

# SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 8 to April 24 – Playground Fundraiser  
Cash Draw

April 14 to 20 - National Volunteer Week

April 17 - Healthy Snack Wednesday

April 20 – Honour Choir

April 22 to 26 - Earth Week

April 24 – Sherwood School Choir Performs  
(Grade 3)

April 29 - Easter Seals Ambassador Lucie  
Gallant will be visiting Sherwood

## UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

This is a friendly reminder to contact the school office if there are any changes to your child's contact information, such as phone number, address or email address. It's important that the school has current and updated information. Thank you for your cooperation.

## MORNING ARRIVAL TIMES FOR STUDENTS

With student safety in mind, parents are reminded that the arrival time for walkers and students being dropped off is 8:15 or later. Prior to 8:15, limited supervision is only available for bus students arriving early due to bus route schedules. Additional supervision for all other students is available at 8:15. Students will still have time to visit the breakfast program and socialize with friends before the first morning bell at 8:40. We appreciate your help in keeping all our students safe.

## WALKING STUDENTS

Walking students are asked to proceed very carefully while walking to and from school and only to go on the road when crossing carefully at crosswalks.

## LATE FOR SCHOOL

Parents, if your child is late for school, please remember that all doors are locked. Please go to the main door and be buzzed in. Thank you for parking at Cody Banks when dropping off or picking up students during the school day.

## PARKING AND DROP OFF ON MAPLE AVE. AND PINE DRIVE

The roads around our school are extremely busy. For the safety of our students, cars must not pull over, and stop to drop-off, or pick-up students. The Cody Banks parking lot is currently the only area specified for student drop-off and pick-up. Thank you to parents for their cooperation and their kids' efforts safely using this area.

## AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

A reminder that any changes to a student's after school plan needs to be arranged prior to coming to school. We ask that changes be communicated to teachers in writing. Bus students are not permitted to walk home without written permission

## HEALTHY SNACK WEDNESDAY

April's Healthy Snack Wednesday will take place on April 17. Students will be able to have a free healthy fruit and veggie Fruitsations snack. These are gluten free.

## LOST AND FOUND

Coats and Sweaters

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Mittens

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Hats

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New items will remain in the lost and found area for at least a month. If left unclaimed for an extended period, they will be donated to goodwill.

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 14 to 20 is National Volunteer Week and the theme for 2024 is "Every Moment Matters". It highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make at a moment when we need support more than ever. The sharing of time, skills, empathy, and creativity is vital to the inclusivity, strength, and wellbeing of our communities and to Sherwood Elementary. We want to celebrate, recognize and show Sherwood's appreciation for the individual volunteers and collective actions that create a stronger, more interconnected, and vibrant school. We thank our volunteers for everything they do for our students and school.

## STAFFING NEWS

Congratulations to Janet Parsons (EA) who recently accepted a Family Service Worker for a 3-month term. Janet will start her new assignment on April 22 and her last day at Sherwood will be on April 19. Hanna Lyashchuk will replace Janet until the end of the year. We have been provided one additional FTE from EAL (English as an Additional Language) until June 28. This position will be used to bump up our Behavioral Resource Teacher from 80% to 100%. The remaining amount will be used to address some of the class composition issues being faced due to increased and diverse enrolments. Lindsay McClintick will move over to full Behavioural Resource, Madyson Doucette will join us for .20 more Core French (Grade 5), and Adriana Howatt has joined us as an 80% teacher on Monday, April 8.

Welcome, Hanna and Adrianna. Thanks Lindsay and Madyson. All the best for success, Janet.

## **NEW SCHOOL UPDATE**

The Sherwood School project has been delayed for occupancy in the new construction until winter 2025 as contractors are facing labour shortages and supply chain challenges. The second phase of this project is not expected to be finished until late summer 2025. The entirety of this project is expected to be finished by September 2025 pending any further pressures our contractors may encounter.

## **SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUD FUNDRAISER CASH DRAW**

It is that time again where the Home and School is calling on our Sherwood community to help us reach the goal of \$500,000 to give students the best playground they can have. The Home and School is busy collecting donations from businesses and filling in grant proposals, but we need your help as well. Each student received a booklet of 10 tickets on Monday, April 8. All tickets sold or unsold need to be returned by Wednesday, April 24. Please use the provided envelope to return tickets and money. If you sell all 10 tickets, more can be sent home. Please consider selling as many tickets as your family is able to sell. Ticket sales – Monday, April 8 – Wednesday, April 24  
Draw Date – Monday, April 29th  
Tickets - \$10 each  
Prizes - \$1000, \$750, \$100, \$100  
Student prizes - top seller, top class, honorable mentions, and draw prizes.

