



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

September 6, 2011

MEET THE PTA'S NEW LOGO!

You may have seen it in a smaller version on the PTA's letterhead stationery, and in the PTA president's column in the Mustang. But here it is in all of its full-size glory.

While we have the PTA to thank for supporting the vision, and the PTA leaders to thank for articulating the vision, we also have Mr. Gabriel Anthony of Temple Hills, MD, to thank for embodying the vision so well in this logo. He is a retired government employee and a freelance graphic artist.



A Word from Mrs. Miles!

Greetings!

Arrival and Dismissal

A big thank you to everyone who has striven to get their student to school on time. We have seen an improvement. Many of our "repeat offenders" have started the year off well. Let's keep it going! Remember, the doors of the school will officially open at 8:20 a.m. Anyone arriving for breakfast or before-care should enter the school through the cafeteria door located by the playground. The gym doors open at 8:20. Students in grades 1st through 5th gather in the gymnasium. Mrs. Gibbs' students report directly to their classrooms and the other Pre-K and K classes gather in the hallway outside of Ms. Pethtel's and Ms. Crockett's classrooms. The gym doors close at



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- ♦ **Wed, Sept. 21:** Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Wed, Sept. 21:** LSAT election, 6:30-8 p.m., auditorium
- ♦ **Fri, Sept. 23:** First-term midpoint
- ♦ **Tues, Sept. 27:** Family Dinner Night, Spring Garden Chinese Restaurant, 8613 16th St., Silver Spring, 5-10:30 p.m.

Consult the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org, for a full array of events and happenings throughout the school year!

Early Readers Notice

Volunteers are already preparing for this year's Early Readers Program, the before-school activity for children K-2 who need an extra boost with reading. The program is scheduled to begin on October 3. Children identified to participate will receive notice from their teachers and/or Ms. Miles.

A meeting for adults who want to volunteer in the Early Readers Program is slated for this Sunday, Sept. 11. If you want to know more, send a message to Cynthia Prather at scsprather@aol.com.



Hit the Bricks! PTA's 'Brick by Brick' Campaign Resumes

With school back in session, the PTA is bringing back its "Brick by Brick" campaign for parents and community members to show just how much they like Shepherd Elementary.

You have several options:

- ▶ You can get two lines of type on your brick (18-character maximum, including spaces, per line), or you can add a third line for just \$15.
- ▶ You can get your brick installed close to the 14th Street sidewalk – or, for \$50 more, you can be designated an "Old School" supporter and have your brick installed close to the entrance of the original school building.



If you don't know how often you'll see your brick at Shepherd, you can also purchase a copy of your brick for \$39.99 for you to keep at home.

And, you can go the school website, www.shepherd-elementary.org, to either download an order form or to place your order online! Look for the "Support Us" bar on the homepage, click on "Brick by Brick," and you're on your way!

Family Dinner Night Earns PTA Big Bucks

The results are in, and the PTA got a whopping \$420 from Olazzo, the Italian restaurant in downtown Silver Spring, for its Family Dinner Night Aug. 25. So many of the customers were from Shepherd, the manager said, that he decided to just give 20 percent of the restaurant's receipts that night to Shepherd. The total take, he added, was just over \$2,000, and he rounded it up to \$420.

Our next Family Dinner Night is later this month, on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Spring Garden Chinese Restaurant at the Spring Center, 8613 16th St. in Silver Spring. As with Olazzo, the PTA will get 20 percent of the pre-tax tab, but you have to **SAY YOU'RE WITH SHEPHERD**. Spring Garden has terrific Chinese food, plus American palate-pleasers. And sushi, too! Hours for Family Dinner Night will be 5-10:30 p.m. But this promotion is for dining-in customers only — no carry-outs and no deliveries. But if that's the case, then let's pack the place!



Join The Mustang Team!

Do you have mad skills in writing and editing? How about in layout and design? How about photocopying and walking?

The Mustang Team can use you! Take a slot in a revolving team of editors, designers and production parents who get the newsletter ready each weekend. Because it's a revolving team, you won't be called on each issue.

If you're interested, email Mark Pattison at pattison_mark@hotmail.com to join this merry band!



Shepherd Elementary School had an Open House for all students and their families the Friday before the first day of school. It was such an exciting day! Students ran into their friends; they also had a chance to visit their previous teachers and discover their new teachers for this school year. A fourth grader got a glimpse of her new classroom rules displayed on the walls and said, "I already know the rules because of the fourth grade classroom tour last year!"



