



Shepherd Elementary School

# THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

April 22, 2014



- ▶ **Thurs., April. 24:**  
DCPS school boundaries  
parent meeting, 6:30 p.m.,  
Coolidge High School
- ▶ **Sat., April 26:** : Bike  
Rodeo, 2-5 p.m., playground
- ▶ **Tues., April 29:** Family Dinner Night (and Day),  
Franklins, 5121 Baltimore Ave. (Route 1),  
Hyattsville, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- ▶ **Thurs., May. 1:**
  - Healthy Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., gymnasium
  - Yearbook order deadline
- ▶ **Fri., May 2:** Professional development day; no  
school for students
- ▶ **Wed., May 7:** Bike to School Day

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

## PTA Meeting Highlights

A positive report on the Gala was one of the highlights of April's PTA meeting.

The gross for the Gala was \$27,000. Parents and teachers on the Gala Committee worked hard to keep costs down at the same time. While all the accounting is not yet in, it appears that the PTA will net \$18,000-\$20,000 from the event. And Gala co-chairs Susan Laudadio and Kate Woods are up for running the 2015 Gala, too!

The school boundary and student assignment process started by D.C. Public Schools engaged a lot of parents in conversation. There will be a meeting April 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Coolidge High School, for DCPS personnel to hear more parent feedback about the three options

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## A Word from Mrs. Miles!

### Greetings Shepherd Families,

Welcome Back!

I hope each of you had an enjoyable spring break!

### A Lot More School; A Lot More Learning

Testing is over, spring break is over; however, we still have a lot more school remaining and a lot of more learning to do. Please continue to help your child make school their #1 priority. You can do this by:

- taking time to remind your student of our behavior expectations.
- encouraging your student to make wise choices and refrain from partaking in negative behaviors.
- not allowing spring sports and outside time to replace homework time. We want our students to get out and play and enjoy the weather; however, there is still work that must be done.
- reviewing your morning routine to make sure your student and you have enough time to get up and out the house early enough so that you can arrive to school on time. Remember attendance matters, and we need our students in school every day.

We still have a lot of more school remaining and a lot more learning to do, please help us by continuing to make learning a priority.

### Enrollment Season

Enrollment packets should have arrived in your mailboxes during the break. Please take time to complete and return your child's reenrollment forms. It is our goal to have all reenrollment forms completed before the end of May. We do not need immunization information at this time; however, all other items including residency verification must be completed by May 30. Registering early helps make planning for next year a lot easier. Forms should be returned to the school your child will be attending next year (i.e., fifth- graders' forms should be returned to Deal). If you do not plan to return to Shepherd for the 2014-15 school year, please inform Mrs. Brooks as soon as possible.



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**PTA Meeting Highlights** \_\_\_\_\_ cont'd from page 1

presented earlier in April. Whether the options will remain in their current form is yet to be seen. Whether any new student assignment plan – which includes feeder patterns to middle and high schools – will survive the transition to a new mayor is another matter altogether.

For those interested, Shepherd's boundaries are unchanged. The Walter Reed space has been assigned to Takoma Education Campus. Two of the options call for a pair of new middle schools to serve Ward 4, which no longer has a stand-alone middle school. One option allows Shepherd students to continue going to Deal Middle School and on to Wilson High School, another option gives parents the choice between the current Shepherd-to-Deal feeder pattern or going instead to an as-yet-undisclosed new middle school in the "north" part of Ward 4. But one option would institute a lottery for every public high school, including those we currently regard as neighborhood schools.

Other points worth considering, according to different parents at the meeting, were whether Shepherd can feed into International Baccalaureate schools (it can), whether current feeder patterns can be grandfathered in for students and possibly for their too-young-for-school now kid brothers and sisters, families. It may come in handy for Shepherd parents to volunteer with each mayoral candidate to be on the education part of their transition team should they win!

