



Shepherd Elementary School

# THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

August 26, 2013



- ▶ **Thurs., Aug. 29:** "Family Dinner Night" at Olazzo Italian Restaurant, 8235 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 5-9 p.m.
- ▶ **Mon., Sept. 2:** "Family Dinner Night" at Potomac Pizza, 19 Wisconsin Circle, Chevy Chase, 4-9 p.m.
- ▶ **Tues., Sept. 3:** First full day of school for all pre-K students
- ▶ **Fri., Sept. 6:** Back-to-School Cookout, Shepherd Elementary, 5 p.m.
- ▶ **Wed., Sept. 18:** Back to School Night, Shepherd Elementary, 6 p.m.
- ▶ **Mon., Sept. 30:** Picture Day (in uniform!)
- ▶ **Mon., Sept. 30—Sat., Oct. 5:** "Book Fair"
- ▶ **Sat., Oct. 5:** "Fall Fest, Shepherd Elementary, noon—5 p.m.

Consult the school's website, [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org), for a full array of events and happenings throughout the school year!

## From the PTA President

Dear Shepherd Families,

On behalf of the Shepherd Elementary School PTA, I welcome all of you to the 2013 – 2014 school year. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time and I am thrilled to be starting my first year as your PTA President.



At Shepherd, we are committed to the advancement of students' academic, emotional, social and physical well-being. We, as a community, provide students with a safe, supportive, creative, and flexible environment in which children think and learn globally and act compassionately.

In order to carry out Shepherd's mission, we need your enthusiasm, active participation, and financial contributions. This year, we would like  
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## A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings,

Welcome to the Shepherd Elementary School and to what promises to be a wonderful school year! Shepherd Elementary is an amazing place to learn and grow. It is an honor to serve as the principal!



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I am excited about this school year and I look forward to continuing to build on the tradition of excellence at Shepherd Elementary! Remember, our door is always open so please feel free to contact us or stop by for a visit.

Regards,

*Jamie Miles*

Principal, Shepherd Elementary

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## The School Calendar Gets Google-y!

We've adopted Google Calendar to format the school calendar. This means you can download it onto your smartphone! Our PTA tech gurus have devised four ways to access the calendar. Choose the method that works best for you. Access the calendar by going to Shepherd's website, Select "News & Events" tab.



Then Select "Calendar"

**Existing Google Users:** If you use a Gmail calendar, you can add this calendar to your calendar view by using the email address, [ShepherdElementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:ShepherdElementarypta@gmail.com).

**iCal Users:** Copy and paste this link into any calendar product that supports the iCal format:  
<https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/shepherdElementarypta%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

(**Note**, if you use MS Outlook, open MS Outlook application and click on the above link. If a window appears, select Open. This will allow the Shepherd calendar to open in MS Outlook)

**HTML Users:** Please use the following address to access Shepherd's calendar in any web browser:  
[https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=shepherdElementarypta%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=shepherdElementarypta%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York)

**XML Users:** Please use the following address to access your calendar from other applications. You can copy and paste this into any feed reader:  
<https://www.google.com/calendar/feeds/shepherdElementarypta%40gmail.com/public/basic>

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parents to take time out to get to know each other, students, and Shepherd Elementary School staff, better. When you see each other during the drop off, pick up, or at PTA meetings and activities, please take a moment to introduce yourself and say a friendly hello. We would also like you to participate in PTA activities such as the Welcome-Back Cookout, Fall Fest, Family Dinner Nights, and Annual Gala/Action. Furthermore, we ask that you donate to the 180 Fund to help pay for items not covered by the DCPS budget. Everyone has something to contribute and we welcome everyone's talents, skills and abilities.

Please stay informed by joining the Shepherd Elementary listserv, reading The Mustang, and participating in the events that will be posted on the Shepherd Elementary calendar. Feel free to contact me at [PTAPresident@shepherd-elementary.org](mailto:PTAPresident@shepherd-elementary.org) to share your ideas, questions and concerns.

I look forward to a fun and exciting school year, strengthening the school community, and supporting the Shepherd Elementary students and staff.



All the best,  
**Sherilyn Pruitt**  
 Shepherd Elementary PTA President  
[PTAPresident@shepherd-elementary.org](mailto:PTAPresident@shepherd-elementary.org)

### Family Dinner Night at Olazzo Thursday!

The Shepherd PTA is sponsoring not one but TWO Family Dinner Nights to start the school year. Both are places familiar to many Shepherd families.



