



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

February 18, 2014



► **Wed., Feb. 19:**

- "Shepherd's Successful Readers" parent seminar, 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- "Getting to the Core" parent seminar, 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Renovations Open House, 5:30 p.m.
- PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

► **Thurs., Feb. 20:**

- Mathletes Club, 6 p.m., cafeteria

► **Mon., Feb. 24:**

- Parent-teacher conferences; no classes

► **Fri., Feb. 28:**

- Jazz Night, 6 p.m., auditorium

► **Thurs., Mar. 6:**

- Healthy Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., gymnasium

► **Sat., Mar. 15:**

- "The Magic of Morocco" Gala and Auction, 6 p.m., Wilson High School atrium, 3950 Chesapeake St. NW

► **Sat., Mar. 22:**

- Book Fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW
- Family Dinner Day, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Comet Ping Pong, 5037 Connecticut Ave. NW

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

From the PTA President

Hi Everyone,

The next 30 days will be among the most exciting and action-packed days of the Shepherd Elementary 2013-14 school year. It all starts on Wednesday, Feb. 19, with "Getting to the Core" and "Shepherd's Successful Readers" sessions scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Later on that afternoon there will be an Open House showcasing the newly renovated areas of the school. The Renovation

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A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings Shepherd Families!

Cell Phones

Lately there has been an increased number of cell phones taken from students during school hours. Please be reminded that students' cell phones must be turned off during the school day. If a student is caught using their cell phone during the day it will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or guardian. If your student is caught with a cell phone a second time, the phone will be confiscated and kept for two school days. Failure to adhere to the policy will result in more severe consequences (i.e., Saturday detention). If you need to speak with your child during the day, call the school; if your student needs to speak to you, we will allow them to use the phone.



90/80/90/90

This past week students received their report cards. Please take time to review the report with your student and ask questions. Discuss goals that have been set and see how your student is progressing. At this age, all students progress at different rates; however, we do expect to see progress. If your student does not appear to be progressing or if you have questions about their progress, please contact your child's teacher.

Attendance Matters!

Our conversations with parents and students about on-time arrival and daily attendance at school continues. It is imperative that our students are in school every day (unless they are sick) and they arrive on time. To date we have 110 students with 10 or more tardies, and only 54 students with no tardies.

Did you know...

- The most crucial learning hours of a school day are the morning hours, because they are when students are most attentive. Students who are tardy miss the

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Open House begins at 5:30 p.m., in the new and improved library in the basement. The February PTA Meeting begins at 6:30 that evening and will feature a discussion with Council member David A. Catania, Chairman of the DC Council Committee on Education.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, February 24, and there will be no school that day.

The 25th Anniversary of Shepherd Elementary School Jazz Night is Friday, Feb. 28, beginning at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium. Come as you are, bring the whole family, and bring a dish to share. This free event is a potluck and will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with friends, enjoy good food, and recognize Shepherd's 25th year celebrating the American art of jazz.

Finally, our Annual Gala, "The Magic of Morocco," will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 6 p.m. in the beautiful atrium located at Wilson High School. This year the Gala is being held two months earlier than in the past, so be sure to mark your calendars with this important date. This adult-only event is the biggest fundraiser of the year, so get your baby-sitters lined up now. If you are available to volunteer or have something you can donate, please contact Gala/Auction co-chairs Kate Woods at kateandmama@yahoo.com or Susan Laudadio at serlaudadio@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our students and school community. I look forward to seeing you at Shepherd and at the upcoming events.

All the best,

Sherilyn Pruitt
Shepherd PTA President
ptapresident@shepherd-elementary.org



The PTA is meeting at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Feb. 19.

If you haven't taken the time to see the renovations at Shepherd yet, this is the perfect opportunity. Come a bit early and enjoy our new "ground floor," plus some of the renovated classrooms in the original school building.

When the meeting gets underway, you'll get the latest updates on next month's Gala and on Jazz Night. Don't you dare miss it!

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beginning of their morning classes, and they also cause a distraction when they arrive late to class.