Parent help is going to be needed for this week's upcoming Bike Rodeo, slated for Saturday, April 26, 2-5 p.m., on Shepherd's playground. Contact parent Jim Elliott at [jamesbelliot@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbelliot@gmail.com) if you can help out for an hour or two.

Even more parent help will be needed for Shepherd's annual Field Day, scheduled for Friday, May 30, at Shepherd Field adjacent to the school. PTA president Sherilyn Pruitt is working with Mr. Burgess, the physical education teacher, to define the number of parents needed, the games and activities to be played, and even the color of T-shirts each grade is supposed to wear. If you can pitch in for Field Day, get in touch with Sherilyn at [sheriz6849@aol.com](mailto:sheriz6849@aol.com).

A Nominating Committee consisting of Kurshanna Johnson, Mark Pattison and Helen Saulny was authorized to find parents willing to serve as PTA officers and Local School Advisory Team representatives for 2014-15. Look for their article elsewhere in this issue of the Mustang.

The next PTA meeting is set for Wednesday, May 21. Formal nominations for PTA officer positions will be made during the meeting, and results from the LSAT voting earlier in the day will be announced.

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### **Lost and Found**

During the break we bagged six industrial size trash bags with items left in the lost and found. These items were donated to Goodwill. Though organizations are appreciative of our donations, we do not enjoy donating items that we know you did not volunteer to give away. However, we cannot continue to keep unclaimed items. As a reminder, please label all of your students' belonging and check the lost and found area immediately after you notice your child is missing items.

### **Principal's Book of The Month – Due May 1 (New Date!)**

The Principal book of the month for April is *Our Tree Named STEVE* by Alan Zwiebel with Illustrations by David Catrow. Please encourage your students to read this book independently or with their families. The Principal's Book of the Month was created to encourage and foster a love of reading for pleasure in our students. Books are selected so that all students can participate. The activities are differentiated based on grade appropriate skills.

Book Summary: The tree was there when the family came to look at where their new house would be built. It was love at first sight for the children, especially for 2-year old Sari who called the tree Steve. So Dad asked the builder to save the tree as the land was being cleared for building. Steve became part of the lives of each of the three children as they grew. Now Dad is writing to tell them that a storm hit Steve while they were visiting Grandma, and helping prepare them for the loss.

Activities for Pre-K through First Grade

- List what the tree Steve did for the family (being a swing, jump rope holder, etc)
- Divide a sheet of paper into four panels. Label the spaces with the names of the seasons. Draw a picture and write sentences about what happens to a tree in that season, showing the changes it goes through.
- Dad wrote a letter to the children to tell them about Steve. Pretend you are Steve and write a letter to the children thank them for all the fun times you had together.

Activities for Second Through Fifth Grades

- Look at the picture on the last page of the story. Explain what Dad means by "and in a different tree at the other end of our yard" Look through the book for other places where the pictures add more to the story than just what the words tell. Explain in writing.
- Write a persuasive letter to someone who wants to cut down all his trees, write a letter persuading him/her not to cut the trees and why they are important.

Dad wrote a letter to the children to tell them about Steve. Pretend you are Steve and write a letter to the children thank them for all the fun times you had together.

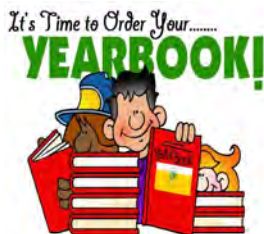
Have a great week!

Warmest regards,

*Jamie Miles*

Principal

## Yearbook Order Deadline Extended



The deadline for ordering your Shepherd Elementary yearbook has been extended to THURSDAY, MAY 1st. It costs just \$15. Here's what you do.

Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate).

Enter Shepherd's passcode: 1013 9300 1026 2632.

Yearbooks can only be purchased online!

You can customize two pages in your yearbook with your own photos by using your computer, Flickr and Facebook. Please note: If you need assistance in customizing your pages, see Ms. Tiffany in the library.

