



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

November 12, 2013



- ▶ **Now through Fri., Nov. 22:**
 - Canned Food Drive

- ▶ **Tues., Nov. 12 - Fri., Nov. 22:**
 - Winter Coat Drive

- ▶ **Fri., Nov. 15:**

- Walk for the Homeless, 11 a.m.
- Report cards issued

- ▶ **Mon., Nov. 18:**

- LSAT Meeting, 4 p.m.

- ▶ **Tues., Nov. 19:**

- Family Dinner Night, Crisfield Seafood Restaurant, 8012 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring 5-9 p.m.

- ▶ **Wed., Nov. 20:**

- Open House, 5 p.m.
- PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- ▶ **Thur., Nov. 21:**

- Open House, 9:30 a.m.

- ▶ **Thur., Fr., Nov. 28-29:**

- Thanksgiving Holiday, no school

(Go to <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/ses-calendar/> for a month-by-month listing of dates and events)

A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings Shepherd Families,



It's Report Card Time

Report cards will go home with students on Friday, Nov. 15. Report cards are designed to keep you informed of your child's progress.

This year the students' report cards have been designed to be more comprehensive

and easier to read and understand. Here are some of the changes:

- The most important information is now summarized right on the front page. Families can get a clear picture of how their child is doing in school.
- A sign-and-return form has been added. This helps teachers know parents have seen the report card.
- There is now more guidance, and concrete steps for parents to take to support their student at home -- such as reading levels and a recommended book list.
- After receiving and reviewing your child's report card, please let you child's teacher know if they have questions. To see a sample report card, go to:

<http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Files/downloads/Sample%20Report%20Card.pdf>

Cold Weather

The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. This includes a hat and coat. If the temperature is above freezing, Shepherd students go outside for recess.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found area (across from the main office) for any missing items. All items still left behind at Thanksgiving break will be donated to charity. Please help us get lost items to their owner by labeling everything! This includes lunch boxes, hats, gloves, coats and backpacks. Oftentimes we look for names before placing the items in the lost and found area.

School Goals – 90, 80, 90, 90

If you attended last week's reading sessions, *Getting to the Core* or *Successful Reader*, thank you. We hope that you found the sessions informative. If you missed the sessions no worries, additional opportunities will be coming soon. Stay tuned! We need you to help us reach our goals.

(see Miles , page 2)

LSAT- Meeting Rescheduled

Shepherd's Local School Advisory Team will meet on Monday, Nov. 18, at 4 p.m., inside the school. The LSAT will be following up and following through on a host of action items delegated to different members based on the survey taken earlier this fall by LSAT members.

Parents are welcome to attend LSAT meetings. There may come a point during a meeting when confidential matters will be discussed, at which time nonmembers will have to leave the room.

To find out more about the LSAT and its role in the life of the school, go to <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/parents/school-advisory-board/>.

Kesha Pendegrast, LSAT President

Miles _____ *cont'd from page 1*

Student Behavior

You may be surprised to learn about some of the things your students do when you are not around. Please continue to speak with your student about making good choices. Encourage them to choose their friends wisely and don't give into peer pressure. If students see or hear of any behaviors that are not appropriate, they should let an adult know. At Shepherd there is no such thing as being "a snitch."

Attendance Matters

In general, Shepherd students come to school. Our attendance rate to date is 97%. This mean on average 97% of our students attend school daily. Way to go, parents and students! Please continue to schedule appointments and vacations, after school or on days when students are out of school. If your student is absent please send a note to Mrs. Brooks. Remember, the only excused absences are: death of an immediately family member, religious holiday, or sickness. All other absences are considered unexcused. Shepherd students come to school; however, many of our students arrive late. When students arrive late, they feel rushed, they don't have time to settle in before beginning their day and they often have to play catch-up because they are late. This is not fair to our students. Parents, please work to get your students to school on time. If you need supports please let us know.

Shepherd recognizes attendance is important and we want to celebrate students who arrive to school daily and on time. At Shepherd...