## **HERITAGE FAIR**

The Sherwood School Heritage Fair took place on Tuesday, April 9. Students from Grade 5A, 5/6Z, 6A, 6B, 6C participated. There were some excellent projects. Six projects were selected to move on to the Provincial Heritage Fair to be held in May. Thanks are extended to the many judges who volunteered their time to evaluate student projects and presentation, as well as the all the efforts from parents and teachers helping students prepare.

## **GAMES ROOM**

The Games Room is now open on the stage for a limited time only for Grade 3 to 6 students. Games include table tennis, board hockey, foosball, mini basketball, and a selection of board games. Classes are being partnered (e.g. 3A/3B) and students are supervised on the stage during their big recess break.

## **EARTH WEEK**

The week of April 22 to 26 will be Earth Week at Sherwood School with this year's theme being: Planet vs. Plastics, bringing awareness on the health risk of plastics and the efforts needed to rapidly phase out all single use plastics. Students will learn how to help the environment, participate in popular activities like 'Name that Bird' and take part in a school-wide clean-up day on April 22. Students are asked to bring a pair of reusable gloves for the clean-up.

## **EASTER SEALS**

This Year's Easter Seals Ambassador Lucie Gallant will be visiting Sherwood on Monday, April 29. Lucy is a Grade 5 student at Ecole-Sur-Mer in Summerside. She is on the Autistic Spectrum and she loves horse riding, art, making videos and learning new things. Lucie's motto is 'with a positive mind you can do extraordinary things!' and she is really glad that

everyone is collecting funds for Easter Seals because it helps a lot of people who have different abilities. Students and staff are encouraged to participate in a school-wide fundraising day in support of Easter Seals. Thursday, April 18 will be Hat and/or jersey day where students can bring in a looney or toonie donation and wear their favourite hat and/or jersey. Individual classrooms can also organize activities such as a jellybean (nut-free) estimating contest, reading day, etc. The ARC Team will also supervise an extra recess 9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m. to recognize everyone's fundraising efforts on Monday, April 29 for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students and Tuesday, April 30 for Grade 3 to Grade 6 students.

## **BADMINTON ZONE MEETS**

A number of students will be representing Sherwood and participating in Badminton Zone Championships taking place next week. Doubles teams will be playing on Monday, April 15 with the girls going to Stratford Elementary and boys will be going to Francois Buote. Singles players will be playing on Tuesday, April 16 with the girls going to Stratford Elementary and boys will be going to Francois Buote. Best of luck to everyone!

## **HONOUR CHOIR**

There are a number of Sherwood students who will be participating in this year's PEI Honour Choir. This choir is an enrichment opportunity for students and provides the experience of singing in a large choral ensemble under the direction of a professional choir director. The PEI Honour Choir concert will be held on April 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Park Royal United Church. Admission is by donation and all are welcome.

## **BLACKLIGHT SHOW**

Our grade 6 students are busy preparing the much anticipated Blacklight show for May 10. This show will happen at 12:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium and parents of 6A, 6B, 6C and 5/6Z are welcome to attend.

## **SCHOOL OF ROCK SHOWCASE**

The Sherwood School Rock Band will be performing at the Schools of Rock Showcase, a provincial wide show of school rock bands, on Saturday, May 4 at the Charlottetown Armory. This is a wonderful performance opportunity for the students who have been working hard to prepare songs to perform. Parents of the Sherwood Rock Band students are invited to attend.

## **BAND VISIT**

A Grade 8 band from Georges P Vanier Junior High in Fall River, NS are travelling to PEI and will perform for Grade 4, 5, and 6 students on Thursday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.

## **THE ADDAMS FAMILY: THE MUSICAL**

Grade 3, 5, and 6 students will be attending the Charlottetown Rural production of "The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy". Grade 5A, 6/5Z, 6A, 6B, 6C are booked for The Addams Family musical on May 8, while Grade 5B, 5C, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D are booked for May 9. Tickets will cost \$11.00 per student for the 10:00 a.m. matinee shows at the Homburg Theatre, Confederation Centre of the Arts. The school will cover the cost of transportation. There will be no intermission for the performance. Students can eat their snack before leaving school. A permission slip

letter will be going home for these students later in April.