## Renovations Proceeding Slowly

Renovation work at Shepherd will continue once the allotted money to continue renovations actually gets released. If that money is released before the school year is over, then the noisy work would only take place before and after the school day. Most of the renovations will take place, as they did last year, over the summer.



Under the budget proposal submitted by the mayor to the D.C. Council, Shepherd is in line to receive \$8.1 million in fiscal year 2015 (which begins Oct. 1) to complete the current phase of the renovation work begun last year. This summer, all interior work is expected to be completed. The following summer, exterior work will be performed, including a redesigned main entrance. And a few years after that, money is supposed to be released that will expand the cafeteria kitchen so that it can prepare meals instead of merely reheating trucked-in meals, and also tunnel under the playground to create a parking area for teachers and staff.

The next Shepherd School Improvement Team meeting is slated for Thursday, May 8, at 4 p.m. at the school. If you want to learn more about the renovation work being done, get in touch with Mark Pattison at 202-829-9289.

## Traffic Safety Tip

The weather has warmed up enough (finally!) for the Safety Patrol to be back at the two major intersections where people walk and drive to and from school. In addition to our returning veterans of the Safety Patrol, recent recruits have joined them so that they can step up in the fall to be the wise eyes protecting pedestrians.



Safety Patrol members are taught to keep walkers safe by letting cars go first, since cars are much bigger and stronger and faster than any child (or adult). If you as a driver want to cede the right of way to pedestrians, please make your intentions VERY clear to the Safety Patrol members guarding our kids' safety. Thank you!

## Go Shepherd Cheerleaders!!!





## PTA, LSAT Nominations Sought

The PTA's Nominations Committee is soliciting and accepting nominations for PTA officers and for Local School Advisory Team parent representatives. All offices are one-year terms, and parents may serve in the same office for two years in a row.

The PTA officer positions are:

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

There are also four parent representative positions on the LSAT.

And it's OK to nominate yourself.

The committee has established a deadline of Thursday, May 15, for accepting nominations. At that point, all nominees must have submitted a candidate statement that can be posted on the PTA listserv, published in the May 19 issue of the Mustang, and made into a special Candidates' Guide for parents to review.

LSAT elections will be conducted Wednesday, May 21, at Shepherd regardless of the number of nominees, to allow for write-in voting. Balloting will be conducted 7:30-9 a.m. and 3-6:30 p.m. — outdoors by the 14th Street sidewalk if it's good weather, inside school near the security desk if it's bad weather.

If there are contested races for PTA officer positions, those elections would be conducted during the PTA meeting at 6:30 p.m. also on May 21.

If you are interested in serving as a PTA officer or LSAT parent representative or simply want to know more, get in touch with any member of the Nominating Committee:

Kurshanna Johnson, [shannalj@gmail.com](mailto:shannalj@gmail.com)

Mark Pattison, [pattison\\_mark@hotmail.com](mailto:pattison_mark@hotmail.com)

Helen Saulny, [handksaulny@comcast.net](mailto:handksaulny@comcast.net)



## GeoPlunge Winners!

They're from Shepherd, of course. Shepherd fielded two teams in the most recent GeoPlunge competition. One team took second place in the Advanced Division. Team members were Godloves Tata, Keshav Mehta-Harwitz and London Downing. Taking the Sportsmanship Award in the GeoPlunge was the team of Leela Mehta-Harwitz, Jean-Pierre Roberts, and Jonathan Jennings. Congratulations to all!



## LSAT Update

Shepherd's Local School Advisory Team met April 9 to review recent issues and to tackle current issues.

The LSAT has to sign off on the proposed school budget for the 2014-15 school year, which it did. The budget submitted provides full-time equivalent positions for two language teachers, as well as for music, art, physical education and librarian.

LSAT members also took note that D.C. Public Schools' proposed "options" for school attendance boundaries do not affect Shepherd in any way. Our attendance area neither grew nor shrank, and Shepherd students continue to have the right to attend Deal Middle School and Wilson High School. One option that includes two new middle-school-only facilities in Ward 4 would allow Shepherd students to attend a middle school in the north part of the ward as well as Deal. Of course, there is also an option that would register every student at every school in the DCPS system via a lottery.