- Students who arrive on time and attend school every day will be recognized during our quarterly Awards Day ceremony.
- The classes with perfect attendance (100% attendance and no tardies) will be recognized during our morning assembly at the start of each week.
- The class and teacher with the highest number of days with perfect attendance (100% attendance and no tardies) at the end of the quarter will be rewarded.

This Quarter's Attendance Reward: Hot Chocolate and a Movie!!!

Have a great week!

Jamie Miles

Principal

Traffic Safety Tip



These tips are for pedestrians -- no matter how much or how little you have to walk to get to school.

If you get a ride to school, please exit on the curb side. Insist on it with Mom or Dad when they drive you.

Please don't jaywalk or cross the street in the middle of the block.

When approaching a corner close to school, please let the Safety Patrol get your safely across the street. That's what they're there for!

Before you cross the street, stop, look and listen. Especially, look both ways before crossing.

When crossing any street, give cars the right of way. They're much bigger than we are, and in any collision between a car and a person, the person is going to lose.

Keep practicing the good pedestrian habits you picked up during last month's Walk to School Day. When you practice safety, Walk to School Day can be every day!



Crisfield November 19

Let's welcome a new restaurant into the ranks of the PTA's Family Dinner Night partners: Crisfield Seafood Restaurant!

Crisfield is just a stone's throw away from Shepherd, at 8012 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring. Crisfield features many fresh-catch-of-the-day specials on the whiteboard as you enter. They also have scrumptious seafood salads. You can order your fish cooked just about any way you like, including "Norfolk style," an oh-so-good sautéed preparation that's out of this world. Do you like lobster? Do you like crabmeat? Then Crisfield is the place for you.

If your children haven't picked up a love of fish from their mom and dad yet, not to worry. There's nothing like chicken tenders or fried shrimp as well as other items from the kids' menu.

And stick around for dessert. Crisfield's Smith Island layer cake has to be seen to be believed. Challenge your children to count just how many layers are in a slice. Hey, maybe they can challenge you to do the same!

Celebrate a good report card from your child with a dinner treat for the family at Crisfield.

Date: Tuesday, November 19

Hours: 5-9 p.m.

The PTA gets 15 percent back from your dinner tab - and Crisfield serves adult beverages.

You must dine in for the PTA to get credit for this promotion.

There's free parking for Crisfield after 5:30 p.m. in the lot for Tires of Silver Spring next door.

Circle the date on your calendar - and let's pack the place!



PTA MEETING

The Shepherd PTA will meet:

Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Stay tuned to the PTA listserv for agenda items to be covered.

School starts on time ... so do PTA meetings!

Walk for the Homeless on Friday

Shepherd students have for years, if not decades, gotten 100% participation in an annual Walk for the Homeless to benefit homeless residents of our area. This year's walk is scheduled for this Friday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m. Please make sure you get the permission slip signed so all students can walk at Shepherd Field to help the homeless!





Hey Mustangs!

I got a lot of Halloween candy, and so did my brother. I had a fun Halloween, and I hope you did too! I dressed up as a genie, my brother dressed up as a baseball player, and my cousin dressed up as a cute

little cat.

BWL has been singing and practicing. Mr. Velez is the singing coach. We are practicing the songs "Share My Life," "Hurricane," and "ABC 123." The winter concert is coming up, and you need to bring in your permission slips so your parents know that you want to be in the winter concert. Make sure you do it!

At cheerleading, we are working on stunts and our coach is Ms. Arrington. I'm practicing to fly and we'll probably have two stunt groups and I'll be in one.

I hope you have a good week.

--Lauren Curtis, fourth-grader

Handy Emails for You

Firstname.lastname@dc.gov – just about every teacher and staffer at Shepherd follows this protocol. Two notable exceptions are Ms. Brooks, the office manager (robynabrooks@dc.gov), and Ms. Hart, the kindergarten teacher (Ashley.hart2@dc.gov)

ptapresident@shepherd elementary.org – your direct pipeline to PTA President Sherilyn Pruitt

shepherd_elementary_pta-subscribe@yahoo groups.com – how to join the PTA's listserv. Include your name plus your child's name, grade and teacher (that way we keep spammers out)

shepherd_elementary_pta@yahoo groups.com – use this to send a message on the PTA listserv

sesmustang@gmail.com – send contributions to the Mustang with this address. Also, if you don't get added to the listserv within 24 hours

helpshepherd elementary@gmail.com – the go-to address if you can volunteer your time and talents with the school and its students – like, for example, with the upcoming Science Fair

America Recycles Day is November 15



As a regional sponsor, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments offers local students the opportunity to enter to win prizes!