- Students who are frequently tardy have lower GPAs, lower scores on standardized assessments, and lower graduation rates. Chronic tardiness in elementary and middle school is also linked to failure in high school.
- In the National Center for Education Statistics' 2007 Indicators of School Crime and Safety, teachers surveyed reported that students who are frequently tardy have higher rates of suspension and other disciplinary measures. Tardiness causes students to feel disconnected with school, leading to behavior problems and drop-outs.
- Students who are frequently tardy to school are also more apt to be fired from a job for showing up late.
- When students are tardy, they negatively impact their teachers and other students. Teachers are often required to allow tardy students to make up work, which often requires them to restructure their lessons or re-teach missed material. Tardiness also takes other students' attention away from a teacher's lesson, leading to more behavior problems and missed instruction.
(Research conducted by the U.S. Department of Education)

Early Arrivers

If your student is not in before-care, they may not arrive to school for breakfast until after 8 a.m.; students who arrive before 8 will be turned away and their parent will be notified. You are encouraged to enroll your student in our before-care program if you need to drop your student off before 8 a.m.

Paced Interim Assessment

Students in grades 2-5 will resume their interim assessments on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Please strive to make sure your student arrives to school daily and they arrive on time.

DCCAS Update

This year our second-grade students will not participate in the District of Columbia Comprehensive Assessment (DCCAS). Two years ago the Office of State Superintendent of Education made a decision to include second-graders in this annual exam. However, the decision has been revisited and it was decided that second-graders will no longer take the annual comprehensive exam. They will however, continue to take the Paced Interim Assessment, which is administered each quarter.

Have a great week!

Warmest regards,

Jamie Miles

Principal

Science Fair Winners!

The judging is in, and we have plenty of winners in this year's Science Fair at Shepherd.

Third Grade

3rd place: "Taste Perception" – Zora Pauk

2nd place: "Washy Washy Antibacterial Soap vs. Regular Soap and Water" – Kyle Bowman

1st place: "Friction and Speed" – Kofi Hall

Fourth Grade

3rd place: (tie) "Light Reflected Through Water" – Raphael Afrika; and "Chow Power" – Leela Mehta-Harwitz

2nd place: (tie) "Batteries, Batteries, Batteries" – Caleb Wilson; and "CO2 Pillow" – Johnathan Jennings

1st place: "Soft Drink Bean Plants" – Keshav Mehta-Harwitz

Fifth Grade

3rd place: "Crazy Putty" – Adam Thomas

2nd place (tie) "Electricity and Circuits: How They Make the World Light Up" – Alexandra Abebe; and "Lighting a Small Bulb with a Battery and Foil" – Allison Holmes

1st place – "Size Matters" – Imani Thomas

The winners' names were revealed during the Feb. 4 Awards Day ceremony. Congratulations to all!



Traffic Safety Tip



Once you drop off your child at school, there's no reason to linger at curbside. Not only are you holding up other parents who want to drop off their children – or have to double-park in the street to do so, here's one heath reason NOT TO LINGER:

Asthma.

In the United States, about 20 million people have asthma. Nearly 9 million of them are children; that's close to half of all asthma sufferers. And we all know children who live in urban areas are more likely to get asthma. Children have smaller airways than adults, which makes asthma especially serious for them. Children with asthma may experience wheezing, coughing, chest tightness, and trouble breathing, especially early in the morning or at night, which is prime drop-off and pick-up time.

Many things can cause asthma. Among them are allergens, weather, exercise, infections, and irritants such as air pollution -- including car exhaust.

Why should it be your car whose exhaust puts a Shepherd student over the line for asthma, or an asthma attack? Get to school, get the student in or out of the car, and get away. If you can't do that, then park and walk to school. We'll all breathe easier for it.



Last Call for Snider's Receipts!

Coming to parent-teacher conferences next Monday? Great! Because next Monday, Feb. 24, is our drop-dead date for turning in any

Snider's Super Foods receipts from 2013. Just bring them to the office any time between now and then. A former Shepherd mom tallies them up and Shepherd gets 1 percent back of everything receipt we've turned in.

Of course, you can always turn in your receipts later in the week, but there's no guarantee that this mom will be able to make another trip back to Shepherd and do the tallying work necessary before her own drop-dead date with Snider's. Every little bit helps!

Two Parent Workshops Feb. 19

Shepherd teachers are on tap to deliver two parent seminars this coming Wednesday, Feb. 19. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Ulba will present the same seminars twice -- once at 8:30 in the morning and again at 3:30 in the afternoon, so it will be worth your while to come a little earlier to school and stick around a little longer than usual after dismissal to hear one or both parent seminars: "Getting to the Core," an overview of the Common Core curriculum (and not to worry; Common Core and International Baccalaureate work in tandem with each other), and the self-explanatory seminar titled "Shepherd's Successful Readers."