Every teacher was cleaning, organizing, and decorating their room for the first day of school. I helped Ms. Holt and Madame Gadié collect trash. Speaking of our French teacher, there is now a real wall separating the French and Spanish classrooms! Open House was definitely a success. All the students I spoke to told me they had a lot of fun. Have a great school year Fellow Mustangs!

I encourage you to share cool news tips and comments with me. Please contact me at snherisse@yahoo.com

--Sophia-Rose Herisse, 4th Grade

(Editor's note: Sophia-Rose's column will also appear in the Northwest Current, a free newspaper delivered each Wednesday to homes in the Shepherd Park neighborhood. If you don't get it at your house, you can pick up copies at the Shepherd Park Library and at Ledo Pizza, both on Georgia Avenue.)

Is Your Permission Slip Showing?

If you've seen our revamped website, you'll have seen lots of pictures of happy students and parents. But we need your permission to have your child's photo included on the website, and in the Mustang.



Use the all-in-one form included with this issue of the Mustang to give your consent, or you can do so online at <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/parents/parent-teacher-association-pta/pta-forms/> to print the form, sign it, and return it to the PTA box in the school office.

Volunteering: The Best Feeling in the World

Shepherd didn't get to be the "destination school" it is by itself. Supporting the efforts of education professionals past and present has been a ready reserve of parents offering Parent Power for activities of all types. Last Friday's cookout was an entirely parent affair, from organizing to bringing food items to cooking and serving.

The school year is full of activities that build up Shepherd educationally and as a community of families. Count yourselves in on the good times yet to come.



Students at Shepherd's Labor Day cookout.

You can sign up for one or more of 20-plus volunteer functions at Shepherd at <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/volunteer-form/> -- or, you can use the all-in-one form in the back of this issue of the Mustang to indicate where your own talents and skills are.



Music classes have started for all students. We will learn to read notes, count beats, and recognize music symbols. We will learn about history and culture through songs. And we will perform concerts. Details about our plans and activities are posted at the Teacherweb site. Here are some interesting musical opportunities:

- ◆ Recorder rehearsal is every Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the music room. Our recorder students will play at the holiday concert.
- ◆ Guitar classes for 3rd and 4th graders are in aftercare on Mondays.
- ◆ Violin classes will begin soon during recess for grades 1 through 5. Violinists will also perform at the holiday concert.
- ◆ Two concerts are already on the calendar: "Holiday Concert" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:45 p.m., and "Songs of Freedom and Justice" on Wednesday, Feb. 8, also at 6:45 p.m. We plan to make a video with excerpts from the "Songs of Freedom and Justice" concert. All students (even pre-K and kindergarten singers) are welcome to sing in our concerts.
- ◆ The D.C. Youth Orchestra meets at Eastern High School. I teach violin at the D.C. Youth Orchestra (where my own children performed 25 years ago). Several Shepherd Elementary School students play their instruments at the D.C. Youth Orchestra.

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Election Sept. 21 For LSAT Parent Vacancy

Due to a resignation, there is a vacancy for one Parent Representative on Shepherd Elementary's Local School Advisory Team. The call is now

being made for nominations to fill the vacancy for the rest of the 2011-12 school year. You may nominate yourself. Candidate statements serve as proof of nomination. Candidate statements MUST be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, by Jennifer Pauk at jpauk@hotmail.com. Statements will be posted on the PTA listserv and in the Sept. 19 issue of the Mustang.

Nominate Now

The election will take place in the auditorium during Back to School Night on Wednesday, Sept. 21. All Shepherd parents are eligible to vote, as they are to be nominated. Balloting starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. To learn more about the LSAT, its function and mission, see the LSAT page on the school website at <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/parents/school-advisory-board/>.

- ◆ The D.C. Labor Chorus rehearses in our music room on Mondays at 7 p.m. Several Shepherd alumni sing with the Labor Chorus, and current students are welcome to join. The D.C. Labor Chorus will sing with our students at the February concert.
- ◆ Once a month, Dr. Ysaye Barnwell (head of Sweet Honey in the Rock) leads a community sing at Levine School of Music 2801 Upton Rd. NW. Shepherd families and children are welcome to participate. It's the best 4-part harmony I've ever heard. The next session is Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m.