Our first Family Dinner Night is at Olazzo, the Italian restaurant at 8235 Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring.

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I spent my summer vacation doing lots of stuff! In June, I went to the UniverSoul Circus, and I saw the acrobats and some really cool magic. A lady was in a cage, disappeared, and then a lion came into the exact same cage!

In July, my family and I went to our family reunion in North Carolina. I got to hang out with my dad's side of the family. Every year we have a fish fry, and this year it was at my great-uncle Robert's house. We also ate a lot of BBQ and hushpuppies.

In August, my brothers and I spent time in Virginia with our Nana. I helped my aunt and uncle move into their new house. It is really big! I also went to the Fredericksburg Fair. I got on some rides, ate cotton candy, and got a light-up baton. My family and I went to Kings Dominion. Two of my favorite rides were the Avalanche and the Ricochet. When we were at Kings Dominion, we saw two skunks walking around!

My brothers and I went to Vacation Bible School and learned some stories, scriptures from the Bible, and sang lots of songs. I did some arts and crafts, like painting. We went to Virginia Beach, and I rode a boogie board. I almost got swept away with the big waves!

So, that's what I did on my awesome summer break! I hope everybody has a successful year at Shepherd and enjoys all the new renovations.

--Lauren Curtis, fourth-grader

(Look for Shepherd's Student Scoop contribution each Wednesday in the "Spotlight on Schools" pages of the Northwest Current!)

### Shepherd Elementary: A Uniform School

Shepherd Elementary is a uniform school, and all students are expected to be in uniform on the first day and the days that follow. Students are to wear navy bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts, skorts), white polo or button-down shirts (T-shirts or undershirts should not be worn as uniform tops), and dark rubber-soled shoes.

The PTA has a collection of clean used uniform clothing and makes them available at different points of the school year. It's a wonderful budget-stretcher. Be on the lookout in future issues of the Mustang for news of used-uniform sales.

## Play-Date-Palooza!

Not one, not two, but three play dates were held over the summer for new and returning Shepherd families. The first play date was held on Aug. 11 for incoming Pre-K families. During this play date, kids and parents had a chance to enjoy refreshments as they built camaraderie, laughed and took the opportunity to chat with the principal and several teachers.

The next play date was held August 17 for both Pre-K and Kindergarten families. It was great seeing Shepherd's youngest students quickly make new friends and reconnect with old ones.

The last play date was held this past Saturday for all students at Shepherd. Parents had the opportunity to allow their children to play while they lent a helping hand inside and outside the school during Beautification Day. PTA representatives and Star Achievers Staff were on hand to lend a helping hand during the play date and address any questions from parents.

Overall, the play dates served as a great opportunity to welcome new students and parents into the Shepherd family and allow returning parents and students to fellowship with old friends and make new ones, too. Each play date was held at Shepherd's lower field. If you see a new student and/or parent, feel free to say hello and welcome them into the Shepherd family.

Check out a few pictures from the play date at the end of the newsletter.



## The 180 Fund Wants YOU!



Every year the PTA gives money to Shepherd's teachers to buy classroom supplies, and pays for all sorts of things that shouldn't have to come out of the teachers' own pockets. Last year, the PTA expanded it to include grade-by-grade "teacher wish lists" that also included our "specials" teachers in art, music, phys ed and special education.

In past years, the PTA used the 180 Fund to pay for the computers and monitors now in the school's computer lab, the auditorium speaker system, the tarp that protects the auditorium floor, Discovery Communications testing analyses of our students, office supplies, paid a majority of the costs associated with an Afterschool Academy that raised students' test scores.

But all of this takes money. We rely on your generosity each year to restock the 180 Fund, the economic engine that drives the PTA's efforts to support Shepherd. Can you spare the equivalent of a dollar a day for each day of the school year? We believe you can! Can you do even more? You might as well — all contributions are tax-deductible!



But are you unable to afford \$180? Then give what you can to enhance the educational experience of your child, and of all Shepherd students.

Go to <https://www.shepherd-elementary.org/180fund/> to donate online. Or, fill out the form that appear in this week's Mustang, and enclose it with your check in the PTA box in the school office.

## Carpool Registration Ends Friday

Parents and caregivers should take advantage of the school's carpool system. Students participating in carpool will be assigned a number. At dismissal, parents should pull to the curb, display their carpool number and wait. Your student's number will be called and your child will come to you. The first week of school will be the LAST

WEEK that carpool numbers will be distributed.