Jazz Night Potluck!

Jazz Night is a POTLUCK. Take a look at the list below, see what your last name begins with (you probably already know!), and then bring a good bit of the item to share with among yourselves and other Shepherd families and neighbors:

A-D: Bring Desserts/Snacks

E-J: Bring Beverages/Water/Juice

K-R: Bring Entrees/Meats/Casseroles

S-Z: Bring Side Dishes/Salads/Appetizers

Remember: Jazz Night is Friday, Feb. 28, in the auditorium. The music begins at 6 p.m.!

*Gala Welcomes 'The Magic of Morocco'**Saturday, March 15, 2014**6:00 - 10:00 p.m.**Wilson HS Atrium**Tickets: \$45 now; \$50 after March 1*

If you've never been to Shepherd's annual Gala and Auction--or if you just need a reminder about what a special event it is--here's the "411" on our biggest night of the year.

- Each year, our Gala Committee selects a theme that supports our world focus and celebrates the languages taught at Shepherd. This year, we'll explore the "Magic of Morocco," where French is the language commonly used for business, science and education.
- The Gala is an adults-only event, giving Shepherd parents and family members an opportunity to dress up a bit and socialize with faculty, community supporters, and each other, while enjoying great music and browsing the silent auction items.
- The dinner and bar are included in the price of your ticket. You get an enjoyable night out--and help us meet our fundraising goals--whether or not you bid on any auction items; but...
- The auction is our biggest fundraising endeavor, with a wide range of items to suit a variety of tastes, interests, and budgets. Bid on spa packages, jewelry, collectibles, camps, lessons and much more. The biggest money makers are often the unique classroom donations, which have included rugs, quilts, pottery--even a garden bench. Browse and bid on the silent auction items, on display during the cocktail hour. Then, after dinner, join in the fun of the live auction, led by a professional auctioneer.
- During the gala, there will also be a SEED campaign, for "Shepherd Elementary Education Dollars," where

you can make a straight donation toward Shepherd educational initiatives.

- Our venue, once again, will be the beautiful atrium at Wilson High School; where many Shepherd students will someday be enrolled.
- Purchase tickets by credit card, online; or put cash or a check in an envelope in the PTA mailbox in the school office. Be sure to include your name, number of tickets, and your e-mail or phone number in case we need to reach you.

Check the website (www.shepherd-elementary.org), listserv, your child's backpack, and future issues of the Mustang newsletter for more announcements about the Gala, auction items and new sponsors -- and how to advertise in the program!

*Jazz Night Salutes...*

Benjamin Francis Webster (March 27, 1909–Sept 20, 1973), aka "The Brute" or "Frog," was an influential American jazz tenor saxophonist.

Webster, born in Kansas City, Mo.,

is considered one of the three most important "swing tenors" along with Coleman Hawkins and Lester Young. He had a tough, raspy, and brutal tone on stomps (with his own distinctive growls), yet on ballads he played with warmth and sentiment. Stylistically he was indebted to alto star Johnny Hodges, who, he said, taught him to play his instrument.

Webster learned to play piano and violin at an early age before learning to play the saxophone. Once Budd Johnson showed him some basics on the saxophone, Webster began to play that instrument in the Young Family Band (which at the time included Lester Young). K.C. at this point was a melting pot from which emerged some of the biggest names in 1930s jazz, and Webster joined Bennie Moten's legendary 1932 band that included Count Basie, Oran "Hot Lips" Page and Walter Page.

Playing with Duke Ellington's orchestra for the first time in 1935, by 1940 Webster had become its first major tenor soloist. He credited Hodges, Ellington's alto soloist, as a major influence on his playing. During the next three years he was on many famous recordings, including "Cotton Tail" and "All Too Soon"; his contribution (together with that of bassist Jimmy Blanton) was so important that Ellington's orchestra during that period is known as the Blanton-Webster band. Webster left the band in 1943 after an angry altercation. In an interview with the Newark Star-Ledger in 2003, trumpeter Clark Terry claimed that Webster left Ellington because he slapped Duke, and was subsequently given two weeks' notice.

After leaving Ellington in 1943, Webster worked on 52nd

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Shepherd IB PYP Corner

Welcome to February, African Heritage Month. Students will be learning about the significance of African Heritage Month and participating in trivia to enhance their knowledge. The Learner Profile for the month of February is Knowledgeable. Students will demonstrate this Profile as they share their knowledge with others, develop and use their understanding of concepts, explore knowledge across a range of disciplines and engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance. Our third IB Unit has ended and Unit 4 began the week of Feb. 10. The Paced Interim Assessments for Math and Reading is set for the week of February 17. Students in third grade will join the fourth and fifth grade students in the online assessment for the Reading portion of the test.

