



Shepherd Elementary School

# THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

September 17, 2012

**THIS  
Wednesday, Sept. 19**



**6-8 p.m., auditorium**

## Fall Fest This Saturday

The temperatures have begun to drop, the nights are getting a bit longer, leaves are beginning to turn colors and football season is warming up. These are all signs that fall is soon approaching. As a matter of fact, fall *falls* in this Saturday, Sept. 22. And so does our annual Fall Fest!



Fall Fest is an opportunity for you to support our school and have fun at the same time!

Fall Fest promises to deliver a fun-filled time for everyone. There will be lots of activities for children—moon bounces, slides, face painting, and spin art, just to name a few. Returning again will be Vendors Row where you can purchase specialty items and goods from local entrepreneurs.

But Fall Fest doesn't just happen. We're in search of more folks to pitch in and help out with set up, clean up, and preparation and serving of food and more. If you can help out, send an e-mail to the Fall Fest Committee at [SESFallFest2012@gmail.com](mailto:SESFallFest2012@gmail.com).

With your help, Shepherd Fall Fest 2012 is guaranteed to be a FESTAstic success!

## A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings Shepherd families!



### Back to School Night

Please join us on Wednesday, Sept. 19, for Back to School Night 2012. Back to School Night is an opportunity for parents to visit their child's teacher(s) to learn more about what students are (will be) learning and doing in their classrooms. The event will begin promptly at 6 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Afterward, parents will rotate and visit their child's classrooms and teachers. All teachers (including Music, Art, PE and Language) will be available. If you arrive after the start time, please report to the gymnasium to sign in and get the rotation schedule.

### Oh Where, Oh Where Has Our Spanish Teacher Gone...

Senorita Martinez is currently in Madrid waiting to receive her visa. She had originally intended to be back in D.C. this past weekend but it looks like it may be another week, possibly two, before she is able to begin working. The Spanish Embassy has been in contact with the U.S. Embassy to express the importance of resolving this as quickly as possible and we are hopeful this will expedite the process. In the meantime, Senorita Moore has returned to Shepherd and will continue to make sure our students receive Spanish instruction.

### Reading Strategy of the Week (Visualizing)

One of our school goals for the 2012-13 school year is to increase the number of students reading and comprehending at grade level. However, in order for this to happen, parents are asked to be their child's

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Shepherd Elementary School is a virtual United Nations of musical diversity. This year's family music survey shows that Shepherd students and families play 26 different instruments, sing 23 different types of music, enjoy 49 different dances, and listen to 74 specific songs. Many of the songs and dances represent cultures and nations around the world, which is appropriate for an International Baccalaureate school.

The most frequently mentioned instruments played by Shepherd students and families are piano, guitar and drums. Other instruments include conga, djembe and kora.

The top musical styles are gospel/church songs, rhythm & blues, hip-hop, and jazz. Other musical styles include salsa, calypso, reggae, and African music.

Frequently mentioned dances are breakdancing, the Cupid Shuffle, the Dougie, the Electric Slide, and hand dancing. Other dances include cumbia and merengue.

Some of the songs mentioned include "America the Beautiful," "Black or White," "Get Up Stand Up" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Several songs by these songwriters are on the list: Michael Jackson, Bob Marley and Sam Cooke.

Countries and regions represented in our family music include Ethiopia, Haiti, Mexico, West Africa, Indonesia, Jamaica, Guatemala, Georgia and India, among others.

The full report on our 2012 Family Music Survey is posted outside the music room.

Here's another musical opportunity available in our community. Niki Jones, Howard University graduate



Hey everyone, it's London Downing here. Cross-country track tryouts began last week. Tryouts were held on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Mr. Thornton was set to host the final tryouts on Tuesday, Sept. 18, and Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Sept. 19 is an exciting day! It is my birthday (woo hoo!), it is the day the track team is selected, and it is also Back to School Night. I hope everyone makes it out to Back to School Night to learn what the Shepherd family is up to. It will be held in the auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m.