See the regional contest <http://www.mwcog.org/environment/recycling/recyclesday/rules.asp>

Take the pledge!

Learn. I will find out what materials are collected for recycling in my community at www.americarecyclesday.org.

Act. Reduce my personal waste by recycling. Within the next month, I will recycle more.

Share. In the next month, I will encourage one family member or one friend to take the pledge.

One entrant (K-12 student) will win a \$300 gift certificate at a bicycle shop AND a \$500 grant to the K-12 school environmental club or project of the winner's choice. Prizes provided by Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Another One entrant (any age) will win a \$300 gift certificate at a bicycle shop provided by Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Enter for the prizes by pledging to recycle and to buy recycled products. To learn more, go to:

<http://americarecyclesday.org/pledge/>

Canned Food Drive Continues

Shepherd is collecting donations of canned and other non-perishable food items this week and next week to help stave off hunger.

As you may know, the first cut EVER in federal "food stamp" benefits took effect Nov. 1. It's a 13 percent cutback. That means families are scrambling for ways to stretch already-tight food budgets.

And Congress is considering even deeper cuts. The Senate would trim \$4 billion from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits over the next 10 years. But the House version of the same bill would gouge the SNAP benefits by nearly \$40 billion. One anti-hunger lobby, Bread for the World, estimated that if the House version took effect, that means that EVERY church congregation in America would have to supply nearly \$15,000 worth of food every year for the next decade just to keep things where they are.

All the canned goods collected will go to Shepherd's Table, a nearby private charity in Silver Spring that distributes canned goods, prepares meals and has a clothes closet for poor people in our area. Please be generous!



Spring Gala



The PTA is starting to organize the Spring Gala, our biggest fundraiser of the year. The Gala is usually an evening event, and includes an auction and socializing for parents. Sometimes dinner is included, sometimes light fare, but it is always fun! Our goal this year is to get started early, and to share the tasks among many, to lighten the load. This is a major event for the PTA and needs many hands to be as successful as possible.

We are looking for all talents, whether you like arts and crafts, contacting businesses to request auction items, or just brainstorming ideas for others to carry out! Any time commitment is welcome, whether short-term for a week or two, or just 30 minutes a week for a few months. Of course, if this is the opportunity you've been waiting for, volunteers who can give a lot of time are also welcome!

Please contact Kate Woods (kateandmama@yahoo.com) if you are interested in Spring Gala volunteer opportunities.

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8012 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

Free parking after 5:30 pm next door at Tires of Silver Spring

Tuesday, Nov 19

5-9 p.m.

**SAY YOU'RE FROM
SHEPHERD**



Good for Dine-In Only (PH: 301-589-1306)



Shepherd Elementary School is now officially a compost and recycling school. Our students participated in a Compost assembly Oct. 31. They learned about the importance and the significance of the three bins we use in the cafeteria (blue, yellow and grey) and what happens to the food and the materials that we throw out. They learned that in the yellow bin, we put things like: food scraps, paper towels, napkins, compostable trays, and used/soiled paper products. In the blue bin: plastic bottles, jugs and containers, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, foil and milk cartons. In the grey bins, we put items that are not recyclable or compostable like plastic utensils/straws, utensil wrappers, candy/snack wrappers, plastic/shrink wrap, plastic bags, and chip/snack bags. Students have been doing a really good job in the cafeteria organizing their trash and demonstrating their responsibility for our earth.