Current enrollment is healthy, and next year looks even better, with a total of 394 children on waiting lists from pre-K/3 through fifth grade.

Work was reviewed for the upcoming Bike Rodeo April 26 on the school playground, and a push was made to have parents sign the "walking field trip" permission form that would allow their children to use Shepherd Field next to the school, as well as go to other places in the Shepherd Park neighborhood.

The next LSAT meeting is set for Wednesday, May 14, at 4 p.m. at the school. If you are considering running for one of the four parent representative positions on the LSAT, you may want to get your feet wet at this meeting. All parents are welcome to attend LSAT meetings, although they may be asked to step outside should confidential matters arise in the course of discussion.

### Recycling at Shepherd: It pays!

Keep Recycling Cell Phones and Toner Cartridges

Did you know that Americans on average replace their cell phones every 22 months? It's true! But what should you do with the old one?



Bring it to the school office! Shepherd has for four years been engaged in a cell phone recycling program. We turn in 10 phones at a time to a company in California. The company "harvests" the technology to use it in new phones. Doing so keeps the rare "earth metals" used in cell phones, in the earth, where it belongs. What's more, Shepherd gets \$2 minimum for every cell phone turned in. And the take can be plenty more, depending on what technology is in your discarded phone.

The same applies for toner cartridges. More and more households have printers connected to their computers. When those cartridges run dry, don't throw out the cartridge. Instead, bring it to the office. Shepherd can bundle them together and also fetch a pretty price for being better to the planet.

### Bicycle Rodeo is Saturday!

Come celebrate Earth Day and learn valuable biking skills at the Shepherd Bike Rodeo! With support from the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA), kids will have the opportunity to get helmet fittings and safety tips as well as navigate a bike obstacle course.



This year's Bike Rodeo will be on Saturday, April 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Shepherd Elementary schoolyard. Please bring your child's bike and helmet, if you have them (WABA will have a limited number of bikes on hand for those without bikes). WABA will run the obstacle course, but parent volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, handouts, and other activities. If you are available, please contact Jim Elliott at [jamesbelliott@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbelliott@gmail.com).

The bike rodeo is a great opportunity to get ready for Bike-To-School Day on Wednesday, May 7.

### The Student's Scoop



Hello everybody, this is Henry again. Testing, testing, testing! That's all we've been doing this week -- at least that's what it feels like. This week at Shepherd and other schools across D.C., we've been taking the DC-CAS, the biggest test of the year. In the fourth grade, our tests have been about reading and math. Lots of people are nervous, and if someone says otherwise, they're lying! Spring sports, such as baseball and soccer, are finally starting. It's good to get outside again—the snow has made it impossible until now. At Shepherd, track, kick-ball and football have started. Good luck everyone, with your sports!

--Henry Trimble, fourth-grader

Hey Mustangs!

A couple of weeks ago, our school had a pep rally to get the third, fourth and fifth graders ready for the DC-CAS. What I liked most about the pep rally was when they played the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams; it's my favorite song. They also played "Gangnam Style." We just had Spirit Week. My favorite day of Spirit Week was Wacky Wednesday because my hair was wacky and my clothes too. We also had a Sports Day and College Day.

My fourth grade class had a party on the Friday before spring break because we did a good job on the DC-CAS. My teacher, Ms. Charles, thought that we should have a really big party for doing our best on the test. Spring break is coming up and is for one week, but I really want it for two weeks!

I hope everybody has a fun and safe break!

--Lauren Curtis, fourth-grader

Hello, this is Henry, reporting from Wrigley Field in Chicago, which is celebrating its 100th birthday this year! My family drove out here for spring break. It's cold here.

During the week it snowed; on that day we went to see "Captain America." Yesterday, I went to the zoo with my cousins and grandparents.

