



# Tuesday Scoop

**Shepherd Elementary School, Washington, DC**

<http://www.shepherd-elementary.org>

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## From the Interim Principal

At two assemblies last week, I spoke to the students about how special they are. I asked them to remember, "I am SOMEBODY! I am PROUD! I am SMART! I am SOMEBODY!" Whether we are recognizing our children at a Terrific Kids Assembly or a Science Fair Awards Ceremony, we need to let them know that we have high expectations for their achievement and for their behavior. We want them to be readers, writers, problem solvers, and THINKERS.

Mastering the basic skills is very important, but we want to give to them and get from them much more. We want them to explore the worlds of comparison and contrast, of synthesis and analysis, of cause and effect. We want them to share their learning with their peers, teachers, and you. We want them to take a risk now and then and know that it's okay to make mistakes. The adults in their lives will be there to pick them up, support them, and help them to learn from the mistakes and from the successes.

If we are to reach our goal of helping ALL students reach their potential, we must every one of us each day say, "I am SOMEBODY! I am PROUD! I am SMART! I am SOMEBODY!"

*Dr. John Sparrow*

## >> MARK YOUR CALENDAR <<

February 5	Principal Selection Process 6:30pm
February 13	World Music Program
February 18	President's Day (No school)
February 29	Parent Conference Day (No School)

## From the PTA

### Update on the Principal Selection Process

The DCPS Instructional Superintendent responsible for Shepherd Elementary School, Mr. Francisco Millet, has agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the principal selection process. This meeting is open to all interested Shepherd community members, and will be held Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30pm in the school auditorium.

Since Chancellor Rhee's arrival, the principal selection process has changed. Come listen to the most up-to-date information on this important process.

### Tutoring Program

The Shepherd Elementary/Tifereth Israel tutoring program is going strong in its 10th year. Every Sunday from 5pm to 6pm free tutoring is provided for Shepherd students. We match each student (usually 2nd to 6th graders) with an adult or high school student, and they spend an hour going over math, reading skills, or any homework that the student wants help with. We have helped a lot of students over the years -- ask any teacher at Shepherd!

Space is still available. Contact Dan Nathan ([dananddori@verizon.net](mailto:dananddori@verizon.net) or 726-7177) for more information or to sign-up.

### DCPS Out-of-Bounds Applications

Applications for discretionary school enrollment will be accepted online from February 5, 2008, to March 12, 2008. See <http://www.k12.dc.us/offices/oss/oob/index.htm>

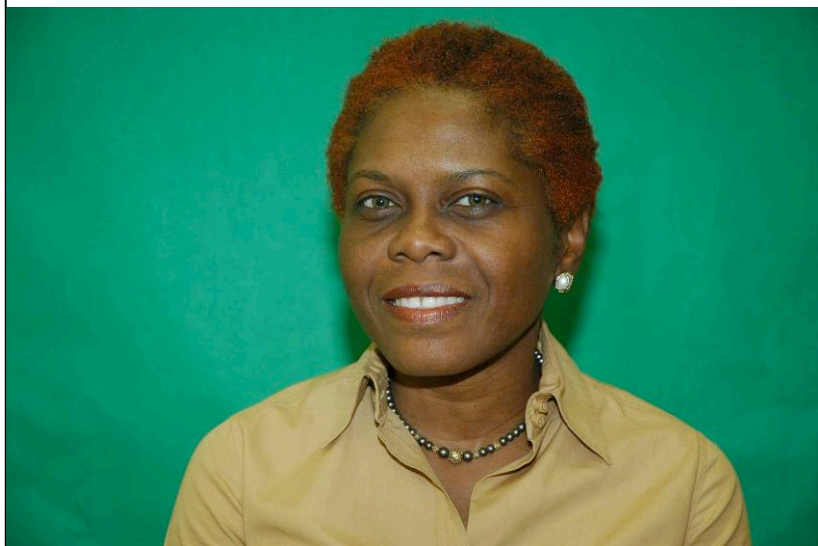
## Teacher Profile: Madame Georgette Blay

After arriving in 2001 from Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Madame Blay was recruited by the French Maternal School in Georgetown. The school is modeled on "L'école maternelle", a highly successful French system of early childhood education that aims to secure a rich and motivating environment where each child develops his/her full potential.