Exhibition

Fifth grade parents, if you can assist our students preparing for the Fifth Grade Exhibition as a mentor, please email me at Sandra.hart@dc.gov. All of us will welcome your participation.

Awards Day!

Our Awards Day Assembly took place Feb. 4, with many students recognized for their hard work. Congratulations to:

Math (Most Improved): Christian Goletiani, Noah Burckhart, Logan Batties, Maya Cordone, Yeternity Williams, Nala Wise, Ana Castillo-Zepeda, Love Reynolds-Gordon, Frances Coulibaly, Zion Banks, Elijah Denning, Joshua Blackburn, Awa Kanta, Marshall Lewis III, Casey Ross, Kofi Hall, Marie-Therese Tata, Blanca Castro, Cydni Taylor, Taylor Parales, and Alexandra Abebe.

Reading (Most Improved): Diana Acevedo, Addison Alston, Taylor Ashley, Reemey Ghermay, Timothy Snow, Catherine Foss, Imani Akers, Poriel Turnbow, Kadar Muir, Adrian Cook, Kai Smith, Nia Dunham, Farrah Richmond, Alexander Carter, Noah Denning, Mia Saunders, Kofi Hall, Gabrielle Brown, Kyle Jackson-Chang, Denija Hudgens, Aja Topps-Harjo, Haley Romaro, and Chanelle Haynes.

Science: Amari Mhoon, Addyson Tyler Lynch, Khari Wilson, Kristian Swanson, Emma Laudadio, Zora Pauk, Eva Doomes, David Okechukwu, Asia Oakley, Godloves Tata, Gregory Kennison, and Allison Holmes.

Social Studies: Avari Moore, Elijah Retamoza, Cifani Dakka, Jaylon Newby, Alexander Yemane, Nivel Afrika, Kennedy Harrison, Chyna Holloway, Joshua Jennings, Makayla Kennedy, Kahini Austin, Stephen Levine, Nana Sissoko, Kurt Peacock, Cyntia Pattison, Zoe McCullough, and Mia Heyward.

IB Thinker: Audrey Kain, Micah Lewis, Margot Burckhart, Maya Cordone, Michaela Jenkins, Julius Moore, Samuel Elliott, Cifani Dakka, Taylor Joiner, Sydney Mabry, Adrian Cook, Kai Smith, Tyler Davis, Preston Underwood, Tsitsi Shabazz, Zora Pauk, Lillian Beach, Stephen Levine, Romy Herisse, Truth Woods, Leela Mehta-Harwitz, Deborah Okechukwu, Kayla Muir, Victoria Newson, Ethan Reece, London Downing, Allison Holmes, Caleb Schuster and Adam Thomas.

IB Open-Minded: Alex James, Zora White, Maya Cordone, Layla Surafel, Kiriakos Alevras, Cifani Dakka, Malakay Lagasca, Makhaila Elmore, Sydney Mabry, Addyson Tyler Lynch, Alexandre Ritter, Nicholas Anagnostopoulos, Farrah Richmond, Jadon Kithcart, Claudia Goletiani, Aiden Washington, Bianca Popa, Eva Doomes, Radha Tanner, Jamillya Henry, Tais Moore, Jalan Gary Alston, Deborah Okechukwu, Raphael Afrika, Cyntia Pattison, Ethan Reece, Alexandra Abebe, Zoe McCullough, Joyce Chirambo, and Aja Topps-Harjo.

IB Risk Taker: Ivori Jennings, Ahmir Thomas, Maya Cordone, Kiriakos Alevras, Catherine Foss, Imani Akers, Cifani Dakka, Amir Graham, Meley Ghermay, Joyce Kao, Addyson Tyler Lynch, Kennedy Mack, Nicholas Anagnostopoulos, Claudia Goletiani, Kayla Powell, Robel Nessro, Grace Kao, Sean Holmes, Eva Doomes, Nicolaus Carter, Jamillya Henry, Johnathan Jennings, Aidon Shaw, Kayla Boyde, Godloves Tata, Jay Matthews II, Khirah George and Julien Kearns.