Finally... drum roll, please... it's time for Shepherd's annual Fall Fest! On Saturday, Sept. 22, it will be a time for us to gather together and enjoy all of the activities that will be on hand, while supporting one of our school's biggest fundraisers. There will be moon bounces, spin art, vendors, food and more. Please don't miss the opportunity to participate in this school tradition. It will be from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. See you there!

--London Downing, fourth grader

and former D.C. Public Schools music teacher, is offering a "musical theater" program FREE on Saturdays at the Washington Ethical Society, one block from Shepherd at 7750 16th St. NW. The program is Saturdays, running from 2 to 5 p.m. Students ages 8-17 will use voice, dance and acting to prepare and perform a musical production. The initial sessions, through Oct. 6, are free; subsequent sessions will charge a fee. For more information, call Niki Jones at 240-461-3926 or go to [www.thesowing.org](http://www.thesowing.org).



Dear Shepherd Parents and Caregivers,

We are back in the swing of things in the art room. This week we will all (except for pre-K) begin art-projects based on studies in International Baccalaureate units for each grade level. Look in the Art Corner of the Mustang or on my website, <http://teacherweb.com/DC/Shepherd/Art> (and click on Announcements) for news about projects for your child. Kindergarten is experimenting with color-mixing and drawing pictures of art room object using the colors they make. In second grade, students will be creating images from leaf rubbings with chalk. Third graders will be taking a close look at classical features architecture that appear on notable buildings and monuments in our city. The fourth graders will be playing with paints to create their own versions of nebulas, supernovas and other phenoms in outer space. Fifth grade students are connecting the role of art in the development of scientific thought as we study the life and work of Leonardo da Vinci. Pre-K will be playing with new art materials as they learn color, shapes and types of line. It all should be great fun!

Some third- through fifth-grade students STILL do not have sketchbooks for homework. It is vital that kids be prepared for the home practice ahead. Their grade in art depends on it. Art homework "practice" not only improves artistic skills, but prepares students for decision-making, situation analysis, and skills like driving a car! So help your child come prepared to art. At Plaza Art at Silver Spring and Georgia Avenues in Silver Spring, they know the sketchbook your child needs. Just go there and mention Shepherd! To those parents who have supplied sketchbooks, many thanks.

Don't forget to stop in the art room if you have any questions on Back-to-School Night. I would love to see you. Also remember that you can email me with questions, comments, and

## EVERYBODY IS A STAR AT SHEPHERD'S STAR ACHIEVERS

The Star Achievers Program is off to a great start with a seamless transition from the program in past years to operation under a new administration! Over 110 students registered in the after school program and 40 in the before care program. Seasoned staff are on-board and our new Program Director Claire Riley is working day and night (literally) on setting a schedule with assigned homerooms and specials schedule and improving the flow of students as they move throughout the building. A Board of Directors has formed and is working diligently to define short and long-term goals and provide guidance and support on many other issues related to program functioning.



Star Achievers strives to maintain an 18 students to 1 staff ratio. Currently, there is limited space available for students in some of the grades. Enrollment will be determined on a case by case basis and will depend on class size. In cases when the maximum class size has been reached, your child may be placed on a waiting list until there is room for them in the program. And remember, an enrollment is only complete when payment for a minimum of a month of aftercare has been made!

Drop-ins are welcomed, the cost for drop-in is \$30 a day, with no more than 4 drop-ins per month allowed per child. You MUST pre-register for a drop-in day with Ms. Riley BEFORE the start of the aftercare program on that day!

To discuss enrolling your child or to arrange to use the program on a drop-in basis, or for any other questions, please contact Claire Riley, Program Director at [sesstarachievers@gmail.com](mailto:sesstarachievers@gmail.com).

concerns anytime at [joele.michaud@dc.gov](mailto:joele.michaud@dc.gov). Here's to an artful week. Remember, you gotta have art!

--Ms. Joele Michaud, art teacher



This Saturday!

# Shepherd FALLFEST 2012

Saturday, Sept. 22  
11 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
Shepherd Elementary  
School Grounds  
(Rain Date: Saturday, Sept. 29)

*A Shepherd Elementary and Shepherd Park Tradition*

## FUN FOR EVERYONE!

- ◆ Moon Bounces
- ◆ Sand Art
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Cotton Candy
- ◆ Cupcake Decorating
- ◆ Spin Art
- ◆ Slides
- ◆ Rita's Ice
- ◆ Food Concession
- ◆ And Much More!

