



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

September 13, 2010



Mark Your Calendars!

- ⊕ **Wednesday, September 15,** Back to School Night/PTA meeting, 6:45 p.m.
- ⊕ **Friday, September 17,** Professional development, no school
- ⊕ **Friday, Sept. 24:** Picture Day, Fall Fest 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., Book Fair Opens (thru Oct 1st) & First Advisory Mid-Point!!
- ⊕ **October 11** - Columbus Day, no school!
- ⊕ **October 12** - LSRT meeting, 3:45 p.m.
- ⊕ **October 20** - PTA meeting, 6:45 p.m.
- ⊕ **October 21** - Picture make-up day

Visit <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/calendar/> for a month-by-month list of events and activities-through next June!

FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...

Dear Shepherd Parents:

Back to School Night is so big and so important, I told the editor to bump my column from the front page! Back to School Night is the place to see how the PTA and the school leadership work hand in hand to improve the school and facilitate learning. It will confirm why you send your children to Shepherd. See you Wednesday!

Elsewhere in the Mustang, you'll find a reprint of the Volunteer Database Signup Sheet that was part of your child's first green school folder (aka the Parents' Owner's Manual). We've coupled it with two pages brimming with brief descriptions of more than 20 different activities at Shepherd - some date-specific, some ongoing throughout the school year - to help you decide how best you can apply your time and talents. I'll say this much: Our children need to see BOTH parents - mother and father - working in, and contributing to, the place where they spend most of their waking hours. It's OK if you count with your fingers for this one. But if your child is in aftercare, it's a slam dunk!

Whatever you do THIS week, be sure to vote Tuesday, September 14. You can even register to vote in your precinct on Election Day if you show proof of residence. Shepherd Elementary is home to vote-rich Precinct 62,

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A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings!

Welcome to the start of another wonderful week at Shepherd.

Last week I ended my section by saying, "We are striving to be better today than we were the day before!" Daily I am reminding my staff to be fair, honest, open and to treat all students with dignity and respect. I encourage them to communicate with you, let you know their expectations and be open. We are also constantly reminding students to be responsible and we work with students to help them develop their "responsibility" gene.

I am held accountable by a lot of people. I hold my teachers accountable and now I am going to hold you accountable. Shepherd cannot move forward if all stakeholders are not committed and doing their part. So I ask.....

Do you make sure your student arrives to school on time every day?

Do you sign and return all notes, forms and letters?

Do you read the Mustang and listserve to stay up to date on school happenings?

Did you listen to the message I left on Sunday or did you hang up and did delete it?

Do you provide your student with a quiet place to work each evening when they are doing their homework?

Do you limit or eliminate video/game time during the school week?

Do you sign your student's agenda book?

Do you go over their homework?

Do you read to your child at least 15 minutes every night?

Do you allow them to read to you every night?

Do you make sure their back packs are packed with the necessities for a successful school day?

Do you provide healthy snacks and limit the amount of sugar intake in your child's diet?

Do you hold your child accountable for their behaviors and actions?

Do you contact your child's teacher if you have a concern?

Do you put your student to bed at a reasonable time?

Do you adhere to the parking, traffic, school safety and security rules?

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News from The Green Team!



Have you ever seen a symbol like this before?

If not, it's a symbol that signifies the three aspects of the recycling process. Starting this school year, Principal Miles is making significant strides toward making us more environmentally conscious. No longer will we just throw away our trash without thinking of the long-term impact. Instead, we will be more environmentally responsible by recycling our paper, cans, & plastic.

Here's a Recycling Fact Worth Remembering: Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity -- enough energy to power the average American home for five months.

~Alicia Andersen



Follow Me

Shepherd Tweets You Follow

There is an easy, fun way members of the Shepherd Nation can stay in touch and be notified of breaking news or situations.

Shepherd Elementary's Communications Committee setup a Twitter account last school year. But we're still seeking as many followers as possible. If you have a Twitter account, gain access to the Internet, then go to: twitter.com/SESmessenger and click the 'followers' button.

