



Shepherd Elementary School

THE MUSTANG

Home of the Shepherd Mustangs

June 2, 2014



Mark Your Calendars!

- ▶ **Monday, June 2:** Ice cream truck stops at Shepherd, 2:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Wednesday, June 4:**
 - School Improvement Team meeting, 4 p.m.
 - Pre-K Showcase of Learning, 4-7 p.m.
- ▶ **Thursday, June 5:** Fifth Grade Exhibition, 6-7:30 p.m., auditorium
- ▶ **Friday, June 6:** Spring Jammy Jam Dance, 3:30-6:30 p.m., auditorium
- ▶ **Wednesday, June 11:** LSAT meeting, 4 p.m.
- ▶ **Friday, June 13:** BWL Band show, 6:30 p.m., auditorium
- ▶ **Monday, June 16:** Family Dinner Night, 4-10 p.m., Ledo Pizza, 7435 Georgia
- ▶ **Tuesday, June 17:** Showcase of Learning for kindergarten through fourth grade, 4-7 p.m.
- ▶ **Wednesday, June 18:** Fifth grade graduation, 9:30 a.m., auditorium
- ▶ **Friday, June 20:**
 - SchoolKidz school supplies ordering deadline
 - Last day of school: Out at 3:15 p.m.

(Go to <http://www.shepherd-elementary.org/ses-calendar/> for a month-by-month listing of dates and events)

A Word from Mrs. Miles!

(Editor's note: Our guest columnist for this issue is Shepherd's principal intern, Ms. Angel Hunter, a Mary Jane Patterson Fellow.)



Greetings, Shepherd Families!

Field Day

Shepherd Field Day 2014 was a success thanks to all the parent volunteers and Shepherd staff. A special thank you to Mr. Burgess and the members of the PTA who helped in coordinating the field day activities. Shepherd is especially thankful for all of the donations that came in from water, snacks, and helping hands. We enjoyed and appreciated the help from all of our parents.

All of our students had an enjoyable time playing in the three moon bounces that were set up on the playground, participating in jump rope contests in the auditorium, and participating in the various Field Day activities on the lower field. The lower field activities included tug of war, hurdles, relay races, and sack races. Fun was had by all of the students as they competed against their classmates and demonstrated their athletic ability and their innate playful natures.

Showcase of Learning

Shepherd students have been working hard all school year acquiring new skills to prepare them for the upcoming school year. Students have mastered many new skills and are looking forward to the opportunity to share their learning with their parents. Please come out to Shepherd's Showcase of learning on Tuesday, June 17, 4 p.m. This will be

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Hey Mustangs,

Last week fourth grade took a field trip to visit Howard University, University of Maryland, and Georgetown University. I think it will be very fun because I will get see what college I might be interested in going to.

First grade had a French breakfast last Thursday. I bet that it was very delicious.

In my class I am learning about multi-digit multiplication which is when you multiply something like 234 by 457. Also, we are learning long division, which is very simple to me, but I don't know if it would be easy for you. An example of this would be something like 365 divided by 5.

I hope all you Shepherd Mustangs have a great weekend!

--Lauren Curtis, fourth grader

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Hello everybody, it's Henry. Fifth grade graduation is coming up, which means soon I'll be a fifth grader myself. Graduation will take place Wednesday, June 18, in the auditorium. All the fifth graders will come and some will give speeches. Most will go on to Deal Middle School, though some will go to other schools. Good luck, fifth graders! Don't forget about Shepherd, though!

More renovations are going to be done at the school over the summer. For example, because of the way Shepherd grew over the years, the top floors in the different wings don't connect, so they are going to build a bridge between the two different second floors. If we had that bridge this year, I wouldn't have to walk down the stairs from my classroom, across the school, and back up the stairs to get to Mr. Irby's art class.

Finally, Field Day was last Friday; it was fun. Thanks, Mr. Burgess! (He's our gym teacher.)

--Henry Trimble, fourth-grader

(Look for Shepherd's Student Scoop contribution each Wednesday in the "Spotlight on Schools" pages of the Northwest Current!)



