



*Shepherd Elementary School*

# THE MUSTANG

*Home of the Shepherd Mustangs*

*SPECIAL EARLY EDITION February 23, 2010*

## *Mark Your Calendars!*

- **Friday, Feb. 26:** Snacks with the Principal, 2 p.m.
- **Friday, February 26:** 21st Annual Jazz Night Potluck, SES Auditorium 6:30pm
- **Monday, March 1:** Parent-Teacher conferences; no classes
- **Monday, March 1:** Auction Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ledo Pizza
- **Tuesday, March 2:** Terrific Kid/B.U.G. Awards

## *FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...*

Dear Shepherd Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed last week's Family Math and Reading Night and the "Ragtime, Blues, Jazz, R&B and Message Songs" concert, held on back-to-back nights at the school (there WAS a reason students didn't have homework last week). I recognized some parents who came to school both nights. What a great show of school spirit!

We've got great things coming up, and it takes up most of the space in this week's Mustang. Jazz Night is this Friday, the 26th, at 6:30 p.m. It's been a school and community "happening" for 21 years, and it's for all ages. Take note of the flyer in the newsletter, bring something for the potluck and enjoy some great jazz. We'll have Auction tickets for sale at Jazz Night; more on the auction in a minute. A quick note on some ground rules for Jazz Night. It is a fun and family friendly evening, however, we are not able to provide babysitters and ask that parents be responsible for their children. The young people are expected to stay in the auditorium and not roam about the building or play in the hallways. Secondly, we love that Jazz Night is a very social outing but out of respect to the musical artists and listeners please keep your conversation to hushed tones during the sets.

Also, the D.C. Public Schools "letter of intent" is included with your Mustang. When you fill it out and turn it in, it helps Shepherd staff and DCPS administrators with planning. Even if you weren't planning on returning your child

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## *A Word from Mrs. Miles!*

### **A Sincere Thank You to the Custodial Staff**

If you see a member of our custodial team around, please tell them thank you. They put in a lot of hours over the past weeks shoveling snow and clearing walkways.

### **We Missed You!**

A huge thank you is extended to everyone who attended Family Math and Reading Night. It was a great success! I enjoyed seeing parents and their student(s) engaged in fun learning activities. One parent commented, "... I see my student really needs to work on his addition facts." Another parent commented, "My student was able to complete the problems before I did, he must be learning a lot." Another student said, "This is great! Will we be doing this again next week?" Parents and students have asked when we will be doing it all over again. At this time, we do not have another event scheduled for this year but there will be more activities similar to this in the future.

In addition to the many math and reading games, there was also a puppet show. Mr. Brian Foster from Silly Socks Puppet Theater did a puppet show called "The Chicken Is Falling. After the show, students were able to see behind the scenes and learn a little about the art of puppetry. Ms. Rose Dawson, a third-grader's parent, was our storyteller for the evening. She told and reenacted an endearing Brer Rabbit tale plus stories about the African trickster Anansi the Spider.

At the end of the night, attendees received a goody bag that contained oversized foam dice, mini-playing cards, a bookmark, a recommended reading list, a list of educational games that can be purchased and a list of educational games that can be recreated at home at no cost.

If you attended Family Math and Reading Night, please take a moment to thank the teachers and staff, for they were the ones who made the night a success!!

### **International Baccalaureate (IB) Update**

This week all our newly hired instructional staff attended Level 1 IB training. Through the training, they gained a deeper understanding out the IB program, what it looks like and what they should be doing as a teacher in a candidate IB school.

### **The Lottery**

Please encourage your neighbors whose children are eligible to enter Pre-K next year and out of boundary parents who are interested in enrolling their student at Shepherd for the 2010-2011 school year to go online (dcps.dc.gov) and complete the lottery application.

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## JAZZ NIGHT FRIDAY

It's eclectic and it's electric! Shepherd Elementary's 21st annual Jazz Night has become a beacon of the community. Come with a potluck contribution (see the flyer as part of this week's Mustang) and your kids -- there will be activities for them while adults mellow out and groove to the live jazz.

Ledo Pizza and Cork 'n' Bottle have joined the Shepherd PTA in sponsoring Jazz Night. The Shepherd Park Citizens Association is also making a contribution to make Jazz Night the spectacular success it's always been.

It's also your next chance to buy tickets to the annual PTA Auction. It's also a chance to do a little bit of New Orleans Second Line, if that's where your head's at.