Achievement on PIA Reading and Math (* = students who scored in the Advanced range; ** = students with perfect scores): Carys Nelson, Kristian Swanson, *Tahir Best, *Kayla Bethea, *Tyler Davis, *Sarah Rice, Lee Bruner, Malchiah Marable, Alexander Carter, Hashim Coward, Emma Laudadio, Anthony Hodo, Joshua Jennings, Aaron Smith, *Awa Kanta, *Micah Charles, *Jadon Kithcart, *Travis Parker, **Claudia Goletiani, Tobias Lindo, **Tsitsi Shabazz, Kayla Powell, **Lillian Beach, *Zora Pauk, **Grace Kao, McKayla Belmar, Bianca Popa, *Niles Dunham, *Renata Mills, Amani Gilreath, *Kahini Austin, *Truth Woods, Nicolaus Carter, Dina Johannes, *Aaliyah Hatten, *Jamillya Henry, Tais Moore, *Romy Herisse, *Savannah Alexander, *Rashad Biddle, *Radha Tanner, *Eva Doomes, *Sean Holmes, Tyler Campbell, Micah Stovall, *Stephen Levine, Jean -Pierre Roberts, **Keshav Mehta-Harwitz, Fahari Dominique, Weldon Genies, Dakota Joi Innis, Amanda Glover, *Shaina Adams, Henry Trimble, Jalan Gary-Alston, Leela Mehta-Harwitz, Deborah Okechukwu, Benjamin White, Victoria Carter, A-Mei Nickens, Cyntia Pattison, Denija Hudgens, Ethan Reece, Kayla Boyde, Ernestine Lwangu, *Heidi Nikiema, *Godloves Tata, Spencer Friddle, Alexandra Abebe, *London Downing, *Allison Holmes, Alexander Cadet, Zoe McCullough, Kelci Barnette, *Madison Swanson, Mia Heyward, Julien Kearns, *Aja Topps-Harjo, and Miles Davis.

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**A Word About Jazz Night From Its Founder
Bring the Family to Shepherd School Auditorium
Come as you are. Most casual.**

Friday, Feb. 28 (video at 6 p.m., dinner and program 6:30 p.m.)

- Did you know that jazz is a musical art form that the U.S. Congress deemed a "rare and valuable national American treasure to which we should devote our attention, support and resources to make certain it is preserved, understood and promulgated"?
- Did you know that jazz is also called "The American Classical Music"?
- Did you know that jazz music is taught, practiced and appreciated around the globe?!
- Did you know that when the founder of the Annual Shepherd Jazz Night first approached the then-principal of Shepherd, Mrs. Edith Smith, and the PTA in 1989 with the idea to have an event designed to share knowledge of the history of jazz and to foster its appreciation in a wholesome family and community-based atmosphere at the school while

at the same time eating pot-luck "soul food dinner," they had the vision to embrace it and initiate it! Why, it turned out to be the best attended and likely the most highly regarded of PTA-sponsored events ever. All of the following principals and PTAs, over the years have seen fit to keep this school-community tradition alive and now we are upon its "silver anniversary."

The Shepherd Jazz Mini-Festival, as it was first called, has always been aimed at developing musical and cultural interests and historical knowledge particularly in young people, but to develop them as audience members, too. This is done through providing all the opportunity to experience along with their parents the youth and professional-level performances live and up-close. Children are able to actually sit on the floor around the bandstand if they like, or dance of course. Based on observations, some are clearly inspired by the experience and become artists themselves.

Many great musicians have performed at SJN, some who were once Shepherd students themselves. For example, we now see a star on the local and national scene by the name of Marcus Johnson. I recall when he played for us at Shepherd, the stand holding his keyboard collapsed in the middle of a song, and he kept right on playing with the keyboard supported by his legs, as if nothing had happened. We have always especially extended the invitation to the Coolidge Senior High School Jazz Ensemble to play, in that their members are closer in age to the elementary students and it gives the young players a chance to perform before a supportive audience in their own community. They have always performed with distinction and some of their students have gone on to the professional ranks, under the tutelage of their great and dedicated director, Mr. Benjamin Sands.

Important Note: Please expect your child to bring home several biographical sketches of great jazz musicians and additional information in the weeks leading up to the event. It is hoped that you and your child/children will read them together. Please also take the "teachable moments" to discuss good listening behavior and things like respect for the artists when one is a member of an audience. You might remind them of how they appreciated the listening audience when they performed. Of course, this will maximize the educational benefits and enjoyment for all. The artists look forward to seeing you and yours there and always appreciate your support!