Give to the 180 Fund

You may be asking what the point is in having the 180 Fund. The simple answer is that we live in a world where everyone needs money. And let's face it: Without the 180 Fund, we might all be hawking Christmas gift wrap to our co-workers. Or selling World's Finest Chocolate. Or both. Probably both.

The 180 Fund was designed to be the parents' and the PTA's pro-active method to show our commitment to our school, but without the hassle of schlepping goods from school to home to office and back again in a never-ending cycle. Can you afford the equivalent of a dollar a day to help benefit our children's education at Shepherd? We believe you can, and we expect that you will. ALL contributions are tax-deductible. If you can't give \$180, give what you can, because every little bit helps. If you can give more than \$180, then you're a super-parent!

Go to <https://www.shepherd-elementary.org/180fund/> to donate online. Or, use the paper form as part of this week's Mustang, fill it out, and enclose it and your check in the PTA box in the school office.



The Walking School Bus: Next Stop — Shepherd!

We're working to promote healthy habits at Shepherd. One way is to walk to school. It relieves traffic congestion around the school, and children and parents alike benefit from the exercise.



With the Walking School Bus initiative, you can be joined by other Shepherd families as you head to school. There are several routes you can consider taking: 16th Street northbound, 14th Street southbound, Morningside Drive northbound, Kalmia Road westbound – or design your own route!

Family Directory Work Starts

For the annual Family Directory, we depend on Shepherd families to contribute their contact information. Neither Shepherd Elementary nor D.C. Public Schools can give us the information. Would if they could, but until they can, we encourage you to share. With your contribution, we can get a full directory printed and published in October.



Use the form in the back of this week's Mustang, or go online to <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/parents/parent-teacher-association-pta/pta-forms/> and click on "Shepherd Elementary Family Directory" to get your own version!

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8:35 a.m. and students begin transitioning to class. After 8:35 a.m. students should enter through the main entrance and proceed directly to class. Students arriving at 8:45 or later are tardy and must sign in at the security desk prior to going to class.

Students are dismissed at 3:15 p.m. Please arrive no later than 3:30 p.m. to pick up your student. If you are having trouble arriving on time, please enroll your students in aftercare. Parents who continually fail to arrive on time will be referred to Child Protective Services.

Uniforms

Students are expected to be in uniform every day, Monday through Friday. Friday is **not** dress down day. There will be a few times during the year when students do not have to wear their uniform. You will be notified.

Picture Day

Mark your calendar. Picture day is scheduled for September 30, 2011. Students are expected to be dressed in their school uniform. Please look for additional information coming soon.

Breakfast and Lunch Information

Breakfast and after school supper are free for all DCPS students. Students classified as paid or who have not submitted an **Application for Free and Reduced Meals** by the

October 1st annual deadline are required to pay for lunch meals.

**2011-12 Meal Prices**

Elementary (Pre-K-5 th grade) Lunch	\$1.35
Adult Breakfast	\$3.00
Adult Lunch	\$4.00

Meal Charge Policy

The DCPS meal charge policy alerts parents or guardians when their student's negative meal balance reaches two charge thresholds. If a student's balance reaches the charge cutoff point, the student will be given a reimbursable salad for lunch until the balance is paid in full.

Charge Thresholds:

- **5 unpaid lunches:** A letter is sent home to the student's residence
- **10 unpaid lunches:** An automated call will be placed to the student's residence
- **15 unpaid lunches:** The school Principal and Business Manager will be notified
- **20 unpaid lunches:** The student will receive a reimbursable salad until the balance is paid in full. A vegetarian salad will be available to students with dietary restrictions

Meal Payment

Parents can pay for student meals by:

1. By bringing/sending a check made payable to the D.C. Treasurer to the cafeteria staff **before, in between, or after meal periods.***
2. By paying with a credit or debit card at **www.mylunchmoney.com**, an online prepayment service. There is a \$1.95 transaction fee.

Application for Free and Reduced Meals

By now you should have received an application for Free and Reduced Meals. All persons are required to return the form even if you are not interested or feel that you do not qualify for free or reduced lunch. If you are not interested, complete the top part of the form and check the Refusal for Benefits box located on the right side of the form. If you have lost your copy or never received a copy, it can be found online by clicking **Application for Free and Reduced Meals** or you may request an application from Mrs. Brooks.