Join Us At Ledo Pizza!

It's the last Family Dinner Night of the school year. What better way to celebrate the the end of another successful year at Shepherd than with a visit to our children's (and our) favorite pizza place, Ledo Pizza? The date is Monday, June 16. It runs from 4 to 10 p.m. It's good for everything on the menu. AND it's good for take-out orders, too (call 202-726-5336). Just say "I'm With Shepherd!" to make sure the PTA gets its 20 percent rebate from your order. If you've never been there, Ledo is at 7435 Georgia Avenue, across from the library and next to the McDonald's. See you there!



School Improvement Team Meeting Wednesday

It's the last meeting of the year before the work crews and the hammers and saws and electrical sockets and paintbrushes all swoop in for another summer of renovation work. Shepherd's School Improvement Team will meet this Wednesday, June 4, at 4 p.m. at the school. If you have any questions about the School Improvement Team and the work to be done at Shepherd, get in touch with Mark Pattison at [Pattison mark@hotmail.com](mailto:Pattison_mark@hotmail.com) or 202-829-9289.



THIS FRIDAY!

The BWL Band is sponsoring a Spring Jammy Jam on Friday, June 6, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Students of all ages can enjoy the music and fun. Admission is four dollars, and snacks and drinks will range in price from a quarter to a buck and a half. This is a fundraiser for the BWL Band, whose own concert is the following Friday, June 13. Enjoy yourselves, everybody!



BWL Band Show June 13

So what if it's Friday the 13th? The BWL Band will present its annual concert on Friday, June 13, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The band plays pop classics from our kids' time, and rock and soul chestnuts from our own time.

BWL stands for Black White Latino. It's more than just the instrumentalists. It's also the singers, the dancers, the lighting crew, the guest stars, the roadies and all the support staff that makes BWL go.

We ... are ... BWL!



Neighborhood Yard Sale Next Weekend

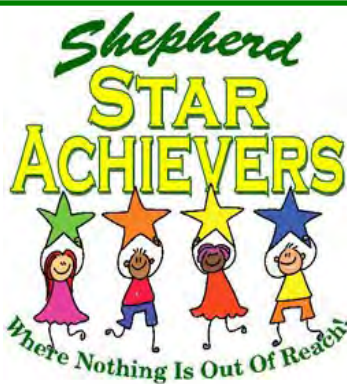
The Shepherd Park neighborhood is sponsoring its annual neighborhood-wide Yard Sale this weekend, Saturday, June 7-Sunday, June 8. Hours are 9 a.m.-

3 p.m. both days, although sellers can choose which day(s) and how long they'll sell. Several sellers will be outside Shepherd Elementary on Saturday. If it rains on Saturday, then Sunday is the makeup date. But the Friends of the Shepherd Park Library will have its famous book sale -- with new children's book titles -- inside the library foyer, rain or shine, both days (just 1-3 p.m. next Sunday); the library's address is 7420 Georgia. Go to www.shepherdpark.org for a listing of all houses taking part in the sale and the items they're featuring. With bargains like these, you can't go wrong! **Neighborhood Yard Sale Next Weekend.**



Our Next Issue Is Our Last...

... well, at least for the school year. If you have any thanks you want to offer, shout-outs that need to be made, hosannas to give, this is the time to put them into words. Please have your good words ready by 5 p.m. on THURSDAY, JUNE 12. Send them to sesmustang@gmail.com so that they make our end-of-the-year issue!



Greetings from Star Achievers!

As we say goodbye to this school year and our graduating fifth graders, Star Achievers would like to thank all of the parents, teachers and Shepherd staff who have helped us make this a great year for before- and aftercare. We really appreciate all you do and hope you have a restful and fun summer. Thanks also to the Star Achievers staff for their excellent work this year!

Our calendar for June:

Monday, June 2 – Ice cream truck parks in front of Shepherd – free treat for aftercare students.

Wednesday, June 4 – Special “Jack and the Beanstalk” performance for Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade.

