



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

November 5, 2012

A Word from Mrs. Miles!



Greetings Shepherd Families!

Focus on Reading

A few weeks ago our teachers finished administering the first round of reading assessments and the results are as follows: 77 percent of our Kin-

dergarten through fifth-grade students are reading at or above grade level, 10 percent are below grade level, and 13 percent are significantly below grade level. Our first round of data looks good; however, we still have a long ways to go. Our challenge is to move students out of the below-basic and basic category into the proficient category and continue to provide support for the proficient and advanced students so that they will continue to make gains as we raise expectations and the work gets more challenging.

What About All the Other Subjects?

Though our focus is on reading, we have not forgotten about our other subjects. Students are engaged in daily writing activities and at the end of each unit of study students are expected to produce a writing piece.

In math, third- through fifth-grade students are increasing their problem-solving skills through the use of Spatial Temporal Math. In addition, students in kindergarten through fifth grade are working to increase their math fluency and application skills through the use of First in Math. Teachers are working with students to help them to become proficient problem solvers who are able to apply mathematical skills and concepts across disciplines.

- Monday, Nov. 5: Chat and Chew With the Principal, 9-10:30 a.m.

Loose Change Collection Starts (through Nov.16)

BWL Band tryouts (through Nov. 8)

- Tuesday, Nov. 6: Election Day

- Friday, Nov. 9: Awards Day Ceremony, 9 a.m. for PK-2; 10:10 a.m. for 3-5

Student Council Elections

- Monday, Nov. 12: Veterans Day, no school

Family Dinner Night, Ledo Pizza, 7435 Georgia, 4-10 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 13: LSAT meeting, 4 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 14: PTA meeting, 6:35 p.m.

- Friday, Nov. 16: Reading Pep Rally

Loose Change Collection Ends

Family Dinner Night, Nando's Peri-Peri, 924 Ellsworth, Silver Spring, 5-11 p.m.

"Fun-Raiser," Color Me Mine, 823 Ellsworth, Silver Spring, 6-10 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 19: Chat and Chew With the Principal, 5-6:30 p.m.

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



Science and Social Studies is integrated throughout the day. In addition, our ReSet (Retired Scientists, Engineers and Technicians) volunteers are back and are preparing to engage our fourth graders in a variety of hands-on science activities. They strive to introduce children in the classroom to science,

(see MILES, p. 4)

Chat and Chew With the Principal: Choose the Morning or Afternoon

Would you like to learn in a more informal and relaxed setting what some of the main goals are for Shepherd? Then attend a Chat and Chew session with Mrs. Miles.

There will be two.

The first one is

this Monday morning, Nov. 5, at 9 a.m. The second one, an afternoon session, will be in two weeks. That one will start at 5 p.m. Both are expected to last about 90 minutes.

While there will be some tasty treats for munching, what you learn during these sessions will leave you plenty to chew on!

Principal's
Chat and Chew

Loose Change Collection Starts Today!

Beginning today and for the next two weeks, each classroom at Shepherd will have a container for the PTA's annual Loose Change Collection.

Loose Change is another in the great ways Shepherd students learn to be more conscious of the world around them, and to help those in need. Half of each year's collection is given to the principal, who has identified Shepherd families who are in need. The other half is kept by the PTA to fund school-related projects.

Empty your pockets of loose change. Help your child count the change that they'll be contributing each day to the collection. No promises, but there just may be a reward for the classroom with the most change collected (hint: we accept bills, too).

Loose Change continues through Friday, Nov. 16. Let's do what we can as a Shepherd Family to help those in need around us.



Vote! It's Your Civic Duty

Tuesday, Nov. 6, is Election Day in D.C. and across the whole United States. But you probably saw stories about the long, long lines on the first day of "early voting" in the District. That's not a surprise. People are eager to vote and are eager to make their voice heard in the political process.



The time for early voting is over, but polls will be open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. in Washington. If you are in line at 8 p.m., you are allowed to vote. Unlike SOME states, D.C. does NOT require photo ID to be able to vote. All you have to do is show proof of residency. You may have kept the voter registration card issued by the D.C. government earlier this year. Even a utility bill works as proof of residency!