The Energy Club

Our school has been working with the District Department of the Environment since the latter part of the 2012-2013 school year to implement an Energy Patrol Program. The program's goals are to reduce energy use and costs in our school. This year, we have 10 students who have been selected to participate in the Energy Patrol Club. Congratulations to: Rashad Biddle, Jamary Calhoun, Nicolaus Carter, Fahari Dominique, Dakota Inniss, A-Mei Nickens, Asia Oakley, Haley Romero, Madison Swanson and Bryan Wilson, who will be our Energy Patrollers for the year.

Monthly Profile and Attitude

As a school community, our challenge this month is to acknowledge and to encourage student's critical and creative thinking skills. This month's Learner Profile is Thinker. A thinker is someone that uses critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. A thinker exercises initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

Critical thinking involves analyzing and evaluating one's own thinking and that of others. In order to develop your critical thinking skills you can:

- Ask questions and problem solve
- Gather and assess information
- Try to interpret abstract ideas
- Draw conclusions and provide solutions after doing relevant research
- Being open minded and
- Effectively communicating to others your solutions to complex challenges

Creative thinking is the origination of new ideas within or across domains of knowledge. It involves the behaviors of preparation, incubation, insight, evaluation, elaboration, and communication. Creative thinking should deliberately and actively engage students in:

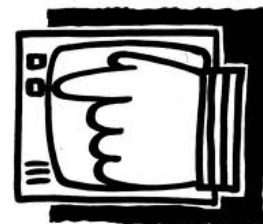
- Bringing to life existing ideas;
- Developing new possibilities for something that already exists; and
- Discovering or imagining something entirely new.

(Definitions adapted from John Dewey; Richard Paul and Lind Elder; Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, and M.A)

(see IB Corner, page 7)

TV Turnoff Club Seeks Members

Shepherd has room for more members of the TV-Video Game Turnoff Club for 2013-14. All you've got to do is to complete the form included in this issue of the Mustang, and then put it in the PTA mailbox in the school office. We especially want to know what students plan to do with their new-found free time now that they've pledged to cut back on their screen time. We plan to publish their plans in a future issue of the Mustang.



Turn off TV.
Turn on life

Students at all grade levels are eligible to join, and there are three levels of participation:

Bronze – No more than an hour of TV and video games on school nights.

Silver – A half-hour maximum of video and TV on school nights.

Gold – No TV or video games at all during school nights!

What level will YOU choose?

Winter Coat Drive Starts Now!



Shepherd Elementary is beginning a winter coat drive starting Tuesday, Nov. 12. It runs through Friday, Nov. 22.

If you have a winter coat that you have outgrown and has been gently used, please bring it to Shepherd. All of the coats collected at the drive will be donated to a nearby family shelter so that children and adults alike can help keep the coming chills at bay. Thank you for your participation.

SHEPHERD STUDENTS LEARN COMPOSTING

Shepherd Elementary received a quick but thorough lesson on the ins and outs of composting at an assembly held early Oct. 31. The ins and the outs refer specifically to the color of the bin for their lunchroom waste in the cafeteria.

Blue bin: Recycling. This includes paper products like milk cartons and water bottles

Yellow bin: Composting. This is for food waste such as banana peels and uneaten sandwiches.

White bin: Liquids. This is to pour that bit of milk, water or juice you didn't drink at lunch

Gray bin: Trash. This means plastic sandwich bags.

Two enthusiastic representatives from D.C.'s Department of General Services, Ms. Beth and Ms. Brooke, performed a skit that showed how easy it can be to recycle and compost once you know what goes where.

Recycling, they explained, is what happens when "you take something and make something better." Paper can be recycled because "paper comes from trees, and trees are plants," they said.

Compost, they added, makes for healthy soil.

By recycling and composting, they said, people cut down on the amount of trash that goes into landfills. "There really aren't any good places for building a landfill, and no place to put trash," they noted. Trees are cut down to make landfills, they added, and people living near landfills find the air is "gross and stinky."

Ms. Brooke and Ms. Beth, with the help and encouragement of students, helped Ms. McIntyre and Mr. Leonard properly dispose of the waste in their lunchboxes. Mr. Leonard stress the need to "reuse, reduce and recycle." And to help accomplish that aim, every Shepherd student was to get a recyclable water bottle they could hook onto their backpacks, thereby cutting down on the need for plastic pre-bottled water.