Visit **Vendors Row** to peruse and purchase  
specialty items and goods from local entrepreneurs.



All proceeds benefit the Shepherd Elementary School PTA.

## Shepherd Turned Off by TV, Video Games for a 3rd Year

TV Turnoff was a new initiative at Shepherd Elementary two years ago. Last year, it expanded to include video games. This year, we're not adding anything but the pledges of a growing number of students that they won't watch the tube or play video games – or limit their “screen time” – on school nights and school mornings.

In Shepherd's TV/VG Turnoff Club, students and their parents can choose one of three levels of limiting screen time:

The **GOLD** level is for no screen time on school days and nights.

The **SILVER** level is for no more than 30 minutes a night (and day).

The **BRONZE** level is for no more than 60 minutes a night (and day).

Why is limiting children's screen time important? While there are many educational programs on TV or online children can benefit from, these are no replacement for activities that actively engage children in the world around them.

In fact, too much TV or video games can even be bad for children. First, lots of screen time has been linked to lower levels of physical activity. Being active has a direct relationship to health, and in particular childhood and adult obesity. Kids watching TV are sitting, and this activity burns fewer calories than almost anything else. Also, kids (and adults) tend to eat and drink when they are watching TV, and a lot of the time this means junk food and sugary drinks. So not only are we not getting exercise to help burn calories, we often consume more calories while we watch TV!

Second, some studies have shown that students who limit their screen time have higher reading, math and language scores. They are spending more time in regular activities like reading, drawing, playing games or sports, talking with adults or playing imaginatively alone or with other kids. These activities don't have to be super-special

classes or structured activities. Regular play affects the brain and body in positive ways: It builds brain cells, improves physical strength, increases knowledge and builds relationships with others.



Finally, the type of programming that children watch needs to be monitored. Some studies have shown a relationship between the amount of children's exposure to violence or inappropriate-age content on television or video games and problematic behaviors such as bullying or violence in childhood and later in life. Of course, this doesn't mean that children who watch violence will become violent or bullies, but it does mean that children are influenced by the messages they see on television.

The Local School Advisory Team is sponsoring this year's TV/VG Turnoff Club. You can fill out the sheet included in this week's Mustang. Or you may get one from your child's teacher. You can also pick one up during Wednesday's Back to School Night, and even at Saturday's Fall Fest.

Take the pledge!

## You'll Fall for Fall Fest Food!

If you thought the Back to School Cookout was grand, think of what might be in store for Saturday's Fall Fest. Are you licking your lips in savory anticipation yet?

The best part of it is... You can help make it happen! In this issue of the Mustang you'll find a “want list” of great Fall Fest food ideas. Commit to bringing some tasty food and drink that kids and parents alike will love. Remember to add your name and contact info so we can remind you before Fall Fest, and thank you after Fall Fest.

In fact, you'll notice that on the other side of the Fall Fest food sheet is the TV Turnoff sign-up sheet. Fill out both sides of the sheet to assure healthy, strong bodies AND minds through autumn, winter and spring!





## Your Guide to Supporting Shepherd Fall Fest 2012

**Admission** to Fall Fest is **free** and open to all!

Ride and Activity **Tickets** *must be purchased at the ticket booths.*

- ♦ Tickets are sold for \$1 each.
- ♦ There will be two ticket booths — one at 14th & Kalmia (will accept cash & checks) and one outside of school auditorium (will accept cash & credit cards).
- ♦ Tickets are *required* for games and activities (classroom booths).
- ♦ Tickets *may* be used for rides and food purchases.
- ♦ Tickets are *not accepted* at Vendors Row (school auditorium).

### **Moon Bounce Rides:**

- ♦ **3—4 tickets** per ride
- ♦ Ticket booths will sell **wristbands for \$20**, entitling wearer to unlimited rides during Fall Fest.