If you do not sign up for carpool by the end of the school day Friday, Aug. 30, Shepherd will be unable to accommodate you later.



## Join the PTA Listserv!

The PTA's listserv is THE way for parents to communicate with one another. The primary way to be updated on events, dates and developments at Shepherd. The lightning-quick method to keep informed about news and events throughout the school year.

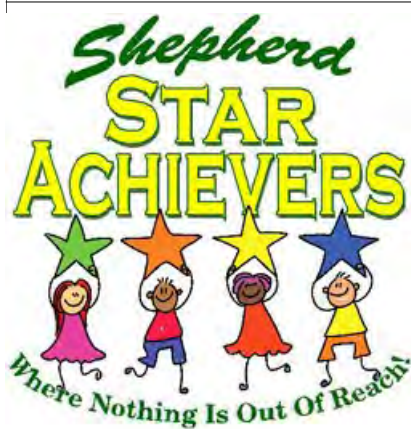


Here's how to join:

- Send an email to [shepherd\\_elementary\\_pta\\_subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:shepherd_elementary_pta_subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- Include in your request:  
Your name • Your child's name • Your child's teacher

That way we can weed out people who are interested only in spamming us.

It's OK for both moms and dads to sign on; grandparents too. Teachers also—it's not called the P"TA for nothing!



### Star Achievers News

Greetings, Shepherd community! We at Star Achievers Before and Aftercare are gearing up for a new school year with new activities/staff and to welcome back old friends and favorites.

#### NEW THIS YEAR:

On-line registration and payment -- please go to [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org) and click on "Star Achievers" and see the registration form, rate schedule and other important information. Your first tuition payment covers Aug. 26-Sept 30. Your next payment is due Oct. 1. You will receive an emailed invoice each month, and may pay in person or online for the first five school days of the month. We will accept money orders, but not cash, this year.

"Specials" classes begin Sept. 9 and will include poetry, chess, dance, yoga, drama, sign language and others.

A weekly activity calendar will be emailed to families each Sunday evening; check out what your child will be doing each day (weather permitting).

Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to accommodate part-time students, but please register for our drop-in service: twice each month you may "drop in" by calling the Star Achievers number and paying a \$30 per child per drop-in fee.

Our office is located in the cafeteria. Please come by to say hello, or leave us a note in our mailbox in the main office.

We look forward to an enriching year! The new spaces look great and we will increase our usable space in December! Please email [sesstarachievers@gmail.com](mailto:sesstarachievers@gmail.com) or call 202-465-0514 with suggestions or questions.

Welcome Back!

--Claire Riley, program director

### TV Turnoff Club

Shepherd's TV-Video Game Turnoff Club is back for another year of screen-free fun!

Students in any grade can join. All they have to do is commit to NOT watching TV or playing video games. There are three levels of participation.

**Gold:** No TV or video games on school nights

**Silver:** A limit of 30 minutes a day of TV and video games

**Bronze:** No more than 60 minutes a day

This doesn't mean students are forbidden from using the computer for homework, or from watching a TV show assigned by their teacher. But when it comes to sitting in front of the tube, or watching TV on a tablet, or playing video games, that's the pledge. And parents can help enforce the pledge.

The best part about the Club is that there are NO MEETINGS! Parents, who get meetinged to death, will certainly appreciate that!

Use the form in this week's Mustang to

join. Extra copies will be on the rack outside the office.



## Renovation Update

Work crews worked every day over the summer — including Sundays and the Fourth of July — to do as much renovation as they could prior to the start of school. We have renovated restrooms as a result. We also have a new heating-venting-air conditioning system designed to make the temperature consistent on each room on each floor in each wing regardless of season. We also have an electrical upgrade. Some classrooms were renovated, but not all of them. Also, a lot more work was done into turning an unused basement into a “ground floor” that will ultimately house the library, the computer lab, language classrooms, a teachers’ lounge and more.

Work will continue on the basement. It will be confined, as it was last year, to non-school hours. And next summer, the other classroom renovations will take place.

On behalf of Shepherd’s School Improvement Team, I’m interested in hearing what you think of the results you’ve seen so far. When the SIT meets again (no date has been set), delivering feedback will be a much-needed part of the agenda. Feel free to call or email me with your opinions. Thank you!

