

PTO MEETING

February 2025



SHEPHERD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AGENDA

- Principal Update
- IB Parent Corner with Ms. Alvarez
- Appreciations
- January TAP Winner
- Upcoming Events
- 180 Fund
- Budget Update
- Stay Connected

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

PRINCIPAL RUSSELL

- Staffing Update
- Strong Start
- Budget Process Highlights
- 2025 Panorama Survey 2/24/25



IB PARENT CORNER

MS. ALVAREZ



MS. CAOLA



**STEPHANIE
BINGHAM**

**SIRI WARKENTIEN
CHRISTY WHITE
JENNIFER FESSLER
SHAILA GUPTA
ELEANOR LEWIS
KATIE BRITTON
SARA FAULMAN**

**MEGAN BROWDER
JEFFREY HILL
WILLIAM HILL
MELISSA SALINAS
WILLIE JACKSON
EDNA RIPLEY
ANDRELLA ADAMS**

**THANK
you**

**MR VELEZ
MS SCOTT
MS WENG
MS DEANE
MS BISLE
TANIA DASILVA**

**ANA MA
HEATHER HOLDRIDGE
BRIANCA MCKINLEY
JORGE BOSTICK-DELGADO
DILLAN DOGBE**

**TEACHER
APPRECIATION
PROGRAM**

Congratulations Ms. Montgomery 4 Nominations

Ms. Montgomery is an exceptional candidate for the Teachers Appreciation Program (TAP) award. When I asked my daughter to describe her math and science teacher, she immediately responded with three words: patient, inspiring, dedicated.

What makes Ms. Montgomery truly remarkable is her willingness to go above and beyond. Instead of teaching the standard class size of 25 students, she has taken on the challenge of teaching multiplication and problem-solving skills to 50 third graders. Her dedication shows in how she builds her students' confidence and helps them believe in their own abilities.

Ms. Montgomery's enthusiasm for her students' growth is evident in everything she does. When students struggle with difficult activities, she is always present and ready to assist. She consistently shows her students that they can accomplish anything with proper guidance and support, making her an invaluable presence in their educational journey.

- Camille Crawford



Don't Forget to Nominate a Teacher for February by the 28th
TAP a teacher today by submitting a nomination [here](#).

TOMORROW

Pre-K3, Pre-K4,
Kinder & 1st Grade

Mardi Gras Celebration

February 20; 9AM - 11AM

Shepherd is looking for parent sign-ups to support the festivities. It is in 15 minute blocks so all help would be appreciated! Sign-up Genius is linked.

Stations:

- crowns
- masks
- food
- necklaces
- face painting

Donuts with Grown-up's

2/20/25 @ 8:30am

DONUTS!



next week



SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY
PRESENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

MORE INFO TO COME!

FEB 27

6:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

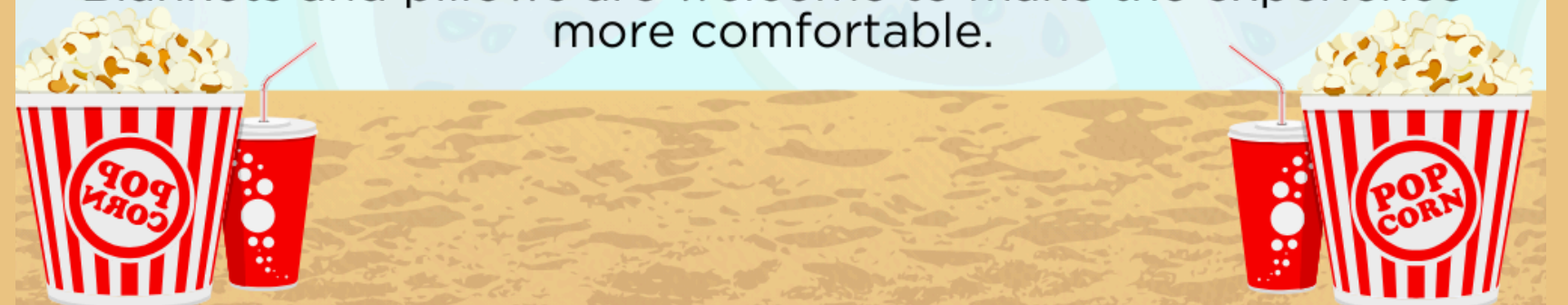
University of District of Columbia
Theater of the Arts

4200 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008



Please join us for Shepherd Movie Night on **Friday, February 28th** in the **Multi-Purpose Room** where we'll be screening **Lilo & Stitch**. Movie will start at 5:15 pm.