Friday, June 6 – Movie and pizza in cafeteria for those not attending the school dance.

Monday, June 9 – 5th grade end of the year party.

Tuesday, June 10 – Pre-K and kindergarten luau-themed end of the year party.

Wednesday, June 11 – Third and fourth grade carnival end of the year party.

Thursday, June 12 – First and second grade end of the year party.

Friday, June 13 – Arts and crafts extravaganza.

Monday – Friday, June 16–20 – Free play outside and/or in the auditorium. Blow bubbles, decorate with chalk and have popsicles!

Is your child going to the Spring Jammy Jam this Friday, June 6? PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE YELLOW PERMISSION SLIP. YOUR CHILD MUST HAVE PERMISSION TO ATTEND --AND A TICKET. A note to pre-K and kindergarten parents: We do not take younger students to the dance; we have a pizza/movie party in the library instead. If you would like your child to attend, please sign them out of aftercare, or email sesstarachievers@gmail.com and let us know who will sign your child out and take them to the dance.

NEXT YEAR: Registration for 2014-15 before- and aftercare will be available online starting Aug. 1 through Aug. 15. You may register Aug. 18–22 at school. First-day-of-school registration is also available beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 25

Frequently asked questions:

How much is tuition and how do I pay? Registration is \$45 (non-refundable) per family and one-child aftercare only is \$240 per month; before- and aftercare is \$270 per month. Two-child aftercare only is \$420 per month. Although these rates applied to this past school year, the tuition will be raised only slightly if at all. Further tuition information can be found on the school website on Aug. 1. Your first payment covers Aug. and Sept. Your next payment is due Oct 1. We accept credit cards online only, and money orders or checks. We do not accept cash.

Do you have part-time care? No, we do not have the ability to offer part-time care, however, we have a drop-in service -- which you can use twice per month -- to cover urgent needs. The cost is \$30 per drop in.

Do you pro-rate tuition if I use only part of a month? No, our service is for families who use the service full-time, and we budget for approximately 15 students for each class each month. If you begin a month late or leave the service early you will not receive any rebate.

The Star Achievers Staff wishes that all of you have a wonderful summer!

--Ms. Claire Riley, program director

PTA Meeting Highlights

It's a time of transition, as current PTA officers took some final bows, and new PTA officers were ushered in during the May 21 PTA meeting.

Interest was more stoked than anticipated. Not enough copies of the PTA meeting agenda and supporting materials were made, and fresh copies had to be made quickly. This mirrored parent voting for Local School Advisory Team members; the print run of 100 ballots were all used up before voting closed. Parents took to circling names on the Candidates Guide to indicate their choices before fresh ballots could be made!

New members Eve Lotter, Jim Elliott and Aeva Doomes join returning incumbent Keith White on the LSAT. For the Shepherd PTA, Curtis Lewis returned as treasurer for a second year, and Laura Levine was re-elected to a second year as corresponding secretary. Leonie Stephenson moved from recording secretary to first vice president. David Trimble was elected PTA president, Cara Biddle second vice president, Alesha Dominique recording secretary, and Allison Boehm assistant treasurer. At the meeting, David said he wants to engage new families to develop a new generation of parent leaders for Shepherd.

Plans were announced — and made more concrete — for a variety of events at school ranging from last week's Field Day and "Pop-In and Preview" sessions for new parents to upcoming happenings like the Fifth Grade Exhibition and their promotion ceremony.

Katherine Trimble reported on a meeting held in mid-May regarding education in Ward 4. While a movement is afoot to get D.C. Public Schools to reopen the closed-last-year McFarland Middle School as a middle school to serve the southern part of the ward, it will likely be years before there is a stand-alone middle school for students in the northern part of the ward. Under the school boundary redrawing options presented in April, one option has Shepherd still feeding to Deal Middle School; another would let parents choose between Deal and a new middle school to serve upper Ward 4; while the third jettisons all "neighborhood" distinctions and makes attendance at every D.C. public school subject to a lottery.