If you are an "in-boundary" parent at Shepherd, then it's likely that Shepherd Elementary, Precinct 62, is your polling place. But you should be prepared for long lines as many D.C. residents experienced four years ago. Perhaps you want to bring your children with you inside the auditorium, where voting takes place, to show them how you put democracy into action. But wherever you vote, make sure you vote. Your voice and your vote count!

Shepherd students who have caught election fever will vote for Student Council officers this Friday. We hope to have the winners in the next issue of the Mustang.

Box Tops Adding Up!

Thanks to all of you who have been clipping Box Tops for Education and bringing them to the main office. We have raised \$160 for our school and making good progress toward our goal of \$500. Did you know that if every student brought in just 16 Box Tops, we would exceed our goal? Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school.



--Sherilyn Pruitt, Box Tops coordinator

Annual 'Fun-Raiser' Nov. 16 at Color Me Mine

Shepherd Elementary's annual "Fun-Raiser" at Color Me Mine at 823 Ellsworth Dr. in downtown Silver Spring is next week, on Friday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. What a fun way to end the school week!



The Art Of Having Fun

Here's how it works:

Make a reservation for a table to paint the pottery you've chosen from Color Me Mine's vast selection. Call 301-565-3105 to make a reservation. The "studio fee" reservation costs \$20. A table can seat four people, so have your child bring a school friend or two and make it an artful play date!

Once you've made your choices for things to paint, choose from Color Me Mine's vast array of colors, shades and tones to make your pottery piece distinctively yours.

Color Me Mine bags each pottery order individually. It takes about a week for them to "fire and finish" artworks before they can be picked up.

The best part is that the PTA gets 25 percent of ALL sales between 6 and 10 p.m.!

Did You Trick or Treat for UNICEF?

All 400 Trick or Treat for UNICEF boxes were either distributed to individual students at Shepherd, or dispensed last week at the Halloween Parade at Shepherd Field. That shows a great response.

Please return boxes to the school office.

Their contents will be tallied up, and a

check sent after Thanksgiving to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Thank you for your support.



LSAT Meets Nov. 13

Shepherd's Local School Advisory Team will have its next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 4 p.m. at the school. While the agenda has not been fixed yet, there will be discussion about the LSAT's three main priority areas: culture and climate, academic enrichment, and community engagement. Expect to hear some more on traffic and pedestrian safety, as well as follow-up from the October meeting on such items as a park-and-walk option for some Shepherd families, volunteer help for the library, a kickball team coach, volunteer "mystery readers" for the school's "Get Caught Reading" initiative, finding neighborhood volunteers to place traffic cones on 14th Street, updating the school website, and an effort to get volunteers fingerprinted at Shepherd rather than have to go downtown for fingerprinting.

Non-LSAT members are welcome to attend, but may be asked to leave if confidential matters arise. For the lowdown on the LSAT and how it operates, go to <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/parents/school-advisory-board/>.

PTA Fundraising Committee Forming

At last month's PTA meeting, parents voted to commit \$11,000 from the PTA budget to help both classroom and "specials" teachers obtain supplies they couldn't otherwise get from the school's own budget. (See the 180 Fund story elsewhere in this issue of the Mustang.)



But the PTA also formed a Fundraising Committee to help the PTA meet that obligation – either from existing revenue sources or by tapping new sources. If you are interested in serving on this committee, get in touch with either Christine Kithcart at fischerchristine@msn.com or Judith McCullough at judith.mccullough@seiu.org.

The 180 Fund Supports Our Kids; Now, It's Your Turn to Support the 180 Fund

The 180 Fund was created three years ago to replace PTA dues and the "Family Enrichment Fee." This kept the school from being a haves-vs.-have-nots divide among parents based on who paid PTA dues. Parents took to the 180 Fund like a duck to water, bringing more financial support to the school than PTA dues and the Family Enrichment Fee ever could. That money has resulted in the purchase of all of the computers in the computer lab, office supplies, a tarp for our auditorium floor, and the lion's share of the "Afternoon Academy" concept two years ago to boost test scores – which it did.