And if you can't find parking at Shepherd, we've got permission to use the parking lots at Lowell School.

Save the date: **Friday, Feb. 26, starting at 6:30 p.m.** Come one, come all. See you there!

## Parent-Teacher Conferences Mean No Classes on Monday



Monday, March 1, is the date for the next parent-teacher conferences at Shepherd. If you haven't already made an appointment with your child's teachers, do so now to avoid having to wait in the hall without an appointment while the parents of your child's classmates take care of business with their teacher. Remember that no classes will be held March 1, so make alternate arrangements for your children. Take note of the "no-school days" drop-down bar under the "For Parents" tab on the school's Web site, [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org), for a listing of places where your child can go and grow for a day.

## Auction News

Look for Auction tickets on sale at Friday's Jazz Night festivities. Auction ticket prices are down from last year: \$40 for one, or two for \$70. At those prices, get some for your neighbors and friends. We'll take cash, and we'll take checks made out to the Shepherd Elementary PTA.

This week's Mustang has included with the Auction Committee's letter to parents promoting the auction, plus a letter to business owners that you can use to promote the auction and to solicit donations from them, plus a contract that merchants can sign to advertise in the auction program booklet. Copies of all three are on the school's Web site -- [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org).

This is where and how WE NEED YOU!

\* Buy tickets. At these prices, it will be a sell-out, so don't wait.

\* Acquire merchandise donations for the auction. With 200 people on hand, that means there are 200 bidders available for auction items. But we'll need merchandise to auction. Go to your merchants and small businesses and big businesses and ask for a donation.

\* Get advertising commitments. Now is the time to fill up the auction program booklet not just with tempting descriptions of silent-auction and live-auction items, but get ads in the program book. Printers can publish a book of any size, so the more pages in the auction booklet, the better!

The next meeting of the Auction Committee is this Monday, March 1, at Ledo Pizza on Georgia Avenue, starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring \$5 with you to help defray the costs of dinner at Ledo. With only two months to go, we'll be ramping up activities on all fronts for the auction.

"The Carnival for Giving" -- let's get it on!

## Deadline is This Sunday for Out-of-Boundary Registration

If you have a child ready to enter pre-K for 2010-11, this is your last warning to apply for Out-of-Boundary registration. Here is the link to the Web site that gives you the details you need to know:

[https://lottery.dcps.dc.gov/Main\\_Entry.aspx](https://lottery.dcps.dc.gov/Main_Entry.aspx)

And if you need the application in a language other than English-- like Francais, Espanol, Amharic, or other languages -- you can click to the link to take you to the application form in that language.

Remember: The deadline is Sunday, Feb. 28. Don't be late!



Ronnie Wells-Elliston  
1943 – 2007

# 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SHEPHERD JAZZ NIGHT POTLUCK



The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Shepherd Jazz  
Night honors:

**Ronnie Wells-Elliston**

**When:** Feb 26th, 6:30pm

**Where:** Shepherd Elem Auditorium

**What we need from you:**

A dish to feed at least 10 people &  
your time.

**We will have jazz musicians, food,  
activities for the kids, dancing and  
the all-time favorite -- Second Line!**

(We need volunteers for set up and clean up. Please  
contact [sesmustang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmustang@gmail.com) if you'd like details)

**This event is a neighborhood favorite so be  
sure to let your Shepherd Park neighbors  
know! And they can bring a dish too!**

To avoid duplication of too many items we  
have created a "who's to bring what" list:

- **Pre-K and Kindergarten**—Meats (chicken, turkey, beef, etc)
- **1st grade**—Vegetable Sides (corn, greens, green beans, etc) & Desserts (cakes, pies, cookies, etc)
- **2nd grade**— Hot starchy sides (potatoes, mac and cheese, lasagna, etc)
- **3rd grade**— Salads and Breads (green salad, potato salad, macaroni salad, rolls, etc)
- **4th grade**— Drinks (water, juices, sodas, etc in individual containers — no cups)
- **5th grade**—Paper products (plates, napkins, utensils)

Sponsored by Shepherd Elementary PTA, Ledo's Pizza and and Cork 'n' Bottle.  
Contributor - SPCA Shepherd Park Citizens Association



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to Shepherd (and, frankly, what school is better?), it helps with planning. If you ARE returning your children to Shepherd, it helps school professionals know how best to allocate resources. Fill it out this weekend and bring it with you to your parent-teacher conference on Monday and turn it in at the school office.