Eve Lotter promoted the Growing Together tutoring program held at the Shepherd Park Library. The program will offer tutoring over the summer at the library.

Mrs. Miles, the principal, pushed parents to fill out the Safe Routes to School traffic survey, either online or a paper version distributed for backpacks. (See separate story in the Mustang with a link to the online survey.)

Before the meeting was adjourned, the current group of PTA officers were showered with lusty applause for a job well done!

Congratulations to

New Parent Leaders!

Congratulations are in order to the new slate of officers elected at last month's PTA meeting:

David Trimble – President

Leonie Stephenson – First Vice President

Cara Biddle – Second Vice President

Alesha Dominique – Recording Secretary

Laura Levine – Corresponding Secretary

Curtis Lewis – Treasurer

Allison Boehm – Assistant Treasurer

Congratulations are also in order to those elected to slots as parent representatives on Shepherd's Local School Advisory Team: in alphabetical order, Aeva Doomes, Jim Elliott, Eve Lotter and Keith White



I Scream ... You Scream ...

... We ALL scream for ice cream! Don't ask how it's happening – and maybe it's best that you not know, anyway – but Shepherd has arranged for an ice cream truck to pay a visit to the school this Monday, June 2, at 2:30 p.m.

If you want your child to have some ice cream from the truck, make sure they have \$2 to get a treat of their choice. Tell them, though, in advance: NO NUTS on anything they buy – not necessarily for their own safety, but also the safety of their Shepherd schoolmates.

The truck will make an encore appearance in the late afternoon for the benefit of Shepherd students in the Star Achievers aftercare program.

NEWSLETTER LAYOUT & DESIGN

Designing Women?

We're not talking about the old TV show. We're looking for designing women – and men, too! We're looking for a couple of parents willing to take turns laying out and designing the Mustang for the school year ahead. Our current designers can even give you tips on Microsoft Publisher if you need them (or need to learn from scratch). It's a great way to help out your school – not to mention you'll be in the know well before every other parent at Shepherd! If you want to get in on this fantastic deal, get in touch with Carmen Rush at Carmen.maxine@yahoo.com.

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an opportunity for your child to demonstrate what they have learned this school year and what they may need to continue to work on over the summer months. We are looking forward to seeing each student have at least one parent or family member attend the Showcase of Learning.

Fifth Grade Exhibition

Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 5 -- our 5th grade International Baccalaureate exhibition. We are inviting all fifth- and fourth-grade parents to come out and see what our fifth grade students have been working on with their teachers and mentors. The Fifth Grade Exhibition will provide parents an insight into what the students are thinking about world issues such as racism, sexism, war, pollution, and children's rights. Please come out and support our fifth grade students who have been working diligently to prepare their presentations.

Buddies For Our New Families

Calling all families who know their way around Shepherd and would be willing to share their Shepherd expertise with our new Shepherd parents. Please contact Ms. Brooks in the main office so that you can be matched with a family as soon as possible.

Registration Reminder/Updates

If you know that your child will be returning to Shepherd for the 2014-15 school year, please come to school and register your student before the close of the school year. Immunization records will not be needed until the summer. Ms. Brooks is available to assist you with registration in the front office.

Behavior Reminder

The last few weeks of school are quickly coming to an end. This time of year students become very excited and ready for the summer break as well as preparing for their next grade. Please remind students that they are to be in uniform, unless given permission to do otherwise. Students should be reminded of the rules at Shepherd and be respectful to their peers and teachers.

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7435 Georgia Ave, NW

(next to McDonald's between Geranium and Hemlock)

Monday June 16, 4-10 p.m.

→ **SAY "I'M WITH
SHEPHERD"** ←

The PTA gets 20% of your pre-tax tab!

Check out the new menu items

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Shepherd Elementary School Presents
5th Grade Exhibition 2014!

You are invited!