Or simply send your e-mail address or Twitter handle/name to: sesmustang@gmail.com or Richard.mcintire@gmail.com and we'll send you an invite.

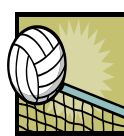
Shepherd leadership and the Communications Committee will use Twitter to let parents, staff and others know about information crucial to the operations, security and event schedule of the school.

For those who aren't clear: Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people and organizations through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing?

Tweets can be received and sent via PCs and other mobile devices.

Join today to start receiving SESmessenger tweets. If you haven't already, give it a try. Look for updates and tweet ya later!

From The Desk ofthe PE Teacher



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you all have enjoyed your summer and that you and your students are well rested and ready to start the school year. A lot of expectations have been placed upon us as educators this year and rightly so. This will, in turn, trickle down to our students. I have a lot of expectations this year as it pertains to the area of health and physical education. Some of these expectations will be relayed to you, the parents, in the coming weeks. A few for now are:

- Students must bring sneakers on the day that they are scheduled for P.E.
- If a student does not have a medical excuse, from a Dr. or the nurse, he or she will not be excused from class
- Students must participate fully in order to receive full credit for participation
- If student is removed from class, a parent will be notified and no participation grade will be given that day

All of these expectations will be relayed to your students in their classes this week. They are important because during each class period students will receive a grade of 1-4 based on meeting these expectations. I look forward to a productive school year filled with learning and fun. Thank you and I will see you around the school!

Sincerely,

Mr. Burgess

FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT... Con't from page 1

where most in-boundary families vote, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the auditorium. (Pay explicit attention to school officials regarding morning gathering on Tuesday.) But wherever you live, vote. And bring your children with you to the polling place. Let them see their parents exercise democracy.

Best Wishes!

Mark Pattison

Shepherd PTA President

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A Word from Mrs. Miles!

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If you answered yes, to every signal question, GREAT JOB!!!! You set the example for others to follow. If you were unable to answer "yes" to the questions listed, I encourage you to embrace our motto. **"Strive to do better"**. At the elementary level it is hard to "penalize the student" when the parent is the one who is ultimately responsible. However, while you are at work doing what you do, your student is at school trying to figure out why their teacher, principal and/or staff members in the building are making such a "big deal" out of something when it not a priority at home.

Birthdays and Celebrations at Shepherd

At Shepherd, we allow parents to recognize their child's birthday with a small treat for the class. A small treat may include: goody bags, healthy snacks, water or 100% fruit juice (no sugar added). Parties are not allowed! If a parent wishes to send in or drop off an item for the classroom, please contact the teacher beforehand. The classroom teacher reserves the right to determine when and how the snack will be distributed.

Off Campus Birthday Parties

If your student is having a party off campus and he/she is inviting his/her classmates, invitations brought to school must be for EVERY student in the classroom. If every student in the class is not invited, invitations must be mailed.

Valuables Including Cell Phones

Students should not bring valuables to school. The school is not responsible for stolen articles. In addition, it is not suggested that certain electronic devices be brought to school. These items include iPods, radios, mp-3 players, electronic games, CD players, and cell phones. Items confiscated by any staff member, must be picked up by a parent/guardian. Should a parent need to contact a student in case of emergency during school hours, please call the school office and the child will be called to the office. If your child brings a cell phone to school, it must be turned off upon entering the building and remain off during the school day. Students may turn their cell phones on after dismissal.

Friday, September 24, 20010 is a BUSY Day!!!

- ▶ Picture Day!! Students may wear their regular clothes. Uniforms must be worn for the Spring Group Picture!!!!

- ▶ Fall Fest 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- ▶ Book Fair Opens!
- ▶ First Advisory Mid-Point!!

Our Mission

At Shepherd, we are committed to the advancement of students' academic, emotional, social and physical well being. We, as a community, will provide students with a safe, supportive, creative, and flexible environment in which children think and learn globally and act compassionately. Shepherd students are expected to be Responsible, Safe and Respectful at all times!