Finally, we've included three important messages regarding the PTA's sixth annual auction, "The Carnival for Giving," to be held two short (!!) months from now. First is a letter to parents that outlines the auction's purposes. Second is a letter to businesses asking them to contribute funds or merchandise to the auction. Print copies and give them to every merchant where you spend money. Make your best pitch and see what happens! The third item is a contract to advertise in the auction program. That will work for businesses -- or maybe you'd like to congratulate your graduate, your teacher, or plug your own business.

Make copies of that as well. We've set an ambitious revenue goal for the auction. Why? Auction proceeds are important in planning, too. Expenses come around even when school's not in session, and next year's PTA leaders -- whoever they turn out to be -- deserve to have something in the bank so they can plan for 2010-11.

Let's enjoy some jazz Friday, celebrate our children's accomplishments Monday, and buckle down for a great future for Shepherd starting Tuesday!

Very truly yours,

*Charisse Brossard*  
PTA President

## Letter of Intent in This Week's Mustang

Where will you send your children for 2010-11? Use the Letter of Intent that's part of this week's Mustang to let the school and DCPS know! Fill it out and bring it with you on Friday to Jazz Night, or Monday to parent-teacher conference day. Or, you can give it to your child with strict instructions to take it to the main office immediately. They're due by Friday, March 19. PTA president Charisse Brossard said last week in the Mustang that 100 Letter of Intent forms had been returned so far, but that doesn't even begin to cover all 330 students at Shepherd Elementary.

Just like the Census on April 1, the Letter of Intent will help Shepherd and DCPS know how many students are likely to be in which schools next year. If you know your kids are returning to Shepherd, fill it out. Even if they're not, fill out the form; no harm, no foul!

If you mess up while filling out the form, you can always print a new one from the home page of the school Web site, [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org)

**MILES, Con't From Page 1**

The lottery application is completely online -- no paper forms, no dropoffs, and no hassle.

Through the lottery, you can:

- \* Apply to send your child to a different school than his/her assigned school(s).
- \* Apply to send your 3- or 4-year-old to preschool, pre-K and Head Start.

Have a great weekend!!

*Jamie Miles*

Principal, Shepherd Elementary

## 'Consuming Kids' Movie Gets Showing in Bethesda

*A local screening of the critically acclaimed new film "Consuming Kids," an eye-opening account of the pervasive and pernicious effects of children's advertising on the health and well-being of kids, at the Washington Waldorf School, 4800 Sangamore Rd. in Bethesda, Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. The film is produced by the Media Education Foundation and features the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood staff and its steering committee. The event is free and open to the public. To learn more about the film and watch the trailer, please visit*

*<http://commercialfreechildhood.org/events/consumingkids.html>*

*To learn more, please visit*  
*[http://www.washingtonwaldorf.org/Consuming\\_Kids\\_Flyer\\_Feb\\_2010\\_2.pdf](http://www.washingtonwaldorf.org/Consuming_Kids_Flyer_Feb_2010_2.pdf)*

*The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with Velma LaPoint, CCFC steering committee member and Howard University professor of human development, and Joan Almon, U.S. coordinator for the Alliance for Childhood.*

*To learn more, please visit*  
*[http://www.washingtonwaldorf.org/Consuming\\_Kids\\_Flyer\\_Feb\\_2010\\_2.pdf](http://www.washingtonwaldorf.org/Consuming_Kids_Flyer_Feb_2010_2.pdf)*

*"Consuming Kids" zeroes in on the often shocking practices of the multibillion-dollar youth marketing industry, exposing how marketers have used the latest advances in psychology, anthropology, and neuroscience to transform American children into one of the most powerful and profitable consumer demographics in the world. The film has been earning widespread praise from critics, health care professionals, and children's advocates from around the country.*

*To find other screenings in the area or to learn how to host your own screening of this film, please visit*  
*<http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/events/consumingkids.html>*

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Shepherd Elementary School  
Auction**



The Carnival for Giving

January 19, 2010

Dear Shepherd Parent:

The Shepherd Elementary School PTA is reaching out to our Shepherd Parents to seek support for the Annual Spring Auction. This year's Auction theme is "**Caribbean Carnival: The Carnival for Giving**", a spirit that embodies the cultural diversity of the Shepherd Elementary School family and our surrounding community. The Auction will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010, at 7:00pm at the Washington Ethical Society, located only two blocks from the school on 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

This year our goal is to raise \$50,000 to continue essential enrichment programs. We understand that in a struggling economy this is a lofty endeavor, however, I am sure that you will agree that our children are our future, and the benefits of enriching our school's academic programs are immeasurable!!! All proceeds from the auction will help to ensure that Shepherd students have the academic and technological resources necessary to prepare them for the future.

