from every receipt we give them. Over the years, we've received thousands of dollars thanks to their generosity.



LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Your children are invited to join the D.C. Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Kids and teens can win prizes – like a Kindle Fire - just for reading. The library has lots of fun events planned. And they're all free. So, stop by our neighborhood library to sign up today. Its name is the Juanita E. Thornton-Shepherd Park Library, at 7420 Georgia Ave. NW. The phone number is 541-6100, and the children's librarian there is Becky Shaknovich (you can just call her "Miss Becky").



This summer's theme is "Dream Big: READ!" Visit the library to sign up and receive a reading logbook. Read three hours to win a prize. Read at least eight hours this summer to complete the program (although you don't have to stop at eight hours). Set your own additional reading goal. Once you complete the program, go back to the library to be entered to win an e-reader and other prizes.

Children who read during the summer keep their brains active and enter school in the fall ready to learn. If you have little ones, remember -- you are your child's first teacher. Look at picture books with your children who have not learned to read. Point out people, animals and objects. Read to your children. Ask them to read to you. Your librarian will be happy to help you find books that are just right. We hope you and your family enjoy reading together and that you discover the treasures of your D.C. Public Library.

Visit www.dclibrary.org/summerreading for more information.

Box Tops Never Go Out of Style!

You can collect Box Tops for Education year-round – including over summer vacation. Just save your Box Tops coupons and attach them to the sheet in this week's Mustang. You'll also find a sheet on the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org. Or, if you prefer, put them in a zippered lunch bag and include your child's name and grade and teacher (perhaps next year's teacher) to qualify for proper credit.



Bid and Win These Auction Items!

Due to our generous donors, we had 151 items advertised in the auction catalog. Of those, 131 items were sold at our Gala with silent and live auction. Of the items that did not sell, we will retain most of them to use as raffle items at PTA meetings in the upcoming school year or at the Spring 2013 auction. However, the following items have an expiration date and we would like to make them available for a week long silent auction.



Directions for bidding: By Friday, June 8, leave a slip of paper in the green PTA mailbox in the main office that indicates the following: Your name, phone number, item number (1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 – see below) and the amount you are willing to pay for the item. The highest bid for each item will win. Winners will be announced on Monday, June 11.

1) Family Photography Session & 8"x10" Print — Value \$360; Minimum bid: \$120

This certificate entitles you to a studio portrait session in color or black & white, plus one 8"x10" portrait print. (Must schedule in advance and subject to availability. Expires 12/31/2012)



2) One Month Membership at Equinox Fitness Center — Value \$141; Minimum bid: \$45

Enjoy a one-month All Access Membership to Equinox Fitness Centers, with locations in Bethesda, Tysons Corner, and throughout the country. Equinox is an exclusive club that provides members with unlimited access to group fitness classes, cycling programs, and state-of-the-art equipment. (One month membership, for new customers only. Expires 3/15/2013)



3) Week of Baseball Camp — Value \$195; Minimum bid: \$65

Batter Up! Get your kid ready for the majors with a week of baseball camp hosted by the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts, a summer collegiate team playing in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League. Led



by head coach Jason Walck, along with his coaches and players, the camp is conducted 9-3 each day at



Library Corner

It is time to **RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS!**

Please check all backpacks, lockers, desks, classrooms, cars, bedrooms, basements and family rooms. We need

those books back in the library so next year's students can enjoy them. Please find your books, and send them in to the library!

It has been a pleasure serving as your volunteer librarian this year, along with my partner, Ed Underwood. I loved getting to know so many young Shepherd faces (even if I couldn't always remember your names).

Keep on reading!



--Stephanie Scott

the St. Bernadette School in Silver Spring. Girls and boys ages 7-15 learn baseball fundamentals while having lots of fun! And no weather worries – indoor facility available during rain or excessive heat. (Certificate good for one week of camp (Mon – Fri) between June 18 and July 20, 2012. Advance registration required and subject to availability. Expires 7/20/12)

4) A Keratin Dream Come True! — Value \$350; Minimum bid: \$115

Soft, manageable, luxurious hair and an organic, fragrant Keratin treatment in one package? Take home this miracle combination, valued at \$350. Audrey Chumbris, a licensed, mobile beautician will treat your hair in the comfort of your own home. So long to hours spent at a beauty spa! All materials included. (Scheduling based on availability. Booking via www.styleseat.com or by phone: 202-643-0019. Expires 11/11/12)