Our SCHOOL PLEDGE

Today is a new day! I will respect the rights of others. I will treat all property with respect. I will take responsibility for my learning. I will take responsibility for my actions. I will act in a safe and healthy way. Today I will be the best me I can be!

Have a great week!

Jamie Miles

Principal, Shepherd Elementary

This Story Brought To You By the Letters

'P' and 'R'

Shepherd parent Tafia L. Allah-Pringle will partner strategically with the PTA leadership team and Principal Miles to promote the development and consistency of external awareness for key, major school events/fundraisers, by managing the development and distribution of press materials. In my role as the Publicist/PR Lead for the PTA, I will manage implementation of public relations, with emphasis on media relations and media material development, to achieve objective.

From Tafia: "In my role as the Publicist/PR Lead for the PTA, I will manage implementation of public relations, with emphasis on media relations and media material development, to achieve objective. I will also field inquiries from media, identify PR opportunities that support initiatives and build school awareness. I will work closely with the PTA leadership team, Principal Miles, teachers and parents to assist with effective communications and consistent PR support. Will you join me? I can be reached at 973-902-6749 or tafia@tlapr.com"



Shepherd IB PYP Corner

Welcome back to another exciting school year! My name is Sandra Hart and I am thrilled to be the new IB Coordinator here at Shepherd Elementary School. I have been in education for over 17 years and have extensive teaching and administrative experience. Most of my teaching and administrative experience has been in Toronto, Canada. My family and I have recently moved to the DC area from West Palm Beach, Florida, where we lived for the last five years. There I worked as Head of an Elementary School and IB PYP Coordinator.

At Shepherd Elementary, we continue our journey towards authorization as an IB World School. The IB Primary Years Program (PYP), for which we are a candidate school, is a program for students in Pre Kindergarten to Fifth grade. The program focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. Our authorization visit is scheduled for November 8th and 9th, 2010.

This week, teachers have been working hard reacquainting the students with the concepts and the skills of the IB Program. The PYP program focuses on the heart as well as the mind of the child. The program provides opportunity for students to construct meaning, principally through concept-driven inquiry. Each grade level has begun working on their first Program of Inquiry, which is as follows:

- 🌐 **Pre Kindergarten** – How we Organize Ourselves - Our School
- 🌐 **Kindergarten** – Who We Are - Being a good Citizen
- 🌐 **First Grade** – Where We Are in Place and Time - Map It
- 🌐 **Second Grade** – How We Organize Ourselves – Community Systems
- 🌐 **Third Grade** – How We Organize Ourselves – Yes We Can
- 🌐 **Fourth Grade** – Who We Are – The Story of Us
- 🌐 **Fifth Grade** – Where We Are in Place and Time – Changing Times

This month our Learner Profile focus is **Caring**. A caring person is someone who shows empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. It is a person who has a personal commitment to service, and acts to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment. At home, please encourage, discuss and highlight the moments you observe your child or others in your family being caring. “Action speaks louder than words.” Therefore, if we model how to be a caring individual this will teach our child to be caring and kind. As parents, you have the power to nurture, to guide, to show and to instill kindness, responsibility and gentleness.

Back to School night will take place on Sept. 15th and an IB PYP introductory session will be given then. Hope to see all of you!



HEALTHY RECIPES COOKBOOK TO FEATURE YOUR FAVORITES

The PTA's fundraising committee is assembling the first-ever Shepherd Elementary Cookbook. This will be a collection of healthy and kid-friendly recipes contributed by you and your family members. Please drop off a copy of your favorite recipes in the office! Make sure to note your child's name with the recipe. All recipes must be submitted by September 30!

GAMES, FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS

Activities include:

Face Painting, Cupcake
Decorating, Dora the Explorer
Moon Bounce, Jurassic Park
Adventure, Football Toss,
Extreme Air Bungee Jumper
and more.

TICKETS NEEDED FOR GAMES!!