We are imploring parents to support our efforts in the following ways:

- **attending the event!!!**
- participating in the classroom project donations – organized by your classroom parent
- providing goods or services for the auction
- underwriting a portion of the auction expenses through a financial contribution
- advertising in the auction catalog
- volunteering to be on the planning committee or assisting the night of the event

The Shepherd Elementary PTA is a 501(c) (3) organization (EIN: 47-0879109). Thus, the value of your contributions is 100% tax deductible. Another method of support is the opportunity to sponsor this year's event at designated sponsorship levels. (Please see the enclosed sponsorship information for full details.)

Please review this packet of information that will provide you with all of the tools to **help you help us!!!** You will find a solicitation letter to businesses, and an advertising contract. No item is too big or small, and creativity goes very far!!! **All donations should be submitted by April 2, 2010.**

If you have any questions contact Marnie Keller at [marniekeller@gmail.com](mailto:marniekeller@gmail.com) or 202-329-3170.

Thanks in advance for your support! I look forward to seeing you on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Bianca Bostic  
Auction Chair

PS... Be on the lookout for additional details as the planning develops.

7800 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20012  
[www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org)



## 6th Annual Shepherd Elementary School Auction Caribbean Carnival: The Carnival of Giving

January 13, 2010

Dear Valued Business Partner:

The Shepherd Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is reaching out to our local business community in support of our Annual Spring Fundraising Auction. Shepherd Elementary School is one of the District's premier public elementary schools that is committed to the enrichment of our students as well as the City in which we live. Today, I ask you to partner with us in making a commitment to the success and sustainability of Shepherd Elementary School.

Our goal is to raise \$50,000. We understand that in a struggling economy this is a lofty endeavor, however, I am sure that you will agree that our children are our future, and the benefits of enriching our school's academic programs are immeasurable. All proceeds from the auction will help to ensure that Shepherd Elementary School students will have access to the academic and technological resources necessary to prepare them for the future.

The theme of this year's Auction is *"Caribbean Carnival: The Carnival for Giving"*, a spirit that embodies the cultural diversity of Shepherd Elementary School and the surrounding community. The festivities will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010, at 7:00pm at the historic Washington Ethical Society. The annual auction is a benefit that draws local celebrities and political officials.

There are many ways that you can give that will make the auction a success. As a donor you can play a key role by:

- Providing goods or services for auction;
- Underwriting a portion of the auction expenses through a financial contribution;
- Advertising in the auction catalog ;
- Becoming a sponsor at the sponsorship level; and/or
- Attending the auction on April 30th!

*Please consider becoming a donor!!!*

The PTA is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization (EIN: 47-0879109); all donations are 100% tax deductible. **Donations should be submitted by April 2, 2010.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marnie Keller at [marniekeller@gmail.com](mailto:marniekeller@gmail.com) or 202-329-3170.

Thanks in advance for making a difference for Shepherd Elementary.

Respectfully,



Bianca Bostic  
Auction Chair

7800 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20012  
[www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Shepherd Elementary School  
Auction**



The Carnival for Giving

**Shepherd Elementary PTA Spring Auction 2010**

**ADVERTISING CONTRACT**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page - color \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page - black and white \$100   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page - color \$75     | <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page - black and white \$50    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page - color \$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page - black and white \$25 |

Name/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or website: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:

☐ Parent ☐ Faculty/Staff ☐ Alumni ☐ Grandparent ☐ Business ☐ Friend ☐ Other

Shepherd Elementary Solicitor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines:**

- For business ads, camera-ready copy should be submitted as clip art or an image that can be manipulated using standard word processing tools. Email digital images TIFF or PDF to [shepherdauktion@live.com](mailto:shepherdauktion@live.com)
- Please return this form, a camera-ready copy (required for business ads) and/or your message (for parent, family, other supporter ads) and check, made payable to Shepherd Elementary PTA, by March 26, 2010 to:

Shepherd Elementary PTA - Spring Auction 2010  
7800 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20012

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.  
EIN: 47-0879109

7800 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20012  
[www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org)



## Student's Eye-View

"Ragtime, Blues, Jazz, R&B and Message Songs," a musical revue, was presented at Shepherd Elementary School Feb. 18 in honor of Black History Month.