### **Games and Activity Booths:**

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

### **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.

### **Vendors Row**

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



## LSAT ELECTION ON WEDNESDAY

The election to fill a parent-representative vacancy to Shepherd's Local School Advisory Team will be conducted Wednesday during Back to School Night. Election hours are the same as Back to School Night hours: 6-8 p.m.



As the Mustang went to deadline, one candidate has been identified. Her profile follows.

Under D.C. Public Schools regulations, LSAT elections must be conducted even when there are not more candidates than slots to fill, to allow of the possibility of write-in votes.

If you want your name to appear on the ballot, please get in touch ASAP with LSAT chair [Sherilyn Pruitt at spruitt@hrs.gov](mailto:Sherilyn.Pruitt@hrs.gov).

### Candidate Profile:

#### **Kesha Pendergrast**

*My name is Kesha Pendergrast. I am an involved parent of a first grader at Shepherd Elementary.*

*Since we began attending Shepherd in pre-K, I've been a classroom parent. In addition, I've also volunteered each year for the Fall Fest to support the class; participated in Beautification Day; the annual Back To School Cookout; and I am currently the School Bank parent volunteer.*

*When I'm not busy contributing to Shepherd Elementary, I run my own management consulting firm where we focus on providing financial management services to various clients, primarily to the federal government. My husband and I also own a community-based organization where we provide workforce readiness training and financial literacy to youth ages 18 – 21 and adults in the Washington metropolitan area.*

*I have a vested interest in seeing Shepherd Elementary continue to grow and thrive*

## Meet the New ESL Coordinator!

Hello! My name is Alyssa Rosch and I am the new English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor at Shepherd Elementary School. I could not be more excited to join the Shepherd community and be working with many of your children. I recently relocated to Washington from Hartland, Wisconsin, where I grew up. I love the liveliness and diversity of living in the D.C. metropolitan area!



I attended Indiana University (Go Hoosiers!) in Bloomington, Ind., where I received a bachelor's degree in International Studies and Spanish language. I have always enjoyed studying language and cultures from all over the world. I spent over a year of my undergraduate degree living in Valparaiso, Chile, and teaching in Lima, Peru. I am passionate about education and believe that all youth deserve the highest level of instruction and support from their educators.

Lastly, I enjoy traveling and trying cuisine from other places. I am an adventurer who loves whitewater rafting, snowboarding and hiking. I am also a Packers fan at heart but have begun to embrace the great sports teams in D.C. as well.

I look forward to a wonderful school year at Shepherd Elementary, and if you see me around school, please come up and introduce yourself!

*allowing all our children to be the best global representatives of the world. My family has several years remaining at Shepherd and being a part of the Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) will allow me to continue my contributions in helping to grow and improve our school and school community for years to come. It would be an honor to be voted as the next LSAT parent volunteer.*





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## *Support the Shepherd PTA Fall Fundraiser!*

### Top 10 Ways to Show YOUR Support

- 1. Volunteer your time!** Volunteers are needed for everything from set up and clean-up to serving food and more. If you can volunteer, please contact the Fall Fest Committee at [SESFallFest2012@gmail.com](mailto:SESFallFest2012@gmail.com).
- 2. Donate food items!** Use the form elsewhere in The Mustang to donate food items for Fall Fest.
- 3. Help to staff your child's classroom activity booth!** Each class will sponsor an activity booth and class parents will take shifts overseeing the booth.
- 4. Enjoy yourself!** When you're not overseeing your class' activity booth, be sure to enjoy the activities with your child. Have a hot dog or hamburger and a cold drink. Or watch your child bounce around in the moon bounce.
- 5. Bring your friends!** Bring your spouse. Bring your mother. Bring your grandmother. Bring your father. Bring your grandfather. Bring your neighbors. Bring your neighbors' friends. Bring your aunt. Bring your uncle. Bring your cousin. You get the picture. Fall Fest is for everyone!
- 6. Oh, and bring yourself!**
- 7. Solicit vendors for Vendors Row!** Perhaps you know an entrepreneur who makes jewelry or sells other items of interest. Invite vendors to purchase a space to sell their goods. It only costs \$50. Interested persons should send an email of interest to [SESFallFest2012@gmail.com](mailto:SESFallFest2012@gmail.com) or complete the Vendor Contract here in the Mustang.
- 8. Visit Vendors Row!** Perhaps you'll find a specialty item that has "your name on it."
- 9. Volunteer!** Yes, this is the second time volunteer is listed. With your help, Fall Fest is sure to be a FESTastic success!
- 10. Be there!** Fall Fest is the Shepherd PTA's largest Fall fundraiser and a Shepherd Park tradition. Don't miss out on this fun-filled event!