\$1.00 PER TICKET

Live Appearance by:

Ronald McDonald 5pm—6pm



September 24, 2010

3:30pm-8:00pm

6th Annual Fall Festival

For Info Contact:

*Charisse Brossard @
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Caroline Barrow @
caroline_barrow@hotmail.com*

This popular festival is a family tradition offering reasonable food, exciting games and creative arts and crafts, for all attending.



DC Labor Chorus and Shepherd Alums Perform on the Mall

DC Labor Chorus and former students from Shepherd Elementary School sang on the Mall for an environmental rally, September 5, 2010. We sang a new song by Pete Seeger and Lorre Wyatt entitled "Countin' on me, Countin' on you."

And USTREAM video broadcast a couple of the other songs we sang:

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/9380316>

DC Labor Chorus rehearses every Monday night at 7:00 pm in the music room at Shepherd Elementary School. Students and parents are welcome!

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Family Music Survey

Our annual "Family Music Survey" shows the diversity of musical instruments, songs, and dances among Shepherd Elementary School families. We play 23 different instruments and sing 35 different types of songs. Families listed more than 30 dances and 100 specific songs representing their cultural/national origins or interests. The detailed report is posted outside the music room.

--Ken Giles, music teacher



On July 26, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution designating the second week of September as "Arts in Education Week." This week is designed to promote and showcase the immense role arts education has in producing engaged, successful, and college and career-ready students. It's also a terrific opportunity to celebrate the amazing arts educators our students are lucky to come in contact with every week at Shepherd.

While thousands of students across the country are seeing their arts programs cut, or have no access at all to visual art, music, theater, or dance, our Shepherd students' minds are challenged and their spirits strengthened by daily learning in and through the arts. During National Arts in Education Week, take a minute to stop by the music room or the art room to thank Mr. Giles and Ms. Michaud for all they do.

More information about National Arts in Education Week can be found at www.aep-arts.org.

Laura Smyth

HOW YOU CAN HELP SHEPHERD SUCCEED

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Klm Jeffries Leonard, kjleonard@klmjl.com

We support and consult on academic matters, from the successful implementation of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme curriculum to providing help to students most in need of it. Come with ideas and strategies.

AUCTION

Blanca Bostic, blanca.bostic@noaa.gov

This is the PTA's single biggest fundraiser. Held each spring, it nets necessary funds to sustain the PTA through the summer. The Auction Committee needs help with procuring items, selling tickets, executing contracts, writing descriptions of auction items, decorating the auction site, checking in attendees (and checking them out with their auction winnings), and much more.

BOOK FAIR

Ms. June Confer, 576-6140, june.confer@dc.gov

We're always interested in having our children read, and read better. Getting books they like into their hands helps. Last year's Book Fair raised a record amount for Shepherd and we'd like to top that in 2010! It runs for a week in the library, in conjunction with Fall Fest. Cashiers are always needed, and parents to stock and restock shelves.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Frank Borris, frank.borris@dot.gov

The tireless efforts of the PTA's Building and Grounds Committee got Shepherd its new gym floor over the summer, and new windows throughout the school two years ago. It will also pave the way for re-making the school with a joint parental-staff vision when renovations are expected mid-decade. In the meantime, there's always room for folks with green thumbs and strong backs when it comes to plants, mulch, trees and playgrounds.

CAFETERIA

Mrs. Miles, 576-6140, jamie.miles@dc.gov

This one is a slam dunk for parents who have time during the school day. Can you take the place of a teacher in the cafeteria as a lunch-hour monitor, and give the teacher a chance to work on his or her lesson plans? Every hour counts!

DIRECTORY

Kelsha Grant, kelshag14@yahoo.com

School directories don't get put together by themselves! Lend a hand by typing, double-checking e-mail addresses and phone numbers, and similar tasks. We've got a deadline to get this in parents' hands by the end of October!