Medical, Philosophical or Religious Dietary Needs

Students with special dietary needs including food intolerances and allergies should submit a **Students with Special Dietary Needs Form** to nurse Roberts as soon as possible. The Dietary Needs Form must be signed by a licensed medical provider, unless the student is requesting an accommodation for lactose intolerance, in which case the signature of a parent or guardian is sufficient. Students may also request a food substitution based on religious or philosophical beliefs through the **Students with Philosophical or Religious Dietary Needs Form**. A parent or guardian's signature is required for this form, which should be submitted to the school's nurse.

PRINCIPAL _____ from page 6

Contacting/Meeting With Your School Principal

My office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. or in the afternoon between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Brooks in the main office if you need to schedule an appointment. My email address is [ja-mie.miles@dc.gov](mailto:jamie.miles@dc.gov) and it is the best way to get in contact with me. In the event of an afterhours emergency, I may be reached via phone at 202-579-5371.

Contacting/Meeting with Your Child's Teacher

The best way to contact your child's teacher is via email. Your child's teacher will provide you with his/her email address in the grade level newsletter. As a parent you are welcomed to check in with your child's teacher when you see him/her; however, it will be most beneficial for all parties if you schedule an appointment. In the mornings and afternoons (during arrival and dismissal) are hectic times and the teacher most likely will not be able to provide you with the time and attention you deserve.

Grade Level Newsletters

This week you will receive your students' grade level newsletter. It will contain learning standards for each week during the month of September, recommendations that you can do at home to support the learning, an overview of the current IB unit, upcoming events and more. Please look for this newsletter at the start of each month.

Weekly Phone Blast

The weekly phone blast will occur each Sunday between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Please set your answering machine to receive the message if you will not be available. The purpose of the message is to highlight the upcoming events during the week. If you are not receiving the messages, please inform Mrs. Brooks.

Have a great week!

Warmest regards,

Jamie Miles

Principal

Shepherd Elementary School 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.

Neighborhood Library News

Vast resources await you at the Shepherd Park Library, 7420 Georgia Ave. NW, just north of Geranium St.

NW. One of the latest is an Early Literacy Station, for children up to age 8. It's the first in a series of electronic educational solutions.



It includes 34 educational software packages across seven different curriculum areas, top rated by Children's Technology Review. The Early Literacy Station, recognizable by its colorful keyboard, is specifically designed for the size and reading levels of children. While they're not equipped to connect to the Internet, they offer young children more discoveries in learning and reading at the library.

Parents can also pick up a handy booklet, "Connect With Your Kids @ Your Library: A Guide to Spending Quality Family Time Together." Activities are grouped by themes so you can quickly flip through and find something that's right for you: learning, exploring, connecting, playing and creating. There are plenty of suggestions of things you can do at home, at the library, and in the community when it comes to reading together, cooking together, homework help, understanding money, cultural heritage, serving the community, staying fit, going green, exploring crafts, understanding our digital world, and enhancing family traditions. There's even a companion bookmark – underlining the importance of reading!



Food Safety Starts in the Home

As children go back to school to feed their hungry minds, parents will be turning their attention to feeding those hungry bodies with healthy and nutritious snacks at home. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) issued tips to keep kids safe from food poisoning as they prepare their favorite treats, sometimes unsupervised by Mom or Dad.



Consumers of all ages need to be aware that bacteria in food can make them sick, but there are ways to reduce their risk of food poisoning," said Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Elisabeth Hagen. "Back to school time is an excellent opportunity for parents and kids alike to review the importance of food safety in the kitchen."



Keep it clean:

Keep books, book bags, and sporting equipment off of food preparation and eating surfaces such as counters or the kitchen table where germs could be transferred to the food you eat.

Wash your hands. Hands carry lots of germs, and not washing hands is a top cause of food-borne illness. This is especially important after greeting the family pet, giving it a treat, or even touching its toys.

Always use clean spoons, forks and plates.



Wash fruits and vegetables with running tap water before you eat them, even if you plan to peel them.

Do not leave cold items, like milk, lunchmeat, hard cooked eggs or yogurt, out on the counter at room temperature. Put these foods back in the refrigerator as soon as you have fixed your snack.

Avoid these foods:

Any perishable food left out overnight, such as pizza,

even if it is not topped with meat. Food that has to be cooked or refrigerated should never be left out for more than two hours.

Lunchbox leftovers, like perishable sandwiches or other foods that need refrigeration which were not eaten at school. **Throw out these, and their plastic or foil wrapping, instead of saving them for later.**

- ▶ Unbaked cookie dough, because it may contain raw eggs that can have Salmonella bacteria.
- ▶ Bread, cheese or soft fruits or vegetables that look bad or have even small spots of mold.