Profound thanks are due to all of the people, too many to name, that have made this important event possible each year. However, we must recognize Mrs. June Confer for her many years of helping and coordinating support and logistics through the main office from the very beginning, and who has attended every year, even now after her retirement.

-- Michael B. Wallace, founder and artistic coordinator of Shepherd Jazz Night and former Shepherd parent and grandparent.

Book Fair Chair Sought

The PTA is in need of a parent (or two) to run the Book Fair Saturday, March 22, at Politics and Prose. That doesn't mean that you have to be at Politics and Prose for all eight hours scheduled for the Book Fair.

But it means that you should go to Politics and Prose some morning soon to get the ins and outs of running a Book Fair (P&P does this practically every weekend, so they've got the drill down pat). These sessions generally start at 9:30 a.m., but they can start as early at 8:15 a.m. depending on your schedule. And then you can recruit other parents to work during the Book Fair, and help promote the Book Fair to teachers, students and the community.

If you can step up, please get in touch with PTA president Sherilyn Pruitt at ptapresident@shepherd-elementary.org.



Hello, fellow Mustangs!

This week the fourth grade is going to take two field trips.

First we will go to the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site for Black History Month. I learned that Frederick Douglass was an abolitionist. He was a slave, but he escaped and then worked to free other slaves.

Then we will go to the Yorktown Victory Center, which relates to our unit about the Revolutionary War. We are studying the war and the battles between England and the American colonies, which wanted to be free from British control. Yorktown was the battle that won the war.

--Henry Trimble, fourth-grader



Perfect attendance recipients: pre-K --Demetria Jackson, Addison Alston, Zora White, Micah Lewis and Kallay Secka; kindergarten -- Amina Brown, Christopher Kennison, Aminata Sissoko, Catherine Foss, Anthony Escalante, and Nabi Yemane; first grade: Zion Banks, Joyce Kao, Alexander Yemane, Adrian Cook, Amirah Burgess, Elijah Denning, Damari Smith, Taylor Joiner, Jaylon Newby, Kadar Muir, D'Andrai Brooks, and Meley Ghermay; second grade -- Aidan Alston, Malchiah Marable, Kristian Swanson, Kennedy Harrison, Kennedy Mack, Lee Bruner, Anthony Hodo, Tobias Lindo, and Emma Laudadio; third grade: Grace Kao, Marshall Lewis III, Lattera Dakka, Noah Denning, Dina Johannes, Casey Ross, Senay Yemane, Rashad Biddle, Micah Stovall, Savannah Alexander, and Sebastien McDow; fourth grade: Kyle Jackson-Chang, Ezinne Ukaegbu, Benjamin White, Yonatan Shewangzew, Leela Mehta-Harwitz, Asia Oakley, Jean-Pierre Roberts, Nana Sissoko, Dakota Joi Inniss, and Marie-Therese Tata; fifth grade: Jamarly Calhoun, Cyntia Pattison, Spencer Fridie, Godloves Tata, Ernestine Lwangu, Miles Davis, Adam Thomas, Khirah George, Taylor Parales, Gregory Kennison, Aja Topps-Harjo, London Downing, Madison Swanson, and Jay Matthews II.

Have a great week!

--Ms. Sandra Hart, IB coordinator

Travel to Morocco

without Leaving DC



The Shepherd Gala and Auction Committee is pleased to announce a Moroccan theme for this year's event on **Saturday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m.** We will return, once again, to the beautiful atrium at Wilson High School—the high school that most of our Shepherd students will eventually attend.

Gala and Auction co-chairs, Susan Laudadio and Kate Woods, have kicked the planning effort into high gear. Here's what they need from you:

Volunteers: Please e-mail Susan (serlaudadio@hotmail.com) or Kate (kateandmama@yahoo.com) to get involved. We especially need volunteers to help secure donations and sponsorships and to help teachers with the creative class projects that are often the auction's best sellers.

Auction Items: Do you operate or frequent a business that might donate a product or service to be auctioned? Restaurants, salon services, music lessons, camps—almost anything of general interest. Gift cards are particularly popular. Do you know a celebrity who might donate an autographed item or take the high bidder to lunch? Call Susan or Kate for other ideas.