--Mark Pattison, Shepherd SIT chair  
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## Be a Part of the Newsletter Team

At Shepherd, the Mustang has been a fixture of school life. Parents, teachers, staff and students contribute to each issue. And a dedicated team of parents edit, design, proofread, copy and distribute it.



To keep the Mustang part of Shepherd’s fabric, we’ll need additional hands on deck this year, especially at least one more editor and one more designer. Other parents taking additional duties will lighten the load and provide a baseline of knowledge to transfer skills and “institutional memory” for years to come.

If you can pitch in, get in touch with editor Mark Pattison at [Pattison\\_mark@hotmail.com](mailto:Pattison_mark@hotmail.com), or one of our layout/design parents, Kesha Pendergrast, at [skeeme08@aol.com](mailto:skeeme08@aol.com).

## Dinner Night *cont’d from page 2*

Olazzo has been in the leadoff spot for Family Dinner Night for the fourth year running, and Robert and his staff do a bang-up job for Shepherd families and all customers. Our Family Dinner Night date is Thursday, Aug. 29, 5-9 p.m. Tell your server you’re from Shepherd, and the PTA will get 20 percent of your pre-tax check — both food and drink!

Our second Family Dinner Night will be at Potomac Pizza, 19 Wisconsin Circle in Chevy Chase near Western and Wisconsin Avenues. Pizza has become the all-purpose, all-American Italian food, and Potomac Pizza serves all that up and more. Note the unusual date for this promotion: Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2. We’re guessing not everyone will be off to Grandma’s or the theme park or cooking on the grill. And if you plan a busy three-day weekend, who wants to cook at the end of it? This being on Labor Day, parking should be a snap. And even if it isn’t, Potomac Pizza will validate two hours’ parking at the nearby garage. Hours for this Family Dinner Night are 4-9 p.m. It’s good for dine-in and carry-out. Look for the special Shepherd shoe-box. We’ll get 20 percent back from your order here, too.

Look elsewhere in the Mustang for flyers reminding you of our Family Dinner Nights. Last year the PTA earned more than \$2,500 because Shepherd families patronized these fine establishments. Let’s keep it going strong in the year ahead!

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of the Mustang is **Friday, Aug. 30th**. Send your submissions to [sesmustang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmustang@gmail.com). Look for next week’s issue on **Tuesday**—and online and in your email inbox sooner!

## Pay Your Instructional Fees

In addition to school supplies, there is also an instructional fee of \$20 per student. This fee covers the cost of arts and crafts materials for the younger students, communication folders, My Weekly Reader, Time for Kids, National Geographic magazines and student agendas. The fees will also help offset the cost of instructional websites (e.g. Starfall, Study Island, LearnZillion, First in Math, and others) used in classrooms. You can pay them on the first day of school. If you read this after the first day of school and have not paid the fee, please go to the office to make your payment.



## Practice Safety Outside School

At Shepherd, we practice safety-first inside school all the time. So adults must be good role models for their children and practice safety outside the school — as drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

### Drivers:

- ▶ The traffic flow around the school is clockwise; that means making right turns whenever possible — so adjust your route to school to enable you to make only right turns.
- ▶ The passenger door should always open to the curb for safety reasons when letting children out.
- ▶ Never block the crosswalk. Pedestrians are unable to cross and cannot see traffic when cars block the crosswalk.
- ▶ Make sure to park legally; be aware of blocking driveways.



### Bicyclists:

- ▶ You are expected to obey all of the same traffic laws motorists have to obey.
- ▶ Wear a helmet at all times. You often have the right of way, but in an accident between a car and a bicycle, the bicycle always loses. Be aware of your surroundings.



### Pedestrians:

- ▶ Cross only at crosswalks and at the curb. Don't cross in the middle of the street. And stay out of the street and off neighbors' lawns.
- ▶ Please refrain from bringing your dog up to the school; pets are to remain off the school grounds. If you must bring your dog for some reason, please keep it on a leash across the street. Be considerate of children and adults who may be allergic and/or uncomfortable around animals.