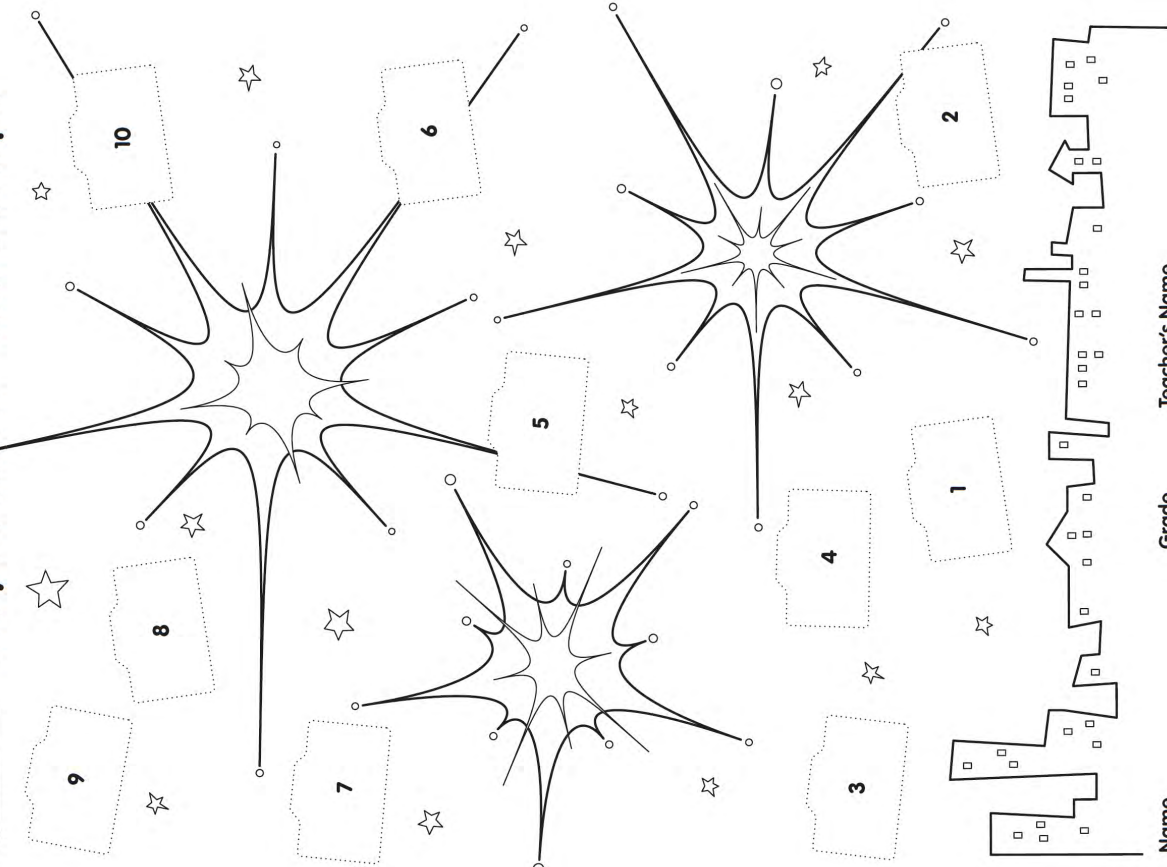


5) Karate or Kick Boxing for THREE! — Value \$350; Minimum bid: \$115

Kicks Karate of Bethesda is offering the option of ONE month of Karate or kick boxing for three people. Bring two friends or the family for an athletic and extremely fun activity. (Must schedule in advance. Expires 12/31/12)