FALL FEST

Charisse Brossard, cbrossard65@gmail.com

Fall Fest, now in its sixth year, brings together parents and children like no other event at Shepherd. It's an afternoon -- stretching into the evening -- of fun and food. Each class sponsors an activity, and parents sign up to take a shift running the activity. Kids, meanwhile, have oodles of fun with moon bounces, arts and crafts, and food.

FALL FLOWER BULB SALE

Stephanie Scott, Stephanie.scott@dc.gov

Just as we beautify the Shepherd grounds, the annual Fall Flower Bulb Sale can beautify your own yard (or window box). Spread the dirt, and the word!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Mr. Burgess, 576-6140

Most schools call it "Field Day." We encourage parents to join their children in the fun and frolic, helping teachers and staff with games and contests and with providing food -- and a safe atmosphere for a day of outdoor activity in June.

FUNDRAISING

Lisa Connor, 291-9126, lisaconnor@verizon.net

The PTA has a fundraising plan filled with fun, family-oriented activities that require minimal "sales" from families. If every family does a little, we can raise a lot! Here are ways you can help:

- ♦ Join the PTA and donate to the "180 Fund."
- ♦ Participate in the Family Night Out at select restaurants (watch the Mustang for details).
- ♦ Donate recipes and buy multiple copies of the PTA Cookbook.
- ♦ Participate in the Color Me Mine Fundraiser Friday, Dec. 1, 6-10 p.m.
- ♦ Send in your Box Tops for Education.
- ♦ Register your Giant and Safeway frequent shopper cards.
- ♦ Buy a brick with your family/student's name on it for our new garden (details to come).

GARDEN INITIATIVE

Angela Anderson, angela_c_anderson@yahoo.com

We've identified a spot at the school that would be just perfect for a children's garden -- not just flowers, but vegetables, too! No date for the "groundbreaking" yet, but this is one way we can help our children get in touch with nature, and keep from thinking that food just comes from the supermarket.

GRANT WRITING

Monica Goletiani, goletiani@verizon.net

Grant writing netted Shepherd 10 new violins and a tuned piano last year to enhance its music program, and is pursuing playground and computer grants for this year. If you know how to write grants, you'll be our best friend!

GREEN TEAM

Allcia Anderson, Allcia.anderson@hud.gov

Shepherd is taking the necessary first steps to becoming a school that recycles. Get in on the ground floor in our efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle and join the Green Team -- students, parents and teachers all joined in this necessary cause.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Sabine Herisse, snherisse@yahoo.com

The school is serious about following First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" initiative, finding healthier food options for students, and cultivating a culture of physical and mental health at the school. You don't have to be a doctor or nurse to serve, but the ability to follow through is important as your children progress from grade to grade.

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SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP DATABASE

Mother's Name _____
Father's Name _____
Student's Name _____
Student's Grade and Teacher _____
Home Phone _____

Address & zip code _____
Mother's Work Phone _____
Mother's Cell Phone _____
Father's Work Phone _____
Father's Cell Phone _____

Please place a check alongside any item you're interested in.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PTA FUNCTIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> CAFETERIA |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> BOOK FAIR | |

Signature: _____

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JAZZ NIGHT

Patsy-Ann Rasmussen, rasmussenp@sl.edu

A Shepherd Elementary tradition now in its third decade, Jazz Night has long featured music students from Howard University, a gaily decorated auditorium, and a satisfying array of potluck dishes. You can help put it all together.

LOOSE CHANGE

Marnie Keller, 244-3855, marniekeller@gmail.com

This is an annual drive in which students contribute their (or their parents') loose change over the course of a month and learn some of the principles of altruism. Half of the loose change goes to the PTA and the other half goes to needy school families.

NEWSLETTER

Richard McIntire, richard.mcintire@gmail.com

Parents are always welcome to share in the work of writing, editing, designing, copying and distributing the Mustang, Shepherd's weekly newsletter. We'll put up our newsletter against any school's. Even if you don't have newsletter skills, you can help by pulling it from your child's backpack each Monday and reading it from cover to cover!