## Safety Patrol Is On the Job!

Our new school Safety Patrol started their assignments last week. They will be out there mornings and afternoon, giving of their extra time to accept this extra responsibility. This means that we as adults have to be extra careful at intersections either walking or driving, because nobody wants to hurt children and nobody wants to get on the bad side of the Safety Patrol. Congratulations to the following students for becoming Shepherd's new Safety Patrol:



*Alexandra Abebe  
Kelci Barnette  
Kayla Boyde  
Margaret Goletiani  
Mia Heyward  
Allison Holmes  
Darius King  
Chandler Mabry*

*Julian Mitchell  
Caleb Schuster  
Catherine Serrano  
Bryce Smith  
Cydni Taylor  
Colyar Trimble  
Chima Ukaegbu  
Courtney White*


Parents: Your help is always needed to be an assistant supervisor at intersections. To sign up for duty, please get in touch with Ms. Holt at [kinderholt@yahoo.com](mailto:kinderholt@yahoo.com).

## THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

The Scholastic Book Fair is at Shepherd now through Friday, Sept. 21. Fair hours will be 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. each day. On Monday and Tuesday, students will be able to preview available items and create a wish list to share with you at home. Beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 19, students will be able to purchase books and other education-related items in the library. Parents should send either cash or a check made payable to Shepherd Elementary School to cover the cost of the books selected. Additionally, parents may pay by credit card during Book Fair hours.



Volunteers are still needed to assist students during the Book Fair. We are asking for volunteers to commit to a one- or two-hour shift during the morning and/or afternoon times beginning on Monday and any other day up to and including Friday. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the main office at 202-576-6140 or email Ms. Hebron, the business manager, at [delores.hebron@dc.gov](mailto:delores.hebron@dc.gov).

Shepherd Elementary PTA Fall Fest 2012 Vendor Contract		
Shepherd Fall Fest 2012— Saturday, Sept. 22 (Rain Date-Saturday, Sept. 29)		
 <p><b>Guidelines:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The Vendor Table rental fee is \$50, which includes a 6 ft. table and two chairs, located on Vendors Row, inside the Shepherd Elem. School auditorium. Event runs from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. Vendors can begin set-up at 10 a.m. and must check-in at the Ticket Booth, located on the 14th St. side of the school.</li> <li>▶ E-mail this completed form to <a href="mailto:SESFallFest2012@gmail.com">SESFallFest2012@gmail.com</a> <b>no later than Wednesday, Sept. 19.</b></li> <li>▶ Table rental fee (\$50) can be delivered or mailed to : Shepherd Elementary PTA—Vendor Request 2012, 7800 14th St, NW, Washington, DC 20012 (Make checks payable to Shepherd Elementary PTA.)</li> </ul>	<p>Name/Company: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip Code: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____ Fax: _____</p> <p>E-mail: _____</p> <p>Website: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>I am a:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SES Parent   <input type="checkbox"/> SES Grandparent   <input type="checkbox"/> SES Faculty/Staff   <input type="checkbox"/> SES Alumni</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business   <input type="checkbox"/> SES Friend   <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (specify)</p>	
	<p>Please retain a copy for your records.</p> <p>EIN: 47-0879109</p> <p><b>Thank you for your support!</b></p>	

**MILES** from p. 1 \_\_\_\_\_

learning partner at home and reinforce learning at home.

Each week as we focus on reading we will highlight one reading strategy. In the classroom students from pre-K through fifth grade will learn about the strategy and have an opportunity to apply the strategy. At home, parents are asked to model the strategy when reading with or to your student and encourage our independent readers to utilize the strategy while reading.

Visualizing

“If I can’t picture it, I can’t understand it.”