Microwave food carefully:

Use only microwave-safe plates, bowls, and utensils. Some containers can melt or warp, and they may leak harmful chemicals into your food. Ask your parents to keep microwave-safe dishes in a certain cabinet.

Read package instructions carefully, or ask your parents what settings to use for your favorite snacks. If a microwaveable meal says to let the food "stand" after the timer goes off, don't skip this step. The food is still cooking even though the microwave has stopped.

Cover food with a lid, plastic wrap, or wax paper, turning up one corner to let steam escape. Also, rotate or stir food halfway through cooking. This helps to heat food evenly and removes cold spots, which better destroys any bacteria that could be present.



Microwave hot dogs, luncheon meats, fully cooked ham, and leftovers until they are steaming hot. This indicates that they are at a temperature high enough to destroy bacteria. Just let the food cool for a few minutes so you don't burn your mouth!

FSIS has a [Food Safety After School fact sheet](#) with more information for families concerned about the safety of afterschool snacks. Parents and kids can also

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Shopping for Shepherd

eScrip



- ▶ Designate your Mastercard or Visa
- ▶ Shepherd's Safeway/eScrip designation code: 500018723

Box Tops for Education



- ▶ Go to www.boxtops4education.com to see list of eligible products and marketplace vendors
- ▶ Put Box Tops into Collection Box in Main Office.
- ▶ Shop through the Box Tops Marketplace when doing on-line shopping.

French Toast School Uniforms



- ▶ Go to www.frenchtoast.com
- ▶ Shepherd's school code: QS4SJF



Giant A+ Bonus Bucks

- ▶ Must designate Shepherd's code each year to participate.
- ▶ Shepherd's A+ Bonus Bucks Code: 00154

Land's End School Uniforms



- ▶ Specify Shepherd "Preferred School Number" when placing an order from the Lands' End School Uniform catalog or Lands' End School Uniform website.
- ▶ Shepherd's Preferred School Number: 9001-3120-2

Safeway Club Card and eScrip



- ▶ Must register Safeway Club Card with eScrip each year
- ▶ Donations for Safeway purchases from October through May.
- ▶ Shepherd's Safeway/eScrip designation code: 500018723

Snider's Super Foods Receipts



- ▶ Bring current year receipts to the Main Office in an envelope marked "Snider's Receipts"

Target "Take Charge of Education"



- ▶ Designate your Target Card or your Target Visa. Shepherd's enrollment code: 39625

THIS WEEK'S TRAFFIC TIP

Have you ever heard of the Bike Train? It's for students (and parents) who want to get to school promptly, but don't want to pollute the air with vehicle fumes.

All you have to do is start from your house, head to Shepherd (obeying all of the traffic signs and laws), and even collect other students and parents along the way, just as a passenger train picks up new riders with each stop.

So, instead of putting the pedal to the metal, put some metal on your pedals and take a Bike Train to school! And when the Family Directory is published next month, you'll be able to call parents along your path to school to see if they'd like to join. It's great exercise and good, clean fun!



Recycle Your Cell Phones!

At home and work, we can recycle paper, plastics and cans. But at Shepherd we can recycle your old cell phone! We have an ongoing cell phone-recycling program with a company that pays us for every cell phone we turn in. Depending on the technology they can extract from your phone, it could net the PTA up to \$30! All we have to do is mail a package with 10 phones and wait for the check to arrive.



So if you've got the new generation of "smart phone," do the smart thing with your old phone and recycle it. You'll be doing your part for the planet, and helping the PTA at the same time! Look for the purple Cell Phone Recycling box in the school office.

Stay Connected!

School website:

www.shepherd-elementary.org

Join the PTA listserv:

shepherd_elementary_ptasubscribe@yahoogroups.com

To post a message:

shepherd_elementary_pta@yahoogroups.com

To see the archives:

groups.yahoo.com/group/shepherd_elementary_pta

Weekly school newsletter - The Mustang

Delivered each Monday in kids' backpacks.

Copy deadline each Friday at 1 p.m.

To submit an item

send to sesmustang@gmail.com

Shepherd 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!

FOOD _____ from page 8

Ask Karen, USDA's virtual representative who answers food safety-related questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Visit Ask Karen at AskKaren.gov or call USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline at [888-674-6854](tel:888-674-6854). Recorded messages are available 24 hours a day and the Hotline is staffed with food safety experts Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ET.