Two years ago Madame Blay was recruited by Shepherd Elementary School (SES) for its dual language immersion program. The Ivorian native said that she was "excited at being part of inaugural program at SES because it meant introducing the French language to a large number of city children who have not been exposed to foreign languages in any formal way." SES is only one of four DC public schools that have any dual language classes as part of the International Baccalaureate program. It is the only DCPS content-enriched foreign language program at the elementary level with a goal of biliteracy. She employs the "L'école maternelle" teaching model in her pre-K and K classes at SES.

After receiving her high school Baccalaureate diploma in Abidjan, Madame Blay attended the Institut statut des Hautes Etudes Economiques et Commerciales (INSEEC) in the south western France wine country of Bordeaux for four years. After graduating with a Master's degree in Business Administration, she returned to Côte d'Ivoire to resume her career in management in the oil industry.

Madame has taken classes at Trinity College in DC and is enrolled in the Phoenix University on-line Master's degree program in Early Childhood Education. Her plans are to acquire her DCPS teacher certification and to become even more qualified. She hopes that the dual language program not only remains but flourishes at SES.



## Shepherd News

We are very sorry that we made an error in our new principal's name in our last article, we accidentally misspelled his name. His name is Dr. Sparrow, and he is a wonderful and encouraging principal. We are also proud to announce our new P.E. teacher Mr. Shabazz as well.

In other news the **Spelling Bee** winners were Summer Durant in first place, and Leia Terrell and Alexandra Lewis tied for second place. They had a spell-off, and Leia won. Now Leia Terrell and Summer Durant are both going to the City Wide Spelling Bee. (We're going to tell those competitors to buzz off!) Next followed the Geography Bee, where the winners were, in first place Kelly Underwood, in second place Shauna Durant, and in 3rd place was Miguel Colon. We wish Kelly Underwood good luck on the test that will determine whether or not she goes to the State Wide Bee. Last but not least we are happy to announce that the Science Fair took place on January 23 at the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) building on East West Highway, in Silver Spring, Maryland. The award ceremony was held on January 25 [See article next page]. We wish all contestants the best of luck!!! And we will talk more about it next time.

*~Shauna and Summer Durant (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

## Volunteering Reminder

All DCPS volunteers (specifically including school field trip chaperons) must have an approved volunteer application on file.

More information is available from the DCPS volunteer hotline: 202-727-0488.

Parents can download the application from the DCPS website at:  
<http://www.k12.dc.us/offices/ospp/volunteers.htm> or pick one up from Mrs. Brooks in the main office.

## The Annual James Martin Science Fair

The James Martin Science Fair Awards Ceremony was held in the auditorium on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The SES Science Fair Committee (King, Confer & Ulba), teachers and parents/families put a lot of hard work and support into all that led up to this event, which recognized the work of our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Dr. Sparrow was also on hand to offer kind and encouraging remarks, not only to the winners, but to all the students present at the assembly – Thanks!

Representing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) was Ms. Jennifer Hammond, who offered remarks about the long relationship between NOAA, the late James Martin, and Shepherd ES – which is the *only* school to bring their science work to NOAA for judging. Criteria for judging included a poster/display, a research paper, and an oral presentation to multiple judges. Mentors from NOAA worked with some of our students over the past 10-12 weeks, helping them to prepare their projects, and over 40 NOAA scientists and employees participated in judging the students' projects.

The Winners:

<b>Gr 4 / Gilmore</b>	<b>Antonio Rodriguez</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Bottle Biology</b>
Gr 4 / Gilmore	Joshua Page	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Tooth Stains
Gr 4 / Valentine	Datagga Brothers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	How Clouds Form
Gr 4 / Gilmore	AnaMarie King	Honorable Mention	Paper Recycling
Gr 4 / Valentine	Afia Tyus	Honorable Mention	How Much Water is in an Orange?
<b>Gr 5 / Leonard</b>	<b>Tyler Jones</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Bounce!</b>
Gr 5 / Leonard	Kyle Hudson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Dissolving Eggshell
Gr 5 / Chambliss	Jasmine Morrow	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Can Plants Survive without Sunlight
Gr 5 / Chambliss	Leia Terrell	Honorable Mention	Splitting the Spree
Gr 5 / Chambliss	Oliver Borris	Honorable Mention	Lighting That Saves You Money
<b>Gr 6 / Thurber</b>	<b>Blair Brown</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Salinity of Water</b>
Gr 6 / Thurber	Cierra Johnson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Bacteria
Gr 6 / Ulba	Chandler Kent	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Walk This Way
Gr 6 / Thurber	Evelyn Cahall	Honorable Mention	Testing Photosynthesis
Gr 6 / Ulba	Amber Nuby	Honorable Mention	Stalactites vs. Stalagmites
Gr 6 / Ulba	Shauna Durant	Honorable Mention	Science with Soda
Gr 6 / Thurber	Summer Durant	Honorable Mention	Water vs. Sunlight



Photo by Donnell Jones

Stay Tuned!