Under the direction of school music instructor Kenneth Giles, the songs were sung by Shepherd students in the school's auditorium before a crowd of roughly 150 proud parents, family members, teachers and friends.

The concert was introduced by Kennedy Gullatte. Among the songs sung were: "Good Mornin' Blues" by Huddie Ledbetter (better known as "Leadbelly"), and "It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing," composed by Washington, D.C.'s own Duke Ellington. Musical guest Pam Parker sang "I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free" with the students. The students also sang folk and contemporary songs like Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On."

Moriah Williams played "Ragtime Do Si Do" on the piano. A tap dancing routine done by Emahni Grant and Indya Heyward added to the evening. Ebonie Hilton ended the event by leading everyone in "Lift Every Voice and Sing," known as the Negro National Anthem, written by James Weldon Johnson.

"It was great," fifth grader Carson Wheeler said after the show.

CDs from the performance will be on sale soon.

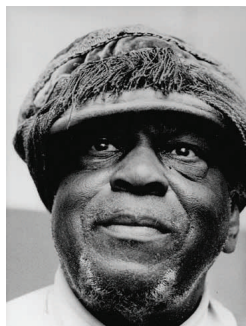
*--Compiled by Emahni Grant, 4th grader*

**To submit news tips, comment or contact this reporter, send an e-mail to [Emahni5@gmail.com](mailto:Emahni5@gmail.com).**

## Daylight Savings Time Returns in Two Weeks

People, get ready: Daylight Savings Time will be back on Sunday, March 14. Think now about how you can ease the transition for your children so they don't come to school tired as all get-out that week.

## Cool Black Jazz History Fact!



### SUN RA

Herman P. "Sonny" Blount

1914 – 1993

Sonny Blount, most widely known as SUN RA, was an incredibly creative and unique keyboard artist, composer, big-band leader and teacher. He received a piano for his seventh birthday. With little formal musical training, he taught himself to read music. Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, he began his music career playing in segregated nightclubs while seated behind a curtain. White patrons then did not want to see the Black musicians. After World War II, Ra moved to Chicago which was a hotbed for jazz. There, he got to play with and learn from his idol and mentor, the great big-band leader Fletcher Henderson. Later, after practicing a lot, Sun Ra developed his own unique sound and style, which was different from what others were playing. Some thought his sound was strange. But, he did not let that stop him from being creative. He and some other great, courageous musicians explored an art form called "free jazz." Many of those sounds are now played by most jazz musicians today.

In the 1950s, he formed his own band, which he creatively named the Sun Ra Arkestra. They not only played music that was highly creative, but they dressed in very colorful and dazzling outfits with an outer space theme. One of their popular songs was "Travel the Space Ways From Planet to Planet." An Arkestra concert included many art forms such as poetry, light shows, dancers and audience participation. It was truly interesting, exciting and so creative! Sun Ra recorded more than 200 albums and toured the world. Several times he led concerts that included 100 instrumental pieces. One of those concerts was held at the pyramids in Egypt.

Sun Ra would ask that all young musicians following: enjoy your music, learn from the greats that came before you, practice seriously as much as possible, feel free to create and be different if you want to. It is your art.

**See you at the Shepherd Jazz  
Night!**

**Shepherd Elementary Auditorium**

**Friday, February 26, 2010**

**Jazz video begins at 6:30 PM**



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 21, 2010

Dear Shepherd Elementary School Parents and Families,

Although August is still months away, DC Public Schools is already preparing for your child's next school year! As you know, student achievement is climbing across DCPS, and we are eager for you to continue to be a part of these gains. For this reason, we want to ensure that you have clear information about your school options in DCPS for 2010-2011.

**If your child is in pre-k through 4th grade at Shepherd this year:**

- In almost all cases, your child has a right to continue attending Shepherd Elementary School next school year.\* We encourage you to register your child here when registration opens on April 1.
- If you want your child to attend a different school, you may apply to the DCPS Out-of-Boundary Lottery between January 28 and February 28. For more information, go to [www.dcps.dc.gov/oob](http://www.dcps.dc.gov/oob) or visit Shepherd and ask the school staff to assist you.

**If your child is in 5th grade at Shepherd this year:**

Congratulations to your child who will be moving on to middle school next year!