**Parents:** Please share this information with your babysitters and nannies.

**Everybody:** Please obey the instructions of the traffic guard and our Safety Patrol.

However you get to school, whether walking or driving, give yourself enough time to get to school not only on time, but safely as well. *Please help us to be good neighbors!*

## LSAT Identifies Priorities

Over the summer, Shepherd's Local School Advisory Team met to determine priorities for the new school year. The team chose four:

1. Parent Engagement
2. Community Engagement
3. Academic Achievement
4. Culture and Climate



Three of the priorities were LSAT priorities last year. The new priority in the mix is parent engagement. For Shepherd to capitalize on its academic success, it needs parents at all grade levels to take a keen interest in the life of the school. That means closer collaboration with teachers and other parents. That means volunteering when you're asked. That means identifying gaps and suggesting ways to fill them.

The LSAT also chose officers for the year ahead. Keshia Pendergrast will be LSAT chair, and Mark Pattison will serve as secretary. Other parent representatives are Kamilah Martin-Proctor and Keith White. Teacher representatives are Ms. Pethtel, Ms. George, Ms. Hamer and Ms. Guldin. Ms. Brooks is the staff representative. Ms. Holt represents the Washington Teachers Union. Carl Bergman serves as community representative. Sherilyn Pruitt is an ex-officio member of the LSAT by virtue of her being PTA president, and Mrs. Miles, while not a member, must attend every meeting.

More details, including a history of the LSAT, priorities for 2013-14 and minutes of past meetings can be found at <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/parents/school-advisory-board/>.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 4 p.m. at school. Even if you're not on the LSAT, you're welcome to attend. But you may be asked to step outside if confidential matters arise.

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8235 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring

Thursday, Aug. 29

5-9 p.m.



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19 Wisconsin Circle, Chevy Chase  
(near Western & Wisconsin Aves.)

Monday, Sept. 2

4-9 p.m.



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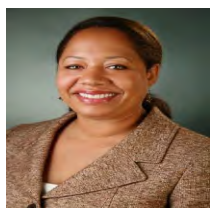


# Who's Who

## PTA Representatives

You've likely heard about the PTA and all the great things it helps make happen at Shepherd. You've likely heard about the LSAT and its impact on the direction of the school. Now, get to know the people that help make it happen. It's a combination of dedicated parents, teachers, school administrators and community representatives who come together for the common purpose of continuing to make Shepherd Elementary the best school in the Nation. So, when you see any of these representatives, and are interested in learning more about what they do and how you can get involved, just ask and they'd be happy to share.

PTA President, Sherilyn Pruitt



PTA Recording Secretary, Leonie Stephenson



PTA First Vice President, Kyra Marshall



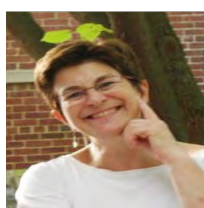
PTA Corresponding Secretary, Laura Levine



PTA Second Vice President, Eric Smith



PTA Treasurer, Judith McCullough



PTA Assistant Secretary



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## LSAT Representatives

Kesha Pendergrast, LSAT Chair, Parent Representative



Elizabeth Guldin, Teacher Representative



Mark Pattison, Recording Secretary, Parent Representative



Renee Hamer, Teacher Representative



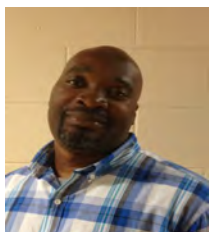
Kamilah O. Martin-Proctor, Parent Representative