Doors will open at 5:00 on Jonquil.
Admission is free; concessions will be sold for a small fee.
Children must be accompanied by adults.
Blankets and pillows are welcome to make the experience more comfortable.



Camping at Cunningham Falls

May 16-18th

Sites are in the **Deer Spring & Elderberry Loop**

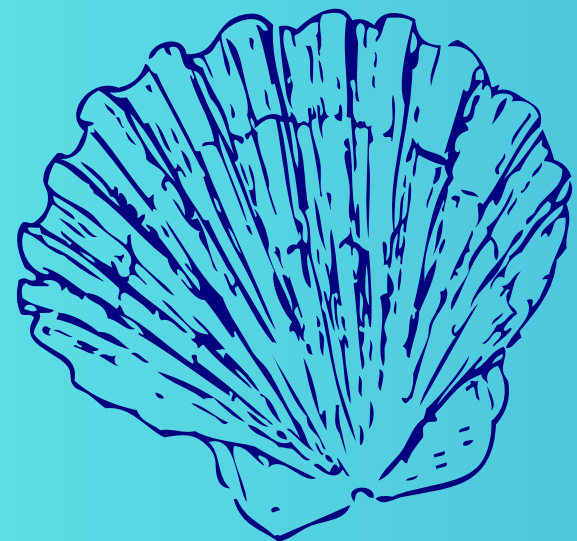
Here are a few details to keep in mind:

- Each site has a maximum of 2 tents, 6 people.
- No pets allowed.
- Complete form with the camp site # you have booked.
- Fees cover entrance to the lake and the rest of the park.
- Cost does not cover food - everyone is expected to organize their own meals.
- There will be light programming to foster community (s'more nights, park ranger activities, picnic at lake, etc) but you are free to come and go as you please.

E-mail Kimberly Hauge if you have any questions, and if you are interested in joining the **waitlist!**



Disney
THE LITTLE
MERMAID
JR.



ONLINE TICKET SALES OPEN
MARCH 4TH

MARCH 20TH & MARCH 21ST

6:00PM

SES MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

\$5
EACH



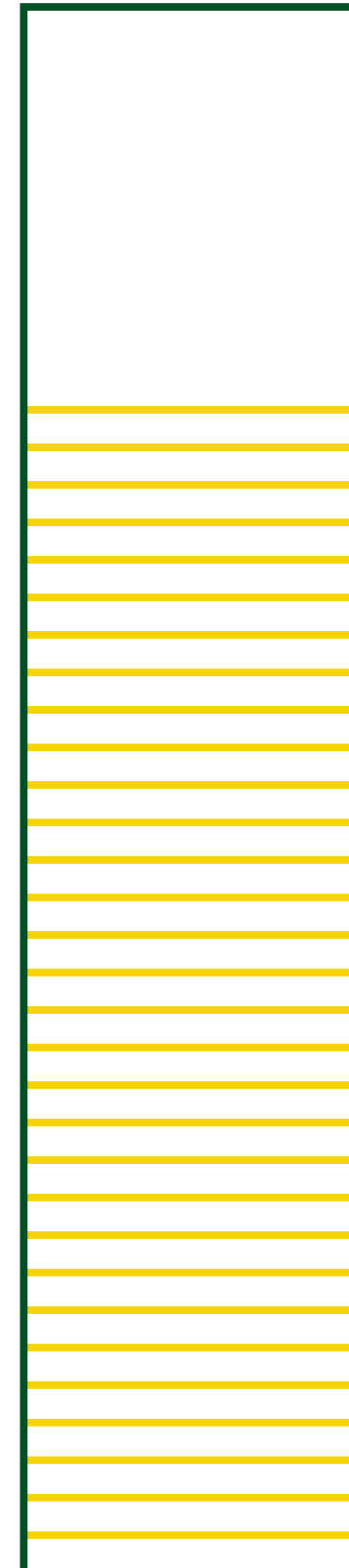
Contact PTO@shepherd-elementary.org in you are interested in joining the committee