Today, we're at Wrigley Field to see the Cubs take on Cincinnati. My dad is a lifelong Cubs fan. My sister is wearing her Nats T-shirt. I hope everyone is enjoying the break as much as I am!

--Henry Trimble, fourth-grader

### Foreign Language Online Resources



Were you unable to make last month's breakfast featuring Shepherd's French and Spanish teachers? We've got the details right here of the information they shared with parents. If you're devoted to having your children learn a second language, you'll want to have them explore these sites and programs, -- now, during weekends, and over the summer.

[www.chillola.com](http://www.chillola.com)

For beginning language learners, including pre-literate children (pre-K and up). Basic topics are covered, including the alphabet, numbers, colors, foods, weather, animals, body parts, instruments, parts of a house, and more. The website reads letters/words aloud for students to hear. Free printable worksheets are available for home practice. No username or password is required.

[www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline)

For beginning language learners that can read and write (grades 2-up). Includes interactive games for students to practice basic language topics, such as family, greetings, colors, numbers, pets, school, age, countries and nationalities, and more. Website reads some dialogue to students. Free printable worksheets are available for home practice. No username or password required

[www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com)

For beginning or advanced language learners, including pre-literature children (pre-K and up). The main purpose of the website is for students to practice listening to language and follow along to written language which is highlighted as words are read aloud. The website includes animated read-aloud storybooks with short comprehension quizzes (all levels), educational videos, and books "on tape."

Username: miamidade

Password: miamidade

(Click on the Green Tumblebook Library, or log onto [www.dclibrary.org](http://www.dclibrary.org), then click Kids, then Video Story Books, then find tumblebooks.com. Remember: You must change the language to Spanish or French at the top right corner.)

[www.dclibrary.org](http://www.dclibrary.org)

Bookflix, on DCPL's site, is for beginning or advanced language learners, including pre-literate children (pre-K and up). The main purpose of the website is for students to practice listening to the language and follow along to written language which is highlighted as words are read aloud. The website includes animated read-aloud books covering a variety of fictional and nonfiction genres. To access: Log onto [www.dclibrary.org](http://www.dclibrary.org), then click Kids, then Video Story Books, then find bookflix, then enter a valid D.C. Public Library Card number to access materials. Note: This site only has some Spanish material. [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

This is for beginning to intermediate language learners (grade 3 and up). It provides cumulative lessons teaching students basic vocabulary and grammar. It can also be downloaded as a phone app. You must create a personal account to gain access to material, creating your own username and password.

[www.hello-world.com](http://www.hello-world.com)

This site is for beginning language learners, including preliterate children (pre-K and up). It offers a variety of vocabulary games, exercises, short dialogues, basic grammar, and more. The website has some animated material and reads words and short dialogue aloud. Free printable worksheets are available for home practice. No username or password is required.

[www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com)

For beginning to intermediate language learners (ages 3 and up). It's a vocabulary recognition quiz available through the United Nations' World Food Programme that works as both a language vocabulary development tool and a humanitarian effort to donate rice to impoverished regions of the world. No username or password is required.

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

This is for beginning to intermediate language learners (grades 3 and up). The website offers other peoples' created materials, including vocabulary exercises, games, quizzes and more. Free printable worksheets are available for home practice. No username or password is required.

[www.littlepim.com](http://www.littlepim.com)

### Access Shepherd Calendar on Your Phone

There are a lot of events coming up at Shepherd over the last two months of the school year. New items will get added to the school calendar fast and furiously! Here's how to subscribe to Shepherd's Google Calendar and receive automatic reminders of upcoming events.



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.ic>. (If you use MS Outlook, open the 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>

### Foreign Language \_\_\_\_\_ cont'd from page 6

Designed for children under age 6, this website sells introductory materials for early learners.