--*Albert Einstein*

“It is impossible even to think without a mental picture.” – *Aristotle*

“Man’s mind cannot understand thoughts without images of them.” -*Thomas Aquinas*

Why is visualizing so important?

- Visualizing involves picturing in your mind what is happening in the text.
- When you visualize narrative text, you use sensory images like sounds, physical sensations, smells, touch, and emotions described in the story to help you picture the story.
- The brain “sees” in order to store and process information.
- Visualization is directly related to language comprehension, language expression, and critical thinking.
- Imagery is a primary sensory connection in the brain.
- Visualizing improves comprehension of narrative and expository text.

Being able to create images, story worlds, and mental models while reading is an essential element of reading comprehension, engagement, and reflection. In fact, without visualization, students cannot comprehend, and reading cannot be said to be reading.

As you read you create pictures in your mind of :

- events and actions
- characters and their features, clothing, etc.
- settings and situations

Have a great week!

Warmest regards,

*Jamie B. 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.

**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!



Deadline for  
Next Mustang

**Fri, Sept. 21,  
at 5 p.m.**

Send all contributions to:  
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## PTA Membership/180 Fund/School Directory/Permission Slip/Volunteer Form

For the **2012-13 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.



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 Jan. 16.
- ☐ 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 Mar. 16.
- ☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will be able to pay semi annually \$90 by Sept 16 and \$90 by Jan. 16.
- ☐ 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](http://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'/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.*



## Donations Needed!

Fall Fest 2012 is all set for **Saturday, Sept. 22**. To ensure its continued success, we need your help. Donations of any of the items below are greatly appreciated. Please **indicate the approximate number of servings or quantity that you will provide beside each item.** Please return this form to the PTA Mailbox in the main

office of the school no later than Wednesday, Sept. 19. All food donations should be brought to the school on Friday, Sept. 21. Drinks can be delivered Monday, Sept. 17 through Friday, Sept. 21.

**Thank you for your support of Shepherd Fall Fest 2012!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef hot dogs **and** buns

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken/turkey hot dogs **and** buns

\_\_\_\_\_ Veggie dogs **and** buns

\_\_\_\_\_ Hamburgers **and** buns

\_\_\_\_\_ Individually wrapped assorted chips

\_\_\_\_\_ Individually wrapped pretzels

\_\_\_\_\_ Coke (individual cans)

\_\_\_\_\_ Diet Coke (individual cans)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottled water

\_\_\_\_\_ Potato/macaroni salad

\_\_\_\_\_ Ketchup/Mustard/Relish

\_\_\_\_\_ Apple cider

\_\_\_\_\_ Orange soda (individual cans)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sprite/Sierra Mist (individual cans)

\_\_\_\_\_ Juice Boxes (100% juice preferred)

\_\_\_\_\_ CapriSun juices (100% juice preferred)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cooler with ice

\_\_\_\_\_ Disposable plates and napkins

\_\_\_\_\_ Plastic utensils and cups

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation towards the purchase of Ledo's pizza

\_\_\_\_\_ Charcoal

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please indicate below)

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# Shepherd Elementary School

## TV-VG Turnoff Club

September 2012- June 2013

Mustangs survive in the wild. They use their determination, imagination and creativity to live. They certainly don't spend their time in front of a screen! How about you? Are you ready to join the TV-VG Turn Off Club? You are challenged to use your determination, imagination and creativity to find things to do with your time that limit or do not involve TV or video games during the school week.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, want to join the TV-VG Turnoff Club. I am willing to use my determination, imagination and creativity during the school week to use my time in creative ways that limit or do not involve the TV or video games.

I am in \_\_\_\_\_ grade and my teacher's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Some of the things I plan to do INSTEAD of watching TV or playing video games are:

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Here's the kind of Mustang I strive to be!

\_\_\_ **Gold:**     *No TV or computer or video games* (Sunday night through Friday morning)

\_\_\_ **Silver**     *No more than 30 minutes a day total* (Sunday night through Friday morning)

\_\_\_ **Bronze**     *No more than 60 minutes a day total* (Sunday night through Friday morning)

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please turn in to your teacher or the main office.*