Your Presence: Most importantly, we hope you will join us on March 15 to enjoy the Moroccan cuisine and ambiance, as well as the lively auction itself. The gala is Shepherd's premier adults-only social event and your opportunity to get better acquainted with fellow Shepherd parents and faculty. TICKETS NOW ON SALE AT www.shepherd-elementary.org

Watch for future announcements and more information here in the *Mustang*, on the website and listserv, and in your child's backpack.

Embassy Adopts Shepherd --And Vice Versa, Too!

We had a wonderful visit at Shepherd Elementary School Feb. 6. Ms. Feidt from the Embassy of Luxembourg made her second visit with the students of Madame Gadie's class. During the first visit in December, the children learned about celebrating the Christmas holiday in their adopted country. In today's visit, Madame Gadie had the students to each tell an important fact which they had researched about various aspects of life and politics in Luxembourg. Following the student presentations, Ms. Feidt then explained how Carnival in February was celebrated in her country, how the burning of a straw cross would signify the ending of the winter season, and how to design and beautify a face mask that could be worn during the Carnival celebrations. She brought special decorative items for creating the masks. It was a splendid visit for everyone. The students were terrific and Ms. Feidt served delicious chocolate croissants for treats at the conclusion of her visit.

Madame Gadie had prepared the students very well and they exhibited exemplary decorum and appreciation for the guest. Several students inquired about plans for the next visit. They were eager to learn more about their adopted country. Pictures of the children wearing their masks were taken in front of a splendid wall display created by Madame Gadie and the class. Ms. Feidt took time to read and further explain some items on the display wall. It was great. Bravo to Ms. Feidt and Madame Gadie!



-- Gladys Watkins, Embassy Adoption Program liaison

Renovations Open House Wednesday

We're inviting the Shepherd Park neighborhood, but we want you know that you're invited as well to Wednesday's Renovations Open House at Shepherd. It starts at 5:30 p.m. We'll have tasty treats for parents and other adults touring the new "ground floor" area which includes the library, computer lab, language classrooms and teachers' lounge, as well as renovated classrooms in the original 1931 Shepherd Elementary building that such later luminaries as billionaire investor Warren Buffett and onetime baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn attended. They might not recognize the changes after all these years, and maybe neither will you. Come and see! Members of Shepherd's School Improvement Team will be on hand to point out details of the renovations, and offer glimpses of what is to come with this summer's work.



Family Dinner Nights Get Results

From our first two Family Dinner Night excursions from two new eateries on the scene, read on.

Pete's New Haven Style Apizza sent a check for \$176, at 25 percent of Shepherd's orders for the day. And Chocolate Crust, a small little bakery-restaurant in Brightwood, is going to write a check for \$100 after Shepherd brought in about \$500 worth of business that day from lunchtime onward. The owner was quite pleased with the turnout, including two Shepherd families who helped close the place!

Our next Family Dinner Night will instead be a Family Dinner Day. It'll be our fourth time at Comet Ping Pong, 5037 Connecticut Ave. NW just south of Nebraska. The date is Saturday, March 22. Hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. We're holding it in conjunction with our second annual Book Fair down the block at the renowned Politics and Prose Bookstore, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. Book Fair hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., so you can enjoy pizzas, salads, craft brews and more either before or after your visit to Politics and Prose. The PTA will get 20 percent back from your menu order at Comet Ping Pong. Just remember to say, "I'm with Shepherd!"



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Street in New York City; recorded frequently as both a leader and a sideman; had short periods with Raymond Scott, John Kirby, and Sid Catlett, as well as with Jay McShann's band, which also featured blues shouter Jimmy Witherspoon. In 1948 he returned briefly to the Ellington orchestra for a few months.

In 1953 he recorded "King of the Tenors" with pianist Oscar Peterson, who would be an important collaborator for Webster throughout the decade. Along with Peterson, trumpeter Harry "Sweets" Edison and others he was by now touring and recording with Norman Granz's Jazz at the Philharmonic outfit. "Coleman Hawkins Encounters Ben Webster," with fellow tenor saxophonist Hawkins, was recorded Dec. 16, 1957, is a jazz classic, the coming together of two giants of the tenor saxophone, who had first met in Kansas City.

Webster generally worked steadily but in 1964 he moved permanently to join other American jazz musicians in Europe. He lived in London for a year, followed by four years in Amsterdam and made his last home in Copenhagen in 1969. In 1971 Webster reunited with Duke Ellington and his big band for a couple of shows at the Tivoli Gardens in Denmark and he recorded "live" in France with Earl Hines.

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