PTA FUNCTIONS

Patsy-Ann Rasmussen, rasmussenp@sl.edu

It's not the easiest job in the world, but somebody's got to do it! Help coordinate the delivery of Ledo Pizza, get bottled water and juice boxes, work with the custodial staff for PTA meeting room layout, and secure the services of adults for childcare. This behind-the-scenes work is what makes the PTA tick!

SCHOOL OFFICE

Ms. Brooks, 576-6140, robyna.brooks@dc.gov

There's always something that can be done in the school office. Just ask our Ms. Brooks! Tell her what you can do and she'll find a way to utilize your skills.

TECHNOLOGY/COMPUTERS

Chair vacant; could it be YOU?

One of the PTA's top priorities last year was technology. Last year it spent more than \$20,000 on computers and other educational technology, and another \$20,000 over the summer. How can we put it to best use? Tech-savvy moms and dads are needed to assess and evaluate our tech holdings.

USED UNIFORM SALES

Marnie Keller, 244-3855, marniekeller@gmail.com

D.C. Public Schools this year required its uniform-policy schools to offer low-cost alternatives. We beat DCPS to the punch years ago. No item is more than a dollar. What's required is the ability to identify wearable used uniform clothing and display it for sale at PTA events.

Sign up for one or more of these vital functions with Nashwa Beach, nashwabeach@yahoo.com. Still need more info? Contact PTA president Mark Pattison, 829-9289, pattison_mark@hotmail.com.

'180 Fund' Lists Its First Contributors

Here's the complete list, through September 8, of Shepherd parents who have made contributions to the PTA's 180 Fund. Remember, the fund gets its name from the 180 instructional days on the D.C. Public Schools calendar. We believe there are at least 180 Shepherd families who can afford a dollar a day at the minimum to supplement the school's budget. It's an important way you can help. And, if you give \$500, you can consider yourself inoculated against future fundraising appeals this year.

But first, a big THANK YOU to...

Corey and Kim Barnette
Nashwa and Christian Beach
Sekou and Cara Biddle
Samuel and Catherine Carroll Collins
Ashford and Lisa Connor
Gezo Edwards
Lizabeth Folk
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Ken Giles
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Denis Nikiema
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Jennifer Pauk
Keshia Pendergrast & Garrett Alston
Sheri Sesay-Tuffour
Kathryn and Jay Shalaty
Timothy Smith and Rhonda Davis Smith
Laura Smyth and Stephen Wells
Chantale Swanson
David Trimble
Kristin Wells and Earl Yates
Camille and Keith White

If you don't see your name here, it could be because you've made a pledge but haven't yet made your contribution. We'll have PTA parents at Wednesday's Back to School Night accepting 180 Fund contributions, and you can always deposit a contribution in the PTA box in the main office. Remember to make out your check to Shepherd Elementary PTA. And we'll be sure to include your name in a future issue of the Mustang.

**School website:**

www.shepherd-elementary.org

Join the PTA listserv:

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

Shepherd_Elementary_PTA_subscribe@yahoo.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.

To post a message:

shepherd_elementary_pta@yahoo.com

To see the archives:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shepherd_elementary_pta

Weekly school newsletter - The Mustang!

Delivered each Monday in kids' backpacks. *Copy deadline each Friday at 5 p.m.*

The Mustang is also available on the Shepherd Elementary School website at www.shepherd-elementary.org.

To submit an item send to

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Twitter: Get fast-breaking Shepherd Elementary

info by following *SESmessenger* at www.twitter.com

Mustang Deadline for Next Issue

Deadline for the Mustang is generally each Friday at 5 p.m.

This gives the parent editors time to assemble each week's contents and give it to the parents who have accepted responsibility for layout and design to prepare a mock-up of the upcoming issue for review and one final chance at proofreading. The Mustang is then copied on Monday and put into teachers' mailboxes for distribution via their students' backpacks on Monday. Once each issue is good to go, it will be posted both on the school website and in the "Files" section of the PTA Yahoo Group listserv.

You are welcome to write articles or suggest things that can appear in the Mustang. Send your submissions to

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