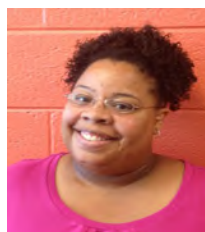
Nicole Pethtel, Teacher Representative



Keith White, Parent Representative



Tia Holt, Washington Teachers Union Representative



Robin George, Teacher Representative



Carl Bergman, Community Representative



Robin Brooks, Staff/Paraprofessional Representative



**Meet The Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Jamie Miles</b>	Principal	<b>Claudia Miranda-Mulligan</b>	Spanish
<b>Sandra Hart</b>	IB Coordinator	<b>Vinson Irby</b>	Art
<b>Delores Hebron</b>	Business Manager	<b>Jarrett Burgess</b>	Physical Education
<b>Rose Roberts</b>	School Nurse	<b>Julia Bryant</b>	Music
<b>Tia Holt</b>	Pre-Kindergarten	<b>Rayshann Bradshaw</b>	Library Aide
<b>Patricia Gibbs</b>	Pre-Kindergarten	<b>Gail Liggins</b>	Counselor
<b>Nicole Pethtel</b>	Kindergarten	<b>Crystal Moorefield</b>	Instructional Coach
<b>Ashley Hart</b>	Kindergarten	<b>Mariama Conte</b>	Paraprofessional
<b>Elizabeth Guldin</b>	First Grade	<b>Delphine Lester</b>	Paraprofessional
<b>Alice Hill-Dyal</b>	First Grade	<b>Safaria Mason</b>	Paraprofessional
<b>Beverly Johnson</b>	Second Grade	<b>German Velez</b>	Paraprofessional
<b>Nancy Ulba</b>	Second Grade	<b>Osiris Walcott</b>	Paraprofessional
<b>Robin George</b>	Third Grade	<b>Carole McNealy</b>	Social Worker
<b>Evelyn McKenzie</b>	Third Grade	<b>Angela Bonham</b>	Speech
<b>Tenishia Whren</b>	Third Grade	<b>Margaret Powell-Mallory</b>	Psychologist
<b>Anne Charles</b>	Fourth Grade	<b>Janice Frost</b>	Cafeteria
<b>Valena Valentine-Nelson</b>	Fourth Grade	<b>Shenita Lee</b>	Cafeteria
<b>Mary Thomas</b>	Fifth Grade	<b>Byron Kelly</b>	Custodial Supervisor
<b>Timothy Leonard</b>	Fifth Grade	<b>Pamela Adams</b>	Custodial
<b>Rene Hamer</b>	Fifth Grade	<b>Tyrone Manigan</b>	Custodial
<b>LaShahn Booth</b>	Sp. Ed. Resource	<b>Jarry James</b>	Custodial
<b>Carol Laughinghouse</b>	Sp. Ed. Resource		
<b>Dawn Morgan</b>	ESL		
<b>Koutouan Gadie</b>	French		



## Meet Our Classroom Parents!

Parents: If you see a classroom parent listed for your child's class, please give them your email address to help make communication crystal clear throughout the year.

And if you DON'T see a name next to your child's teacher, why not serve as a classroom parent yourself? You'll be the first one with the inside scoop on classroom



Teacher	Parent
Ms. Holt	
Ms. Gibbs	Dawn Moody, dlmooddy@gmail.com
Ms. Pethltel	
Ms. Hart	Safiya Warfield-Taylor, safiyawarfield@yahoo.com
Ms. Hill-Dyal	
Ms. Guldin	
Ms. Johnson	
Ms. Ulba	
Ms. George	
Ms. McIntyre	
Ms. Whren	Janenell Alexander, jennell.alexander@gmail.com
Ms. Valentine-Nelson	
Ms. Charles	
Ms. Thomas	Nadine Kearnes, ndkearnes@hotmail
Mr. Leonard	Star Downing, stardowning@yahoo.com
Ms. Hamer	

### Shepherd School Pledge

Today is a new day!

I will respect the rights of others.

I will treat all property with respect.

I will take responsibility for my learning.

I will take responsibility for my actions.

I will act in a safe and healthy way.

Today I will be the best me I can be!

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## The PTA's 180 Fund

For the 2013-14 school year, EVERY Shepherd parent is in the PTA. If you are at a PTA meeting, you automatically have a vote and a voice. There are no monetary barriers to participating in the life of the school in general, [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.

### *Your Child – And Every Shepherd Student – Benefits From Your 180 Fund Contribution*

But, without PTA dues, how do we pay for the things we say we want? The 180 Fund is now in its fifth year of financing school needs not covered by the school budget or D.C. Public Schools. With past contributions, we've completely outfitted the computer lab ... paid for the auditorium sound system and the tarp to cover the new gym floor ... subsidized an "afterschool academy" and paid for Discovery Communications testing analyses ... even purchased office supplies. Why a 180 Fund? Because there are 180 instructional days in the school year – a dollar a day. Can YOU afford a dollar a day per child to improve Shepherd? We think you can. Can you do more? If so, terrific! Do you need to pay on an installment plan? We've got one. Please complete this form and check the boxes:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I am a Shepherd teacher/staff member.

Email address(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Yes, sign me up for the Shepherd PTA Yahoo Group!

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will make two semi-annual payments of \$90 each by Sept 16 and \$90 by January 16, 2014

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

☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will be able to pay semi annually \$90 by Sept 16 and \$90 by January 16, 2014.

☐ 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))





## Shepherd Elementary School TV-VG Turnoff Club

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, the main office, or the TV-VG Turnoff Box in the auditorium entrance.*







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