[www.learninga-z.com](http://www.learninga-z.com)

This website sells access to Common Core reading material and some material in French and Spanish ranging from reading levels A to Z, provides access to reading comprehension materials that include level text and accompanying comprehension skills, worksheets and quizzes. It's teacher-recommended and used in the classroom.

Other resources:

The Mind Snacks app for iPhone features beginning language games for children.

The Alliance Francaise office in Washington (2142 Wyoming Ave NW, 202-234-7911) offers French classes, story hours, spring and summer camps, and more.

The Tempo Bookstore, 4905 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202-363-6683, has an outstanding foreign-language section.

### Join the PTA Listserv



**Sign up for  
our Listserv**

Parents of children entering pre-K/3 at Shepherd this coming fall are already clamoring to join the PTA listserv. You can join too, without the clamoring.

To make a request to join the listserv, just send an email to [shepherd\\_elementary\\_pta\\_subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:shepherd_elementary_pta_subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Include your name and your child's name, grade and teacher, as this keeps spammers and commercial interests from fouling our listserv.

If you don't see any action within 24 hours of your request, send a separate email to [sesmus-tang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmus-tang@gmail.com). Yahoo changed its Groups architecture last fall and it isn't as good as it used to be in notifying listserv moderators about people who want to join, so the Gmail account serves as a backup.

If you want to post something on the listserv -- you have to be a member -- that's easy too: just send your message to [shepherd\\_elementary\\_pta@yahoogroups.com](mailto:shepherd_elementary_pta@yahoogroups.com).

And to unsubscribe from the listserv (although we don't know why anyone would want to), send a message to [shepherd\\_elementary\\_pta\\_unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:shepherd_elementary_pta_unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com).



***Jam With  
Mr. Velez!***



Mr. Ray Bailey, a former Shepherd parent, and Mr. Velez are looking for enthusiastic parents or former students to come and jam with us every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the school music room. Individuals who are able to play drums, guitar, piano, percussion instruments or sing are welcome to participate -- and beginning musicians are also welcome to participate. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Velez at Shepherd at 202-576-6140.





## Family Dinner Night Next Tuesday at Franklins!

The PTA's next Family Dinner Night will be next week, on Tuesday, April 29th, at Franklins, 5121 Baltimore Blvd. (Route 1) It's easy to get to from Shepherd, and a shorter commute home for our many Shepherd families who live out of boundary.

This Family Dinner Night runs ALL DAY, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. But — and this is a big but — you've got to bring a copy of the flyer that's in this week's Mustang.

But, that flyer is like gold to the PTA, because the PTA will get a 20 percent rebate from your pre-tax tab. That applies to both dine-in and carry-out orders (call 301-927-2740 for carry-out). And not only is it good for restaurant fare, but also for Franklins' general store next door. (Think of the general store and a sharper, hipper Cracker Barrel with beer and wine.) All sorts of great items — cards, candies, toys, gag gifts — also qualify for the 20 percent rebate.

We tend to get about \$200 in rebates from Franklins from our Family Dinner Night excursions there. Make plans to go there after school. Or take the work gang to lunch there. Many possibilities abound!

Our last Family Dinner Day, at Comet Ping Pong, netted \$175 for the PTA. As good as that was, it wasn't even half of what the PTA, thanks to your purchases, were able to gain from the Book Fair at Politics and Prose, a total of \$364.82. Thank you!

Stay tuned to our next two Family Dinner Night excursions: Thursday, May 15, 4-9 p.m. at Fire Station 1, 8131 Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring, and Monday, June 16, 4-10 p.m. at Ledo Pizza, 7435 Georgia Ave. NW mere blocks from school!