This year's PTA leadership has committed \$1,000 per grade level, and \$500 per "specials" classroom, to help fund needs and activities not covered in the school budget. That's \$11,000 — more than was originally budgeted for 180 Fund revenues for the 2012-13 school year.

This is why we need you — as PTA members, as parents — to support the 180 Fund. To support the educational enrichment of all of



Shepherd's students takes more than just good intentions. Pull out your checkbook. Fill out the 180 Fund form at the back of the Mustang. Or, go to the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org, and click on the "Donate Now" bar if you prefer to donate online.

Give now, give later, give all you can. It's tax-deductible, so you'll be helping yourself a little while you're helping our children a lot.

Thanks to you, it works for all of us — the 180 Fund.

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engineering and technology as being enjoyable and exciting (fun)! A class of first- and second-graders has adopted the outside garden

*Science, Engineering,
Technology, Music, Art,
Foreign Language, Reading,
Health and P.E. FUN!*

and begun weeding and seeding. The Environmental Club is forming and students will have a chance to explore environmental issues and assist with projects around the school. The annual Science Fair is in preparation and all students will have an opportunity to participate. Our NOAA volunteers are lined up and ready to serve as science mentors. Student Council elections are Friday and students are busy learning about politics. Our music and art programs are enhanced through our partnership with the Kennedy Center, and our language program is enhanced through the Embassy adoption program. Students are becoming more physically fit and learning how to make good nutritional choices through our Health and Physical Education program. Yes, we are definitely doing more than reading at Shepherd even though we believe reading is the foundation to our students' success.

Election Day

Tuesday is Election Day. School will be open. Please expect and plan for a lot of traffic and little to no parking. On Tuesday students will be reporting directly to their classrooms at arrival. The doors will open at 8:15 a.m. Please arrive early. All parents are encouraged to pull in front of the school to let their student out. Please do not get out of your cars. There will be several staff members available to assist with opening and closing doors. Please make sure your student(s) is/are prepared to jump out as soon as the car comes to a complete stop. In addition, parents there will be a lot of visitors in our building on this day. There will be extra security on hand to keep our visitors confined to one location (the gymnasium); however, it would help us

(see PRINCIPAL, p.8)



Shepherd IB PYP Corner

Our Walk for the Homeless was a great success. Students, staff and parents happily made their way around the track not once but twice. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us and to those who were able to donate to such a worthy cause. Thus far, just over 120 students have brought back a signed form and Fannie Mae has extended the form return date to November 11, 2012. A signed and returned form is as good as money donated. Hope and a Home will receive a donation from Fannie Mae, the organizer of the Walk events, for the number of forms collected. Therefore, students you still have time to bring in your forms. Remember: Your signed form is worth a free T-shirt.

Thinking and Curiosity

November's Learner Profile is Thinker. A thinker is someone who exercises initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to make sound decisions and to solve complex problems.

As a school community, our challenge this month is to acknowledge and to encourage student's curiosity. Kids are naturally curious. If we put them in a room full of craft supplies or Lego blocks, we will see their imaginations come to life. Teachers have a challenge to find and keep that spark in the classroom and parents your challenge is to do the same at home. Curiosity fosters thinking. We can stimulate student's curiosity by:

- Building activities around their interests, their preferences, and around their sense of challenge.
- Acknowledging them as we listen to their thoughts and respond to what they care about.

When curiosity is present we know students are thinking. Help students make meaningful connections to validate their thinking.

PYP Attitudes

The IB PYP Attitudes help us to develop positive attitudes towards people, the environment, and learning. There are twelve IB PYP Attitudes and three of them support the Learner Profile trait of Thinker. How?