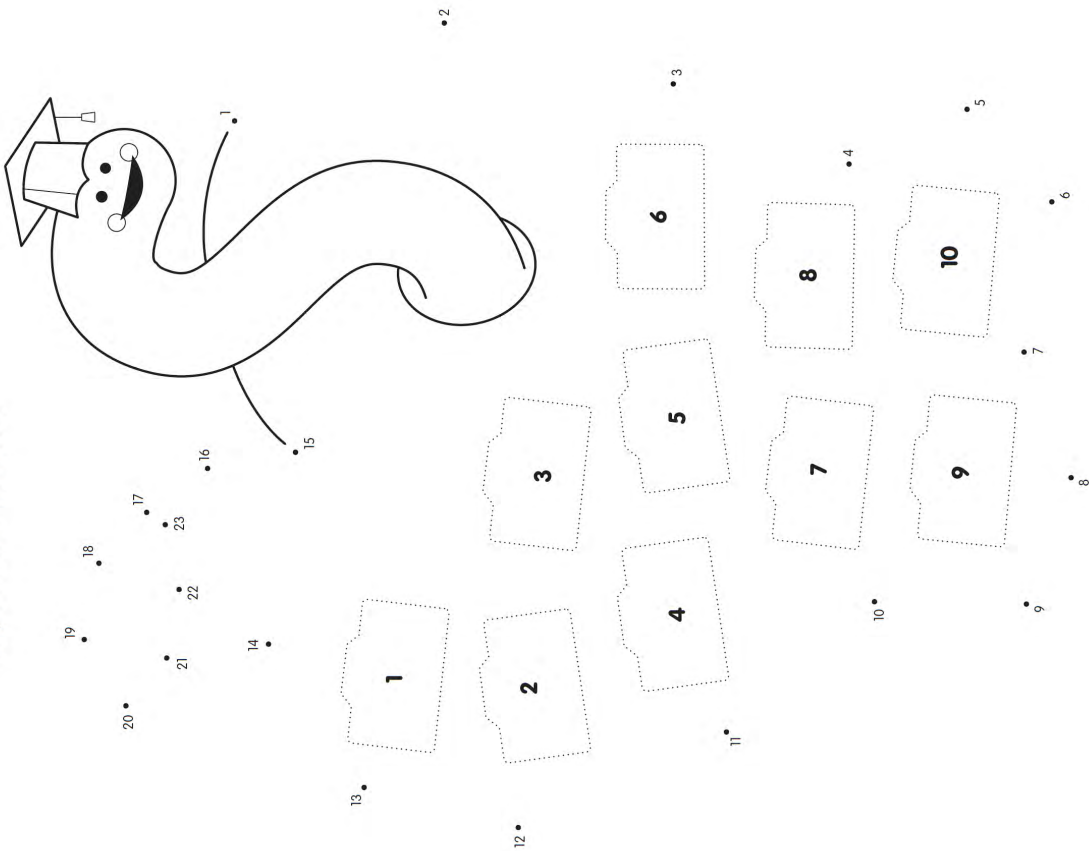
Celebrate the Fourth of July— and your school—with Box Tops!



Name _____	Grade _____	Teacher's Name _____
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Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.
For more collection worksheets and projects, go to www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter

A gift for your teacher—and your school! Connect the dots, color and add 10 Box Tops for a gift any teacher will love!



Name _____	Grade _____	Teacher's Name _____
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MILES from p. 6 _____

Farewell/Happy Retirement/You Will Be Missed

Please join me in wishing the following teachers farewell: Ms. Crockett (retirement), Ms. Chambliss (retirement), Ms. LaPenna (retirement) and Ms. Christenberry (moving to Texas). All of these ladies have been a wonderful asset to Shepherd and will be greatly missed.

2012-13 Staff Roster

The staff roster for the 2012-13 school year has not been released. I am still hiring and shifting teachers around. This information will be publicized as soon as it is available.

Summer Mailing

You will receive at least two summer mailings during the months of July and August. Please read the information carefully so that you will be prepared for the 2012-13 school year.

Help Prevent Summer Regression

- ◆ Enroll your student in an academic summer program
- ◆ Hire a tutor to work with your student at least twice a week
- ◆ Read 10 minutes each day for each grade you have completed (example: 3rd grade=30 min.)
- ◆ Keep a journal of places you visit
- ◆ Go on mini-field trips (zoo, museum, etc.)
- ◆ Play online math fact-building games
- ◆ Have a family game night
- ◆ Go to the local library weekly
- ◆ Start a book club with friends

Summer Work Packets

Each grade level will have a summer work packet available on the school's website beginning Monday, June 18. Students who complete the work packet and the summer reading list will be recognized at the beginning of the school year. Fifth graders may stop by Shepherd prior to the first week of school to turn in their work packets.

Have a safe, enjoyable and wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Jamie Miles

Principal

Fundraisers from p. 3 _____
total comes to \$2,387.25.

The PTA not only sported a new logo, "Supporting the Vision," it bought T-shirts and water bottles sporting a Mustang logo for Shepherd. These "School Spirit" merchandise sales totaled \$622, and we still have some T-shirts left over for next year. They look awesome, and you can choose from the school colors of green and gold, plus gray.

Our Box Tops for Education collection program is in its sixth year, and our Cell Phone Recycling initiative is in its third year. We've also benefitted for many years with a rebate from Snider's Super Foods. Put these together, along with other donations, and we've collected \$244.55. Plus our "Brick by Brick" sales equaled \$100.

That makes the grand total from PTA fundraising efforts this year: \$50,856.01.

Fantastic! Thank you, thank you, thank you. And do you know what? With your help, we're going to do even better next year, because our kids deserve it!

Like I said, this is just a snapshot, because money is just one part of the overall picture. We're also going to review our volunteer efforts as parents and find out the best possible ways to plug parents in to what's happening at school to support the educational program.

The PTA and its committed parents are also working to transition our Star Achievers aftercare program, and helping in all sorts of ways that don't stop just because the school year ends. You'll hear from us over the summer about all of the exciting things taking place at Shepherd Elementary.

Have a great vacation!

Bianca Bostic

PTA President 2011/2012

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