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Awards Day Winners



Categories	Award Recipient
Math (Most Improved)	Jordan Downtin, Eric Sanborn-Cardenas, Micah Lewis, Kiriakos Alevras, Panagiotis Alevras, Alyson Blackburn, Kai Smith, Claudia Goletiani, Lee Bruner, Kayla Bethea, Roman Carter, Nicolaus Carter, Niles Dunham, Kelsea Saulny, Ezinne, Ukaegbu, Jay Matthews, Godloves Tata, and Aja Topps-Harjo
Reading (Most Improved)	Danarielle Charles Balthazar, Mayo Cardone, Alex James, Avari Moore, Jaidyn Turnbow, Amir Graham, Chaunce Allen, Awa Kanta, Sarah Rice, Tyler Davis, Stephen Levine, Aiden Washington, Tais Moore, Gabrielle Brown, Kyle Jackson-Chang, Alexandra Abebe, Jamarly Calhoun, and Isabella Hall
Science	Derek Marcus, Cifani Dakka, Jacob Lotter, Jadon Kithcart, Khari Wilson, Nana Sissoko, Leela Mehta-Harwitz, Zoe McCullough, Ethan Reece, and Imani Thomas
Soc. Stud.	Layla Denning, Elijah Retamoza, Autumn Cowsert, Alexandre Ritter, Tobias Lindo, Nivel Afrika, Tyler Campbell, Kyle Bowman, Dai'Ahmir Morgan-Fleming, Henry Trimble, and Miles Davis