- Independence: Thinkers are independent; they think

The Handbook Says: **International Day**

Shepherd's International Day is an annual celebration of diversity and various cultures around the world. Students research various countries to find interesting facts and customs that can be shared with their parents, staff and peers visiting on this day. International Day includes speakers, dancing, an international fashion show and our international food court. We are hoping to include a fashion show, an international food court and more. Join us in December to celebrate cultures in our school and around the world.



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Shepherd's International Day will be held in December, with a specific date to be determined. If you can volunteer – perhaps by promoting some aspect of your family's heritage – call the school at 202-576-6140.

To see the entire handbook, go the school website: <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/parents/studentparent-handbook/>.

and act independently, making their own judgments based on reasoned principles. Thinkers defend their judgments.

- Creativity: Thinkers are creative and imaginative in their thinking and in their approach to problems and dilemmas.
- Empathy: Thinkers are able to put themselves into other people's situation, in order to understand their thoughts, reasoning, and emotions. This ability to empathize allows for Thinkers to make informed decisions.

Suggested Reading Books (Thinker)

- ♦ "Best Friends for Frances" by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban

(see IB, p. 7)

Two Family Dinner Nights Next Week

Like the burger place commercial used to say, "You gotta eat!"

So we're doing not one, but TWO Family Dinner Nights next week.

The first one is on the federal Veterans Day holiday -- Monday, Nov. 12 -- at Ledo Pizza on Georgia Avenue. The hours for this Family Dinner Night are 4-10 p.m. The PTA will get 20 percent of your purchases (before tax). Loads of Shepherd students are brand-loyal to Ledo Pizza, and Ledo has been one of the biggest supporters of the school and the community. This will be the third Family Dinner Night at Ledo Pizza, and they've contributed about \$700 thanks to your support. Oh, and you can order dine-in or carry-out; the phone number is 202-726-5336. Just say "I'm With Shepherd" so we get credit for all that we order!



The second Family Dinner Night is Friday, Nov. 16, at Nando's Peri-Peri, 924 Ellsworth Dr. in downtown Silver Spring. The hours for this specialty treat are 5-11 p.m. Nando's features the unusual, but tasty, combo of South African chicken with Portuguese herbs and spices. If chicken isn't your thing, there's also beef and vegetarian items on the menu. And there's free frozen yogurt for every kids meal ordered. As with Ledo Pizza, Nando's will give us 20 percent of the pre-tax tab. But you have to proclaim "I'm With Shepherd!" to the person who seats your family. That way we'll get our credit.



FYI, you can combine the Nando's dinner that evening with the "Fun-Raiser" also that evening at Color Me Mine just a block away. Look elsewhere in the Mustang for details of the Color Me Mine event.



PTA Meeting Is Nov. 14

Be where the action is! Come to this month's PTA meeting, to be held **Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:35 p.m.** in the school (**await word on whether it will be the cafeteria or the auditorium**). Hear the latest from the principal and the PTA president, and learn more about the school's "Get Caught Reading" campaign, and what we as parents can do to help our children's school.



BWL Band Tryouts This Week!

Do you want to score it big on the stage? Then show off your best if you want to join the BWL Band! Tryouts are Monday-Thursday, Nov. 5-8, at 12:30 p.m. Most audition sessions will be in the auditorium.

Monday's tryouts are for percussionists. Tuesday's are for guitarists. Wednesday's auditions will be for piano players and keyboardists. And Thursday is reserved for dancer tryouts.

To learn more, ask Mr. Velez at school.



Newsletter
DEADLINE

Send submissions
no later than
5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 16,
to

sesmustang@gmail.com

Deadline for the Nov. 19 Mustang is 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16. Make sure you hand in your items before you head to Nando's Peri-Peri for Family Dinner Night or to Color Me Mine for the "Fun-Raiser." Send items to sesmustang@gmail.com.