180 FUND GREAT TIME TO GIVE

Your contributions to the 180 Fund will directly benefit various initiatives, including:

- **Art and Music Programs**
- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Program**
- **Field Trips**
- **School Supplies**

Every donation helps enrich our students' educational experience and ensures that they have access to the resources they need. Let's come together as a community to make a difference! Any contribution is always much appreciated. And as a reminder, your contribution is 100% tax deductible. Don't forget about corporate matching!



**71 FAMILIES SO
FAR!!!**

BUDGET DETAIL

Budget Detail - End of January Financials Summary

REVENUES	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 31JAN)
180 Fund	18,000.00	16,365.78
Gear Sales	15,000.00	3,875.96
Shopping for Shepherd Program	100.00	1,394.21
Yearbooks	3,400.00	0.00
Misc Rev (Benevity)	0.00	1,024.40
Fall Fest	15,000.00	15,450.85
Restaurant Nights	500.00	0.00
Fall Photo Fundraiser	5,000.00	3,196.70
Holiday Bazaar and Sale	3,000.00	1,887.30
Spring Gala and Auction	70,000.00	969.61
Cheerleading Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Drama Club Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Other Club Fundraising	0.00	0.00

YTD Revenue	\$47,994.82
YTD Expenses	\$42,597.83
Net Change	\$5,396.99

EXPENSES	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 31JAN)
School Operational Support Fund	20,000.00	5,599.49
Principal's Fund	2,000.00	868.73
Staff Discretionary Classroom Supplies (Wishlist)	17,497.36	4,594.38
Staff Professional Development	2,100.00	0.00
Staff Appreciation	4,300.00	3,369.06
Room Parent Fund	9,386.71	2,079.64
School Field Trips	22,100.02	3,047.55
IB Program Support	12,000.00	2,695.91
Library Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
French Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Spanish Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Art Program Support	1,000.00	487.33
Phys. Ed. Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Music Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Field Day	5,200.00	0.00
5th Grade Promotion	1,300.00	40.00
Prek4 Promotion	500.00	0.00
Parking Permits for Staff	750.00	400.00
CAPE/ACCESS Testing Snacks	1,000.00	0.00
DC Business License (DCRA)	80.00	260.00
Website Maintenance (Intrepid and Google Suite)	2,000.00	616.24
Banking/Merchant Fees	5,000.00	35.26
Miscellaneous PTO Supplies and Expenses	300.00	88.03

EXPENSES (CONT'D)	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 31JAN)
Walk/Bike to School Day	60.00	0.00
Fall Fest	9,000.00	8,478.86
Fall Photo Fundraiser (Photog Fees)	2,000.00	1,300.00
Holiday Bazaar and Sale	1,800.00	1,297.40
Spring Gala/Auction	30,000.00	3,211.50
Gear Procurement	12,500	0.00
Yearbook Purchase	3,000.00	0.00
Beautification Day(s)	900.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Enhancements	500.00	0.00
Cheerleading Team (Earmarked from fundraising)	164.54	69.49
Drama Club (Earmarked from fundraising)	1,026.10	0.00
Donuts with Grownups/Walk with Me day	1,000.00	773.00
"Welcome to Shepherd"	110.00	106.98
Summer Playdate		
Boo-Hoo Breakfast	500.00	439.70
Faculty-Parent Softball and Kickball Games	600.00	173.93

STAY CONNECTED

1

Register for an "A to Z" account to receive the weekly bulletin & other important email announcements.



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Join the Shepherd Elementary PTO groups.io



3

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Add the Shepherd Elementary PTO Google Calendar and clicking "+Google Calendar"



Thank you

Next Meeting on March 19th



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