FAMILY DINNER NIGHT		
	 <p>5121 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville, MD [Baltimore Ave. (Route 1) at Gallatin St. in the Heart of Historic Hyattsville]</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Apr. 29</b> <b>11 a.m.—10 p.m.</b></p> <p>→ <b>You MUST Bring This Flyer!</b> ←</p> <p>The PTA gets 20% of your pre-tax tab!</p> <p><b>Good for BOTH — the Restaurant and the General Store Next Door!</b></p> <p>Check out the menu at <a href="http://www.franklinsbrewery.com/our-specials/">http://www.franklinsbrewery.com/our-specials/</a></p>	
		
<p><b>Good for Dine-In and Carry Out (PH: 301.927.2740)</b></p>		





Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing Spring break. Our school is participating in the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients** campaign. We are collecting money for blood cancer research. Critical treatment innovations have originated through blood cancer research like radiation, chemotherapy, and stem cell transplantation. This campaign allows our students, teachers and the school community to join together to help cure blood cancers. It will also allow our students to do service and to give back to their community. Your help will make a difference!

Please look for the letter and the change box coming home this week for you to fill up with spare change. The class that collects the highest amount of money will win a pizza party. For your convenience donations can also be made online at: <http://nca.syllsevent.org/ShepherdElementarySchool>. Thank you for your support. The campaign will run until May 13, 2014.

### Awards Day

Our Award Ceremonies for the third Advisory took place on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Award winners were as follows:

Categories	Award Recipients
Math (Most Improved)	Audrey Kain, Noah Burckhart, Logan Batties, Maya Cardone, Christian Oyieke, Coruan Nunn, Amaya Stallworth, Madison Proctor, Elijah Denning, Noni Wise, Jewel Jones, Erin Askew, Madison Watkins, Aidan Alston, Aiden Washington, Dina Johannes, Stephen Levine, Wynston Jones, Kelsea Saulny, Kemani Cash-Taylor, Godloves Tata, and Adam Thomas
Reading (Most Improved)	Dianna Acevedo, Demetria Jackson, Kallay Secka, Reemey Ghermay, Ahmir Thomas, Ellenna Wood, Ana Castillo-Zepeda, Peyton Wood, Cailey Edmunds, Zion Banks, Raimon Nelson Jr., Claudia Goletiani, Joshua Blackburn, Eyan White, Makayla Kennedy, Amari Hall, Senay Yemane, Caleb Wilson, Timia Snow, De'anna Williams, Jamarly Calhoun, and Miles Davis
Science	Julius Moore, Layla Denning, Kingston Mason, D'Andrai Brooks, Nelson Alston, Gabrielle McKinley, Nicolaus Carter, Savannah Alexander, Benjamin White, Fahari Dominique, Alexandra Abebe, Tony Wilson, and Julien Kearns
Soc. Stud.	Kwame Taylor, Malakai Lagasca, Alexander Poole, Andrea Bolanos, Hashim Coward, Nivel Afrika, Chyna Holloway, Aileen Santacruz, Tais Moore, Tyler Campbell, Carlisse Agee, Weldon Genies, Caleb McCoy, Cyntia Pattison, and Caleb Schuster
IB Knowledgeable	Jayden Campbell, Logan Batties, Timothy Snow, Jordan Downtin, Michaela Jenkins, Derek Marcus, Adrian Riggins, Asanatou Kanta, Alexandre Ritter, Aaron Curtis, Frances Coulibaly, Tobias Lindo, Sarah Rice, Kayla Bethea, Lillian Beach, Zora Pauk, Amari Hall, Radha Tanner, Savannah Alexander, Henry Trimble, Deborah Okechukwu, Jean-Pierre Roberts, Nana Sissoko, Allison Holmes, Madison Swanson, Cindi Taylor, Godloves Tata, Aja Topps-Harjo, and Julien Kearns

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Kindergarten - Where we are in Place and Time - **Our World has Cycles**

First Grade - Who We Are - **Life Lessons**

Second Grade - Where we are in Place and Time - **Exploring the World**

Third Grade - How we Organize Ourselves - **Healthy Bodies**

Fourth Grade - How we Express Ourselves - **Heroes**

Fifth Grade - How we Organize Ourselves - **Know your Rights**

Have a super week!

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IB Coordinator



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