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- "Leonardo and the Flying Boy" by Laurence Anholt (ages 8–11)
- "Baseball Bats for Christmas" by Michael Kusuqak (Canadian)
- "I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato" by Lauren Child
- "Elephants Can Paint Too!" by Katya Arnold (ages 5–11)
- "Alexander Graham Bell: An Inventive Life" by Elizabeth MacLeod (ages 9–11)
- "Katie and the Mona Lisa" by James Mayhew (ages 8–11)
- "Katie Meets the Impressionists" by James Mayhew (ages 8–11)
- "Catkin" by Antonio Barber and Patrick Lynch
- "Swimmy" by Leo Lionni
- "Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!" by Candace Fleming (PreK-2)

Awards Day

The Awards Day Assembly has been moved to Friday, Nov. 9. We will begin at 9 a.m. for students in pre-K to second grade and at 10:10 a.m. for students in third through fifth grades. Please join us.

--*Ms. Sandra Hart*, IB coordinator



Dear Shepherd Parents and Caregivers,

In this time of great disaster in our nation art is one of the tools you can use to relieve the sorrow and tension from day-to-day news. We forget that our kids are not only hearing the maddening ads from the elections. This week they are also seeing countless scenes of tragedy from Hurricane Sandy. As parents and teachers it is our duty to help children through these times by talking with them about it, but also to help them focus on something else.

For the latter my advice would be to take a family outing, one that is inexpensive and fun. Here in Washington we are sooo lucky to have so many places to visit that are free. So go to my website at <http://http://teacherweb.com/DC/Shepherd/Art> and click on the "links" page to find something fun and cultural to do. As you might have guessed in the first sentence, art museums are my personal favorites. So go out and have some fun.

This week I have some professional news. I am running for the office of president of Art Educators' District of Columbia chapter. I think that art teachers are a special group. It is not only that like they me love art and make art. They see the world in a different, "out-of-the-box" way. They were the first "hands-on" teachers. They were the first to adapt teaching to learning styles as in visual, kinetic, etc. I have found most art teachers to be historians, scholars, problem-solvers, carers of the general good. So whether or not I am elected, it has been an honor for me to be considered to be leadership material for a group that I hold in such high esteem. I'll let you know the outcome in an upcoming column.

For students in third, fourth and fifth grades, there is no homework due the week of Nov. 5.

Remember that you can email me with questions, comments and concerns anytime at joele.michaud@dc.gov.

Here's to an artful week. Remember, you gotta have art!

--*Ms. Joele Michaud*, art teacher

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!





Ledo Pizza

7435 Georgia Ave, NW
(next to McDonald's
between Geranium and Hemlock Streets)

Monday, November 12
4-10 p.m.

→ **SAY "I'M WITH SHEPHERD!"** ←
The PTA gets 20% of your pre-tax bill!

Check out their new menu items!
www.ledopizza.com/menu.cfm



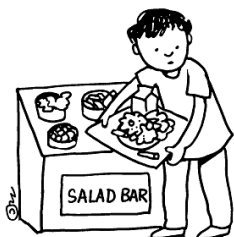
Good for Dine-In and Carryout (PH: 202-726-5336) www.ledopizza.com/menu.cfm

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tremendously if you refrain from demanding and giving the staff a hard time if you are stopped at the door and not allowed to walk your student to class during arrival. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms instead of the gymnasium on Tuesday as well. No parent will be allowed to travel to the classroom until 3:15 p.m. If you arrive before then, you will be asked to wait outside or in the main hallway until an announcement is made. We will run our carpool line as normal. Thank you for your attentiveness.

The Salad Bar

Our school's salad bar will be returning soon for students in second through fifth grade. It is currently not available to students in Pre-K through first grade. The salad bar will be opened on Tuesdays for second- and third-graders and on Thursdays for our fourth and fifth graders. If students purchase lunch from the cafeteria, the salad



is included with their meal. Students bringing lunch from home may purchase a salad for a dollar.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found items collected last week will be packed and delivered to a local shelter at the end of day Tuesday. Please stop by the main office to go through the large collection of lost item. Most of the items are coats, sweaters and jackets.