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IB Caring	<p>Eleanor Coulibaly, Logan Batties, Maya Cardone, Christian Oyieke, Aminata Sissoko, Julius Moore Jr., Peyton Wood, Jewel Jones, Kadar Muir, Kai Smith, Adrian Cook, Carys Nelson, Kayla Bethea, Nelson Alston, Awa Kanta, Aileen Santacruz, Gabrielle McKinley, Savannah Robinson, Roman Carter, Mia Saunders, Truth Woods, Shaina Adams, Leela Mehta-Harwitz, David Okechukwu, Jean- Pierre Roberts, Victoria Carter, Makayla Wright, Kemani Cash-Taylor, Allison Holmes, and Mia Heyward</p> <p>Staff: Mrs. LaShahn Booth, Mrs. Carole McNealy, Ms. Elizabeth Guldin, Ms. Ashley Hart, Ms. Anne Charles, Ms. Gail Liggins, Mrs. Robyn Brooks, Ms. Rose Roberts, and Ms. Margaret Powell-Mallory</p>
IB Inquirer	<p>Zora White, Kallay Secka, Jordan Downtin, Brandon McIntyre, Julius Moore, Nylah Coward, Chike Lynch-Huria, Adrian Riggins, Meley Ghermay, Alyson Blackburn, Aaron Curtis, Kai Smith, Nicholas Anagnostopolous, Lee Bruner, Tsi Tsi Shabazz, Jadon Kithcart, Grace Kao, Lillian Beach, Rashad Biddle, Kofi Hall, Azaria Huggins, Mia Saunders, Fahari Dominique, Kayla Muir, Benjamin White, Leela Mehta-Harwitz, Tony Wilson, Kayla Boyd, Yesenia Castro, Jay Matthews, and Aja Topps-Harjo</p> <p>Staff: Ms. Bianca Arrington, Mrs. Claudia Miranda-Mulligan, Ms. Renee Hamer, Ms. Pamela Adams and Mme. Koutouan Gadie</p>
<p>Achievement on PIA Reading and Math</p> <p>*students that scored in the Advance range</p> <p>**students with a perfect score</p>	<p>Reading: Savannah Alexander, Romy Herisse, Roman Carter, Radha Tanner, Rashad Biddle*, Makayla Kennedy, Bianca Popa, Aileen Santacruz, Zora Pauk*, Lillian Beach**, Renata Mills*, Truth Woods*, Raphael Afrika, Weldon Genies**, Briana Rodriguez-Knight, Amanda Glover**, Fahari Dominique*, Keshav Mehta-Harwitz*, Victoria Newson*, Jean-Pierre Roberts*, Marie-Therese Tata*, Leela Mehta-Harwitz**, Shaina Adams*, Jalan Gary-Alston*, Benjamin White, Henry Trimble, Iesha Thomas, Kyle Jackson-Chang, Lauren Curtis, Allison Holmes, Zoe McCullough, London Downing, and Cynthia Pattison</p> <p>Math: Kofi Hall, Sean Holmes, Stephen Levine, Tyler Campbell, Micah Stovall, Roman Carter*, Rashad Biddle*, Radha Tanner*, Romy Herisse**, Makayla Kennedy, Bianca Popa*, Zora Pauk*, Lillian Beach**, Lattera Dakka, Aiden Washington, Niles Dunham*, Grace Kao*, Truth Woods**, Renata Mills**, Kahini Austin**, Amari Hall, Dina Johannes, Fahari Dominique, Victoria Newson, Keshav Mehta-Harwitz*, Jean-Pierre Roberts**, Shaina Adams*, Benjamin White*, Henry Trimble*, Leela Mehta-Harwitz*, Madison Swanson*, Zoe McCullough, Taye Moss-Suggs*, Allison Holmes*, Ethan Reece*, Godloves Tata*, Julien Kearns*, Caleb Schuster, Gregory Kennison, and Miles Davis</p>
<p>Perfect Attendance</p> <p>For the 1st Advisory</p>	<p>Timothy Snow, Yeternity Williams, Brandon McIntyre, Dianna Acevedo Orellana, Kallay Secka, Freeman Snoddy, Peyton Wood, Amina Brown, Christopher Kennison, Elijah Retamoza, Layla Denning, Avari Moore, Timara Snow, Aminata Sissoko, Derek Marcus, April King, Angel Banks, Nabi Yemane, D'Andrai Brooks, Kadar Muir, Damari Smith, Elijah Denning, Eden Sileshi, Aaron Curtis, Alexander Poole, Adrian Cook, Alexandre Ritter, Joyce Kao, Zion Banks, Cailey Edmunds, Sarah Rice, Malchiah Marable, Farrah Richmond, Sean Reece, Kennedy Harrison, Kennedy Mack, Lee Bruner, Tobias Lindo, Micah Charles, Erin Askew, Emma Laudadio, Grace Kao, Marshall Lewis III, Dina Johannes, Nicolaus Carter, Savannah Robinson, Senay Yemane, Romy Herisse, Stephen Levine, Micah Stovall, Ezinne Ukaegbu, Lauren Curtis, Briana Rodriguez-Knight, Jean-Pierre Roberts, Nana Sissoko, Dakota Joi Inniss, Marie-Therese Tata, Timia Snow, Aidon Shaw, Ethan Reece, Heidi Nikiema, Cydni Taylor, Cynthia Pattison, Spencer Fridle, Godloves Tata, Ernestine Lwangu, Miles Davis, Mia Heyward, Taylor Parales, Gregory Kennison, Temwa Makumbi, Aja Topps-Harjo, London Downing, and Jay Matthews II</p>

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Suggested Reading Books (Thinker)

- "Best Friends for Frances," by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
- "Leonardo and the Flying Boy," by Laurence Anholt (ages 8–11)
- "Baseball Bats for Christmas," by Michael Kusugak
- "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 (grades PreK-2)



Have a super week!

--Ms. Sandra Hart, IB coordinator

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 Issue

Fri, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m.

Send all contributions to:
sesmustang@gmail.com

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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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:

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.



*****Fundraiser*****

Sponsored by the Safety Patrols

Please help us raise money for our Promotion Celebration

When: Donuts can be pre-ordered 11/11 – 11/18

Where: Mrs. Holt's classroom (before or after school)

Cost: \$8/dozen box

Donuts will be available for pick-up in Mrs. Holt's classroom on November 22nd at 8:00a.m. - 8:45a.m. and 3:15p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Donuts Must Be Pre-Ordered!!!!!!



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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(es): _____ ☐ 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.

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