How We Express Ourselves



When: Thursday, June 5th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Where: Shepherd ES Auditorium

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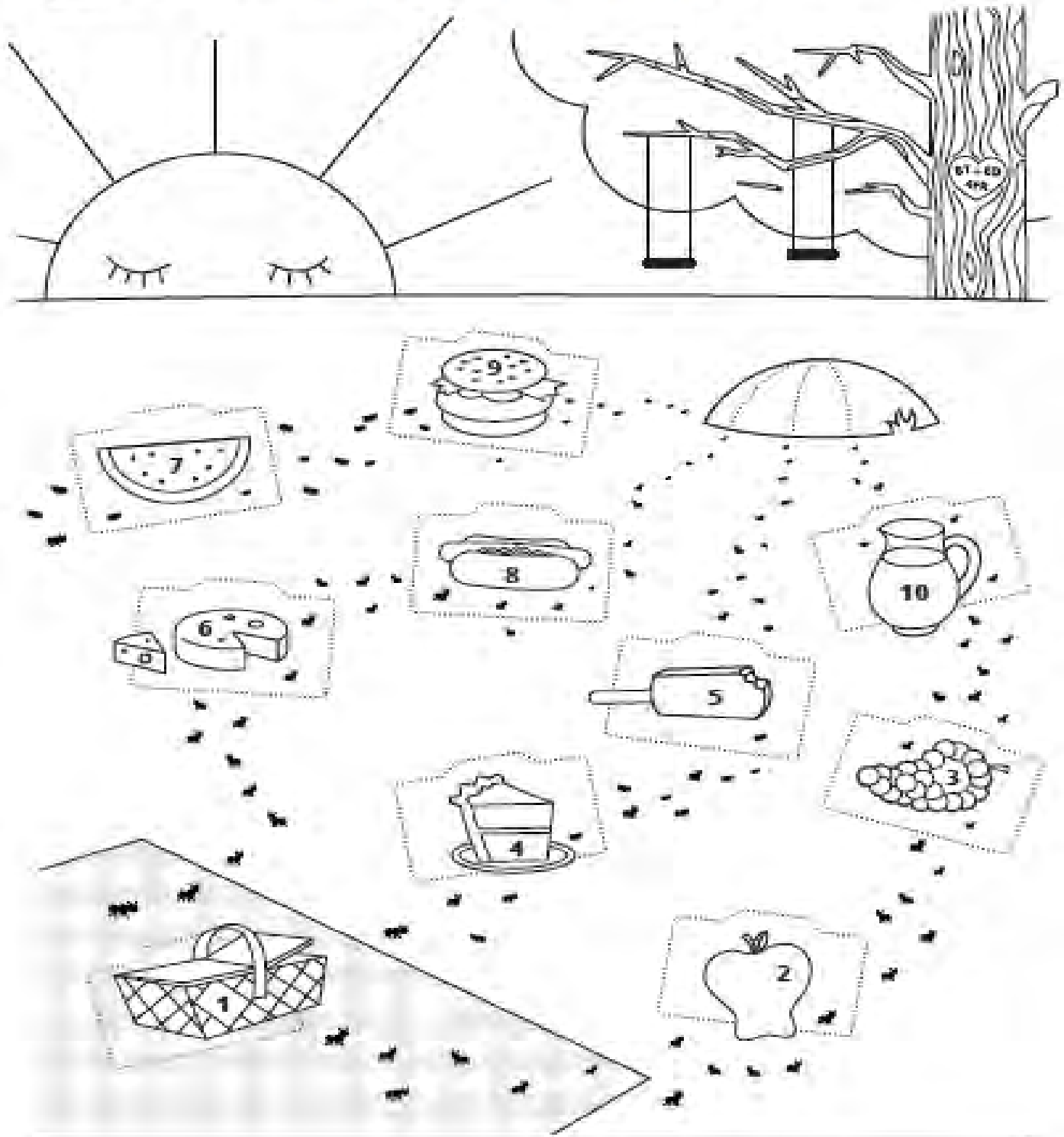
- Air Pollution
- Bullying
- Censorship
- Children's Rights to Self-Expression
- Our Way of Dress
- Racism, sexism
- Social Media
- War

**COME ON OUT AND EXPERIENCE HOW OUR 5TH GRADERS HAVE
CAPTURED THE ESSENCE OF THE PYP**

Please join us!