Emergencies/School Closings

In the event of inclement weather or early dismissal, you will be notified in several ways. A voicemail message from me, an email, text, voicemail, tweet or Facebook update from DCPS and announcements will be made via your local media outlets. To make sure that you are receiving emergency notifications, please confirm that you are receiving my weekly voicemail messages. If not, please see Ms. Brooks to verify what number we have on record for you. You should also visit the DCPS

(see **EMERGENCIES**, p. 10)

One evening...Two great ways to raise funds for Shepherd!

FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

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Nando's Peri-Peri

924 Ellsworth Drive
(in Downtown Silver Spring)

Monday, November 16
5-11 p.m.



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The Art Of Having Fun.™

"Fun-Raiser"

Color Me Mine

823 Ellsworth Drive
(in Downtown Silver Spring)

Monday, November 16
6-10 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of fun creating
your pottery masterpiece while
raising funds for Shepherd!

The PTA gets
25 percent of
ALL sales between
6 and 10 p.m.!

- Call 301-565-3105 to reserve a table (seats 4 people)
- Studio Fee costs \$20 per table
- Choose from a vast array of pottery pieces to paint, design and "make your own"
- Pick up your masterpieces in about a week

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homepage at <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/>. When you arrive, scroll down the page and look on the right. There you will see the heading "Keep in Touch With DCPS." There you will find space to put in your information.

Arrival and Dismissal

I am happy to see so many families arriving to school on time. Our tardiness rate has decreased significantly. However, we still have many families who continue to arrive to school after the gymnasium doors close. If you do not enter the school via the gymnasium you are late. When students arrive late they must check in with Ms. Brooks at the main office or Officer Johnson at the security desk. Students arriving at 9 a.m. must be escorted into the building by an adult. **DO NOT SEND YOUR STUDENT INTO THE SCHOOL ALONE!!!** School dismisses at 3:15 p.m., so please arrive on time.

Parking Enforcement

Did you notice the Parking Enforcement parked in front of the school on Friday? Well, if not, they are out. They are looking for individuals who are parking illegally (parking and leaving their cars unattended) in front of the school between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The space in front of the school is for drop-off and pick-up only. If you pull to the curb you may not leave your car unattended; if you do, you are subject to get a ticket. Most importantly, this is a fire zone. If there was an emergency and first responders needed access to our building, they would be unable to secure a space if the area was blocked by cars. We thank you in advance for adhering to our traffic safety rules and procedures.

**Reading Strategy for the Week**

This past week and this week our school wide reading strategy focus is on summarization. To summarize means that students are able to share the most important details about the text while leaving out all the irrelevant

details. You can help your student at home by using the Somebody-Wanted-But-So-Then Strategy for Narrative Text and using the 3, 2, 1 Summarization Strategy for Informational Text.

Strategy for Narrative Summary: SWBST

- ◆ **Somebody** (identify the character(s))
- ◆ **Wanted** (describe the character's goal)
- ◆ **But** (describe a conflict that hinders the character)
- ◆ **So** (describe how the character reacts to the conflict)
- ◆ **Then** (describe the resolution of the conflict)

3, 2, 1 Strategy for Summarizing Informational Text

- 3** - Things I learned
- 2** - Interesting Things
- 1** - Questions I Still Have

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.

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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.

Email address(s): _____

† Yes, sign me up for the Shepherd PTA Yahoo Group!

Phone Number(s): _____

Child(ren): _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund. **Enclosed is my lump sum contribution of \$180.**

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

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

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

_____ Academic Affairs

_____ Health Committee

_____ PTA Functions

_____ Newsletter

_____ Fundraising

_____ Special Events

_____ Auction

_____ Building and Grounds

_____ Grant Writing

_____ Garden Initiative

_____ Fall Fest

_____ Fall Flower Bulb Sale

_____ Clerical

_____ Book Fair

_____ School Office

_____ Technology/Computers

_____ Used Uniform Sales

_____ Cafeteria

_____ Jazz Night

_____ Green Team

_____ Family Fun Day

_____ As Needed

"Permission Slip"

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

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

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

SIGNATURES:

_____ Parent/Guardian/PTA Member signature

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