Some of our winners may go on to represent Shepherd at a *regional* science fair in May.

**Let's wish them all the best!**

~Yvonne Jones

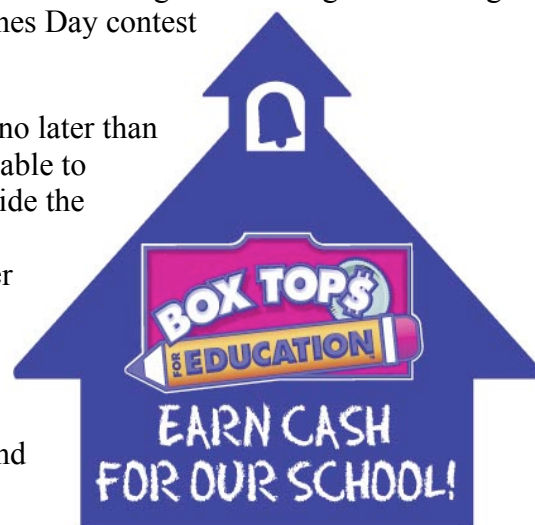
## Box Tops for Education: Valentine's Day Contest

Last week, we reported that Shepherd is more than 75% of the way towards its goal of raising \$500 through the *Box Tops for Education* program. Let's make sure that the Valentines Day contest puts us over the top!

Turn in completed sheets to the Collection Box in the Main Office no later than **Friday, February 8**. Turn in as many collection sheets as you are able to fill with Box Tops. (Additional collection sheets are available outside the Main Office, or print your own from the files section of the PTA listserv.) If you prefer to put your box tops into a ziplock bag rather than on the collection sheet, make sure you include your name and class.

Listed on this page are some items that contain box tops. As a reminder, each box top is worth 10¢ to Shepherd! It might not sound like a lot, but it adds up.

We'll list additional products in future editions of the Scoop, or look for a full list here: <http://www.boxtops4education.com>



### Breakfast Cereals

Cheerios	Berry Berry Kix	Basic 4
Apple Cinnamon Cheerios	Cinnamon Toast Crunch	Oatmeal Crisp (any variety)
Honey Nut Cheerios	Reduced Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch	Honey Nut Clusters
Frosted Cheerios	Peanut Butter Toast Crunch	Fiber One
MultiGrain Cheerios	French Toast Crunch	Fiber One Honey Clusters
Team Cheerios	Lucky Charms	Country Corn Flakes
Berry Burst Cheerios	Chocolate Lucky Charms	Para Su Familia
Fruity Cheerios	Berry Lucky Charms	Cascadian Farm Clifford Crunch
Yogurt Burst Cheerios	Trix	Cascadian Farm Honey Nut O's
Wheaties	Reduced Sugar Trix	Cascadian Farm Oats & Honey Granola
Rice Chex	Dora the Explorer	Cascadian Farm Wheat Crunch
Corn Chex	Cocoa Puffs	Cascadian Farm Multi-Grain
Wheat Chex	Reduced Sugar Coca Puffs	Cascadian Farm Great Measure
Multi-Bran Chex	Golden Grahams	Cascadian Farm Raisin Bran
Frosted Chex	Cookie Crisp	Cascadian Farm Cinnamon & Raisin Granola
Honey Nut Chex	Double Chocolate Cookie Crisp	Cascadian Farm Purely O's
Total Raisin Bran	Peanut Butter cookie Crisp	Cascadian Farm Hearty Morning
Total Brown Sugar & Oat	Kaboom	Nature Valley Cereals
Total Protein	Reese's Puffs	La Lechera Cereal
Whole Grain Total	Frankenberry	Disney Cereals.
Total Vanilla Yogurt	Boo Berry	
Total Honey Clusters	Count Chocula	
Total with Strawberries	Raisin Nut Bran	
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*The next Tuesday Scoop is scheduled for February 5. The editor will be **Yvonne Jones**. Submissions should be emailed by 3:30 pm on Friday, February 1 to [JonesYvon@usa.redcross.org](mailto:JonesYvon@usa.redcross.org), or placed in the Tuesday Scoop mail box in the Parents' lounge across from the main office.*