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BEFORE THE ANTS CAN EAT IT UP!**



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The month of June brings closure to another school year. June brings PIA, 5th Grade Exhibition, BWL Concert, Career Day, Awards Day, Showcase of Learning, Kite Day and 5th Grade Promotion. Please join us for all.

The Learner Profile for this month is **Reflective**. During this month, students will thoughtfully consider the world, their own ideas and their experiences throughout the school year. Reflection will help students to learn to understand their strengths and their weaknesses that they can support their own learning and personal development.

Exhibition 2014 is here!

Have a great week!

--Ms. Sandra Hart, IB coordinator

LSAT MINUTES

During the last LSAT meeting, the team discussed the successful outcome of Shepherd's Second Annual Bike Rodeo. A few ideas were also discussed on lessons learned and how to ensure we continue to make the Bike Rodeo a success.

The team also discussed the current status of the DCPS boundary redrawing's. It was noted that currently, there are no plans to change Shepherd's existing feeding pattern into Deal.

The team also briefly discussed the changes in teachers and administrators for the coming year, or lack there of, as well as the progress Shepherd students have made in reaching their proficiency goals.

LSAT To Meet on June 11

Current and incoming members of the Local School Advisory Team will meet Wednesday, June 11, at 4 p.m. at Shepherd. Outgoing members will do their best to indicate to incoming members how things work and how they could work better, while incoming members will choose officers to lead them through the 2014-15 school year. LSAT meetings are open to all parents; however, should confidential matters arise, nonmembers will be asked to leave the room for the balance of the discussion.



Features Pre-K Kids

Sometimes it's tough at the end of a long day to ask your children, "What did you learn in school today?" and expect a thoughtful response. That doesn't even take into account the times we as parents forget to ask!

But as the end of the year approaches, our children will be able to show and demonstrate some of the things they've learned over the course of the year – their very important first year of school at Shepherd.

The Showcase of Learning for students in pre-K will take place Wednesday, June 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. at school. We suspect that parents, regardless of what grade their child is in now, will be delighted to see just how far Shepherd's youngest learners have come over the course of one all-too-short year.

There will be a second Showcase of Learning for students from kindergarten to fourth grade on Tuesday, June 17, also from 4 to 7 p.m.

Fifth Grade Exhibition Set for June 5

All Shepherd students are in the school's International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. And each year, Shepherd's fifth grade students get a chance to apply what they've learned from the curriculum using IB's learner profiles.

This Thursday, June 5, the Fifth Grade Exhibition will take place in the auditorium from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Groups of students in each of Shepherd's three fifth-grade classrooms have chosen to tackle some weighty topics and will use various forms of communication to demonstrate. These topics include:

- Air pollution
- Bullying
- Censorship
- Children's rights to self-expression
- Our way of dress
- Racism
- Sexism
- Social media
- War

Naturally, the parents of fifth graders are more than welcome to attend. But parents of Shepherd students in fourth grade and younger are also invited, because they should get a closer look at how their children will be challenged intellectually at the end of fifth grade -- and how their children can rise up to meet that challenge!

Miles _____ *cont'd from page 6*

Teacher Assignments

The teacher assignments for 2014-15:

Preschool

Ms. Johnson

Second

Ms. McIntyre

Ms. Hamer

Pre-K/4

Ms. Holt

Ms. Gibbs

Third

Ms. Whren

Ms. George

Kindergarten

Ms. Guldin

Ms. Pethtel

Ms. Hart

Fourth

Ms. Thomas

Ms. Ulba

First

Ms. Hill

Ms. Arrington

Fifth Grade

Mr. Leonard

Ms. Charles

Please be advised that while this is the proposed teaching assignments, the assignments are subject to change. Please be reminded that specific teacher requests are not accepted. However, I welcome learning more about the type of environment you feel your student learn best. Student placements will be made late summer.

Have a fabulous week!

