

PTO MEETING

June 2025



SHEPHERD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AGENDA



Principal Update

Enrollment Reminder

IB Corner

SESSA Updates

Election Results

Highlights & Appreciations

May TAP Winner

Budget Update

Back to School 2025-2026

STATE OF THE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL RUSSELL



ENROLL NOW!

CURRENTLY 90% YTD



IB PARENT CORNER

MS. ALVAREZ



SESSA UPDATE

REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 16 AT 10AM

OPEN TO NEW FAMILIES JUNE 23 AT 10AM



2025-2026 BOARD & LSAT



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2025-2026 SHEPHERD COMMITTEES

Family Engagement

- Kimberly Hague
- Danny Nguyen

Cirriculum & Staff Support

- Kara Thomas
- **Open**

Fall Festival

- Jennifer Fessler
- **Open**

Facilities Improvement

- Chirs Woods
- Daniel Stevens

Fundraising & Grants

- Trevor Keck
- **Open**

Gala

- Stephanie Bingham
- **Open**

Health & Wellness

- Jessie Caola
- Julia D'Angelo

Nominations

- Michelle Toussiant
- Sharee Richardson

Gear

- Jabrie Lovelace
- Nicole Lovelace
- Ron Dyson

Audit

- Christy White
- Brandi Howard

Communications & Advocacy

- Morgan Rawlings
- Dana Ju
- Lesley Brown

Room Parent Lead

- Jodi Arellano



HIGHLIGHTS & APPRECIATIONS

- **2025-2026 Enrollment:** Ms Offor and Ms Wilson continue to lead Shepherd's enrollment process and helping many parents along the way!
- **First Annual Showcase of Talent:** Big thank you to Mr. Velez and team for organizing an amazing student performance.
- **Field Day:** Students had a great field day. Many thanks to Mr. Brown, Mr. James, Mr. Velez and the many, many parent volunteers.
 - Special thanks to our dunk tank participants: Liz & Mike Daly, Robert White, Nichole Carlyle & Mr. Chamovitz





Save The Dates

END-OF-YEAR PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

June 10th
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Pre-K 4 Moving Up Ceremony

June 12th
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

5th Grade Promotion



June 13th
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

5th Grade Prom

June 16th
9:30 AM - 10:30 PM

Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony

June 16th
TBD

5th Grade Kings Dominion



**TEACHER
APPRECIATION
PROGRAM**

Congratulations

Ms. Deane - Kindergarten

Seven Nominations

Ms Deane has made sure all kids are happy, motivated, and excited. She has been kind to new kids helping parents be updated on academic progress and social integration. Ms Deane is thoughtful, reachable, patient and very dedicated to her class and students.

Exceptional enrichment through integration of art in the classroom. Ms. Deane and Ms. Stewart are making school more engaging and holistic. They are also very focused on increasing achievement in reading and math.

Ms. Deane and Ms. Stewart have been phenomenal teachers who are kind and foster a fun learning environment. My child has learned reading fundamentals and mathematics and prepared her for 1st grade and many years of learning ahead!

Ms. Deane and Ms. Stewart are the perfect blend of kindness, patience and structure - everything a Kindergarten teacher should be. They create a space where every child feels



Budget Detail - End of May Financials Summary

REVENUES	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 31MAY)
180 Fund	18,000.00	17,405.37
Gear Sales	15,000.00	6,014.96
Shopping for Shepherd Program	100.00	0.01
Yearbooks	3,400.00	0.00
Misc Rev (Benevity)	0.00	1,272.11
Fall Fest	15,000.00	16,150.85
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
Summer Camp/Health & Wellness Expo	0.00	1,394.21
Spring Gala and Auction	70,000.00	85,760.88
Cheerleading Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Drama Club Fundraising	0.00	9,247.41
IB Fundraising	0.00	1,662.90

YTD Revenue	\$ 146,384.45
YTD Expenses	\$ 116,486.45
Net Change	\$ 29,898.00

EXPENSES	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 31MAY)
School Operational Support Fund	20,000.00	12,552.20
Principal's Fund	2,000.00	1,160.83
Staff Discretionary Classroom Supplies (Wishlist)	17,497.36	11,708.11
Staff Professional Development	2,100.00	0.00
Staff Appreciation	4,300.00	6,175.16
Room Parent Fund	9,386.71	3,632.45
School Field Trips	22,100.02	13,345.68
IB Program Support	12,000.00	11,989.96
Library Program Support	1,000.00	292.54
French Program Support	1,000.00	987.01
Spanish Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Art Program Support	1,000.00	920.09
Phys. Ed. Program Support	1,000.00	0.00
Music Program Support	1,000.00	600.00
Field Day	5,200.00	1,447.50
5th Grade Promotion	1,300.00	40.00
Prek4 Promotion	500.00	0.00
Parking Permits for Staff	750.00	550.00
CAPE/ACCESS Testing Snacks	1,000.00	937.93
DC Business License (DCRA)	80.00	260.00
Website Maintenance (Intrepid and Google Suite)	2,000.00	1,221.52
Banking/Merchant Fees	5,000.00	68.26
Miscellaneous PTO Supplies and Expenses	300.00	88.03

EXPENSES (CONT'D)	Planned Budget	YTD (as of 31MAY)
Walk/Bike to School Day	60.00	0.00
Fall Fest	9,000.00	8,628.86
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	85,760.88
Gear Procurement	12,500	5,781.45
Yearbook Purchase	3,000.00	0.00
Beautification Day(s)	900.00	206.55
Miscellaneous Enhancements	500.00	0.00
Cheerleading Team (Earmarked from fundraising)	164.54	218.54
Drama Club (Earmarked from fundraising)	10,273.51	5,876.37
Art Program (Earmarked from fundraising)	420.00	245.21
IB Support (earmarked from fundraising)	1,662.90	0.00
Donuts with Grownups/Walk with Me day	1,000.00	1,230.81
"Welcome to Shepherd" Summer Playdate	110.00	106.98
Boo-Hoo Breakfast	500.00	439.70
Faculty-Parent Softball and Kickball Games	600.00	173.93
Game/Movie Nights	300.00	424.23

2025-2026 BACK TO SCHOOL

Key Dates

- **Monday, August 25:** First Day of School (K- 5th)
- **Thursday, August 28:** First day of School (Pre K Students)
- **Thursday, October 9:** Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Sunday, October 19:** Shepherd's Annual Fall Fest

Look Out for More Information

- August Beautification Day at Shepherd
- Welcome Back Play Date
- Back to School Night

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Thank you

Have a Wonderful Summer



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