- Each student has a neighborhood middle school assigned to his/her address. To find out your neighborhood school, go to <http://dcatlas.dceis.dc.gov/schools/> and enter your address or visit Shepherd and ask the school staff to assist you.
- In addition, all students who successfully complete 5th grade at Shepherd -- whether they are in-boundary or out-of-boundary -- have a right to attend Deal Middle School. This means that if Deal Middle School is not your neighborhood school, you may choose either of these schools for next school year.
- If you want your child to attend a different school than the option(s) described above, you may apply to the DCPS Out-of-Boundary Lottery between January 28 and February 28. For more information, go to [www.dcps.dc.gov/oob](http://www.dcps.dc.gov/oob) or visit Shepherd and ask the school staff to assist you.

**If you have a child who is turning 3 or 4 years old by September 30, 2010:**

If your child is not yet enrolled in DC Public Schools, you should apply to the DCPS Pre-School and Pre-K Lottery between January 28 and February 28. DCPS offers full-day three- and four-year-old programs at over 85 elementary schools across the city. For more information, go to [www.dcps.dc.gov/earlychildhood](http://www.dcps.dc.gov/earlychildhood).

Beginning this year, there will no longer be a separate process to apply for Head Start. Head Start-eligible families should apply for pre-school / pre-k through the DCPS Pre-School and Pre-K Lottery; they will be identified for Head Start services during this process.

\* If you lived in-boundary for Shepherd at the time of enrollment but now live out-of-boundary, you may either enroll at your new in-boundary school or apply to stay at Shepherd through the DCPS Out-of-Boundary Lottery. To find out whether you are still in-boundary for Shepherd, go to <http://dcatlas.dceis.dc.gov/schools/> and enter your address. For more information on the DCPS Out-of-Boundary Lottery, go to [www.dcps.dc.gov/oob](http://www.dcps.dc.gov/oob) or visit Shepherd and ask the school staff to assist you.

## Thank You Corner

Credit must go where credit is due for snow removal at school. First, let's thank our custodial staff: Mr. Kelley, Mr. Vincent and Mr. Friday, for removing snow from the walkways and sidewalks all around Shepherd. Thank you also to Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser and D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee for listening to the pleas of parents to have the streets next to Shepherd plowed to allow from a chaos-free dropoff and pickup for the daily car pool, plus some parking spaces for school staff, who have no parking lot for their cars. And thanks also to the D.C. Dept. of Public Works and their contracted snow-removal crews, who showed up before school resumed (after more than a week away!) to clear the streets.

In the Thank You Corner, ANYBODY connected with Shepherd Elementary can thank ANYBODY ELSE connected with Shepherd. Just send in your thanks, whatever they are, to [sesmustang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmustang@gmail.com).

*Support Shepherd PTA's*



### Take a Giant Step

Wanted: Shepherd families to sign up for Giant Food's A-Plus Bonus Bucks Program. To date, we have only 21 families signed up. That figure is two-thirds LESS than what we had three years ago. And Giant is the supermarket closest to Shepherd. Next time you go to Giant, ask to sign up. Or, you can do so online.

**Shepherd's code is: 00154.**

### Shepherd Elementary School Mission:

**All stakeholders are committed to the advancement of students' academic, emotional, social, and physical well-being within a supportive, creative and flexible environment in which children learn to think compassionately and learn globally.**

## The Mustang Round-Up

### Join the PTA Listserv Today –

To subscribe, send an email (**include your name, your child's name and his/her teacher/class**) to:

[Shepherd\\_Elementary\\_PTA-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:Shepherd_Elementary_PTA-subscribe@yahogroups.com).

Once signed up, you will be able to receive listserv updates directly to your email inbox. If you prefer to not receive emails for each listserv posting, simply select "no email" under the message delivery option in your listserv user setup.

### Past Issues of The Mustang are Online –

Would you like to read *The Mustang* electronically? Need to refer back to a past issue? Each week, *The Mustang* is uploaded to the files area of the PTA listserv. Join the listserv and click to read.

*The Mustang* is also available on the Shepherd Elementary School website at [www.shepherd-elementary.org](http://www.shepherd-elementary.org).

## Deadline Looms!

### for Next Mustang Issue

The deadline for the March 5th issue is Tuesday, March 2, at 5 p.m. Send all contributions to:

**[sesmustang@gmail.com](mailto:sesmustang@gmail.com)**

You'll be glad you did!

## Shepherd Elementary School



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