Jamie Miles

Jamie B. Miles

Principal

June Events at the Shepherd Park Library

Registration for "Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Reading 2014" begins Sunday, June 1. Drop in anytime to get your folder and sign-up prize. Children ages birth to 12 will receive rewards for summer leisure reading. Teen and Adult Summer Reading rewards are also available.

Here are some special summer reading events at your neighborhood library, located at 7420 Georgia Ave. NW:

Saturday, June 7, 3:30 p.m.: Summer Reading Kickoff: Fun with Citric Fizz! Join us for this fun, hands-on science activity, combining chemistry and visual art. Sign up for this year's Fizz Boom Read Summer Reading

Program, receive your first prize, and learn how you can win big at the library this summer.

Wednesday, June 18, 4 p.m.: Anime Club. Come and watch two episodes of anime and then talk about your favorite shows and Japanese culture. Japanese snacks will be provided.

Saturday, June 21, 3:30 p.m.: Cantaré Music with Cecilia Esquivel. In a fun and interactive presentation suitable for all ages, Cantaré features Latin American song selections in Spanish and Portuguese, and introduces instruments from the Indigenous, African and European traditions of Latin America. Audiences are invited to sing, play some percussion instruments and dance basic Latin rhythms such as salsa.

Saturday, June 28, 3 p.m.: Blue Sky Puppet Theater. Follow Rufus through his adventures in science class with Dr. Science. Blue Sky Puppet Theatre presents an interactive puppet show incorporating science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

And here are some weekly programs for children and teens:

Mondays at 5 p.m.: Teen Night. Various teen programs every Monday night, including: games, crafts, and cool science activities.

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: Baby/Toddler Story Time. Music, movement, rhymes and stories. Best for children ages birth-3 years.

Saturdays at 11 a.m.: Family Story Time. Fun family story time for children ages birth to 7 years and their caregivers.

Safe Routes to School Survey for Parents

Shepherd Elementary is working with the D.C. Department of Transportation to develop a Safe Routes to School travel plan. As part of the plan, we're asking parents to please fill out an online survey regarding school travel at <http://bit.ly/1ob6wPp>. Your responses will help us better understand school travel patterns and parent concerns.

Please respond no later than Friday, June 6.

A paper survey has also been provided and sent home through student backpacks. Please feel free to fill out the paper survey instead of the online survey, if it is more convenient. Paper surveys should be returned to your child's teacher no later than Friday, June 6.

Safe Routes to School is a federally funded, D.C.-administered program to encourage and enable children to safely walk and bicycle to school. For more information about Shepherd's Safe Routes to School efforts, please contact Jim Elliott at jamesbelliott@gmail.com.



Deadline is June 20

Once again, the Shepherd PTA is offering the services of Staples

SchoolKidz, Inc. and the "Teacher Tailored" back-to-school supply kit program for the 2014-15 school year. SchoolKidz, Inc. offers brand name items, such as Crayola, Fiskars and Elmer's.

Each item has been chosen by our own Shepherd teachers and is exactly what is on your child's supply list for the coming school year.

Kits are delivered directly to Shepherd and will be placed in your child's classroom prior to the first day of school next year -- how easy is that?! In addition to the Shepherd-required supplies, students receive personalized sticker labels and you'll receive a supply of envelopes handy for sending in field trip payments and other such stuff. Unlike previous years, we are not offering backpacks, lunch bags, etc., through the Shepherd effort, though you can order those items direct through the SchoolKidz website.

Online ordering is available NOW through June 20. Here's how:

1. Go to www.shopttkits.com and enter Account number: 61006
2. Choose the appropriate grade level kit based on the upcoming school year.
3. Enter your child's first and last name.
4. Add to cart; confirm your order and checkout.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You do not need to sign in or create an account when checking out. You may check out without an account by entering your email address only.

If you have any questions, please contact Shepherd parent Katherine Trimble at kctrimble@mac.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!

Deadline for Next Mustang Issue

Thur, June 12, at 5 p.m.

Send all contributions to:

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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

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