Ask Karen is available as an app for your iPad, iPhone, or Android mobile device, so you can take her with you to the grocery store, or ask food safety questions right in the kitchen without having to sit at a computer. Go to AskKaren.gov on your mobile device's browser, or download the app for free from the Android app store.

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PTA Membership/180 Fund/School Directory/Permission Slip/Volunteer Form

For the **2011-12 school year**, EVERY Shepherd parent is in the Parent Teacher Association. If you are at a PTA meeting, you will automatically have a vote and a voice. There are no membership dues, either! If you ever thought of money – or anything – as a barrier to participating in the PTA in particular, or more fully in the life of the school in general, your worries are over! [The Mustang](#), the [Shepherd Elementary website](#), and the [PTA listserv](#) will let you know how you can make Shepherd Elementary – and our children’s educational experience -- better than ever.

‘180 Fund’ Finances PTA Activities and School Needs

In place of PTA membership dues and the old “family enrichment fee,” the PTA established the **180 Fund**. There are 180 instructional days in the school year. Parents, can you afford a dollar per day per child to improve Shepherd Elementary? We think you can, and we hope you’ll contribute to the 180 Fund. There are all sorts of things that Shepherd Principal Jamie Miles and PTA leadership have identified to enhance the educational mission of Shepherd that don’t fit into the school or D.C. Public Schools’ budget. Please complete this form and check the boxes:

Household #1 (also for School Directory)

Home address _____

Zip Code _____ Home phone number: _____

Parent 1: First and Last Name _____

Work number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Parent 2: First and Last Name _____

Work number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Household #2 (or other important contact, i.e., grandmother, babysitter, etc.; if applicable; also for directory)

Home address _____

Zip Code _____ Home phone number: _____

Parent 1: First and Last Name _____

Work number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Parent 2: First and Last Name _____

Work number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

☐ You may use the above information for the annual school directory, except for those portions that are shaded or in parentheses. ()

Note: All student names will be included in the directory.

*** My signature here authorizes Shepherd’s PTA to publish the information above in the school directory:**

Your name(s): _____

☐ I am a Shepherd teacher/staff member.

Email address(s): _____

☐ Yes, sign me up for the Shepherd PTA Yahoo Group!

Phone Number(s): _____

Child(ren): _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____
_____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____
_____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

- ☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund. **Enclosed is my lump sum contribution of \$180.**
- ☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will make **two semi-annual payments of \$90** each by Sept 16 and \$90 by January 16th 2012
- ☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will make **four quarterly payments of \$45 each** by Sept. 16, Nov. 16, Jan. 16 and March 16.
- ☐ I wish to participate in the 180 Fund and will be able to pay semi annually \$90 by Sept 16 and \$90 by January 16th 2012
- ☐ I wish to participate in 180 Fund and I would like to be exempt from Fundraising. **Enclosed is my contribution of \$500.**

(Please return form and check made payable to SES PTA to the PTA mailbox in the Shepherd Elementary School Office. You can also pay via credit card online at www.shepherd-elementary.org)

How Can YOU Help? Volunteer in Our Initiatives and Activities!

Check all that you're interested in or intrigued about.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ Academic Affairs | _____ Health Committee |
| _____ PTA Functions | _____ Newsletter |
| _____ Fundraising | _____ Special Events |
| _____ Auction | _____ Building and Grounds |
| _____ Grant Writing | _____ Garden Initiative |
| _____ Fall Fest | _____ Fall Flower Bulb Sale |
| _____ Clerical | _____ Book Fair |
| _____ School Office | _____ Technology/Computers |
| _____ Used Uniform Sales | _____ Cafeteria |
| _____ Jazz Night | _____ Green Team |
| _____ Family Fun Day | _____ As Needed |

"Permission Slip"

During the course of the school year, we will be taking photographs of Shepherd students at various school events for inclusion on the Shepherd website, the Mustang newsletter etc. Names will not be included. Please express your preferences for the use of photos containing your child/children:

☐ I give Shepherd Elementary School permission to use my child/children's photograph on the Shepherd website, Mustang newsletter, etc. I understand that names will not be included.

☐ I do not give Shepherd elementary School permission to use my child's/children's photograph on the Shepherd website, Mustang newsletter, etc.

SIGNATURES:

_____ Parent/Guardian/PTA Member signature

_____ Parent/Guardian/PTA Member signature

Join the Shepherd PTA! Let your voice be heard. Be a partner in your child's education.