## WELCOME TO KINDERARTEN

Sherwood will be hosting our new families for Welcome to Kindergarten Thursday, May 16 at 4:00 p.m. Welcome to Kindergarten is a family program that facilitates a warm welcome to school. It offers play-based learning experiences for new kindergarten students and their parents built on the model, "Talk, Read, Create, and Play Every Day." Parents will have the opportunity to engage in play-based learning activities with their children facilitated by kindergarten teachers and community representatives. At the conclusion of the program, a bag of resources including an activity guide specially selected to encourage families to prepare for kindergarten by talking, reading, creating, and playing every day will be given to each family.

There will also be an opportunity for new kindergarten students to participate in a 1/2-day orientation on the morning of Friday, June 7. There will be no school for current Kindergarten students on this day.

## PROVINCIAL AND SCHOOL BASED STUDENTS ASSESSMENTS

There will be 3 provincial or school-based student assessments that will include some Sherwood students in the next few months. The data collected will be used by schools and provided to individual teachers to help improve teaching and learning. These include: Grade 6 Mathematics Assessment: June 4, Grade 3 Mathematics Assessment - Apr 9-12, (English programs only) , and Grade 4 School-Based Writing Assessment (May, English only).

## SHERWOOD SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMS

Grade 3 students and the Sherwood school choir will be singing at the Queen's County Music Festival on Wednesday, April 24th at Park Royal United Church (11 Christie Drive, Charlottetown, C1A 5W6). Students and teachers will be taking a bus to the Music Festival. The grade 3 class performance will be at 9:00am and the Sherwood school choir performance will be at 9:45am. Parents are welcome to attend and watch if they wish, there is a small admission fee of \$3.00 to the festival, which supports the organization of the festival.

## HOME AND SCHOOL

The next Home and School Meeting will be held on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

## SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

Sherwood School is pleased to offer lunch options available through the *PEI School Food Program* as well as our own *HotLunches* program. A brief description of both can be found below.

## PEI SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM

The PEI School Food Program is a provincial lunch program that offers ALL Island students K-12 a healthy and affordable lunch 5 days per week! The PEI School Food Program is accessible through the Bon Appétit ordering platform. User registration is now open at [www.peischoolfood.ca](http://www.peischoolfood.ca). We encourage you to check out the program and menu options online. Detailed information has been sent home with your child.

## SHERWOOD HOT LUNCHES

Our school-based lunch program consists of white milk and chocolate milk daily and Stratford Pizza on Fridays. Orders are placed in advance and follow a two-week order cycle.

**All orders must be placed by 9 am on the Saturday prior to the 2-week order cycle.** We encourage parents to pay by Bambora. This saves sending money to school with your child and makes it much quicker for the order to be processed. If you need to send a cheque, please make cheques out to Sherwood School and send it in a baggie with your child's name, parent name and homeroom. If the payment is not received on time, your child's order will not be processed.

## MENU OPTIONS

**Mondays to Friday: White Milk, 50 cents and chocolate milk 75 cents.**

**Fridays:** Stratford Pizza (cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza the last Friday of the month) (\$2.50)

## ONLINE ORDERING PROCESS

- Please visit [www.sherwood.hotlunches.net](http://www.sherwood.hotlunches.net)
- Click on register on the upper right-hand corner
- Enter our school access code SEHL
- Fill in your information as required
- Make sure you register your child as the student and not yourself and ensure you pick the proper homeroom
- Please read the order dates carefully, we have had several parents order for the wrong 2-week period.
- If you need help at any time, please click on the "help" tab then select "parent instruction guide"
- Choose food items and become familiar with the service.

## PEANUT/NUT RESTRICTED SCHOOL

Sherwood School is a peanut/nut restricted school. We have several students who have a life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts/nuts. Our school strives to keep these students safe in the school environment. It is necessary to check all ingredient labels to see if the products contain peanuts/nuts. Please do not send these products to school or on field trips at any time. In addition, we do not allow WOW butter in the school so please do not send this with your child. We appreciate the home and school for working together to provide a safe place for all our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

## SCENT FREE SCHOOL/SCENTS IN WORKPLACES

Please note that Sherwood School has a fragrance/scent free rule that complies with the Public Schools Branch. For many people, when exposed to the ingredients in scented products, it can adversely affect a person's health. People with allergies and asthma report that certain odors, even in small amounts, can cause asthma symptoms. Thank you for reading the PSB scents policy which can be found at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/schools/school-health-and-safety/scented-products-and-fragrances>

## GREENING AND GROUNDS – RECYCLING PROJECT

Families and staff are invited to drop off any refundable items to **Charlottetown Bottle and Metal** and let them know you are donating it to the account for Sherwood Elementary. They are located at 4 MacAleer Drive (see the link: <http://www.ctownbottlemetal.ca/>). Funds

raised are used to support the maintenance of the school grounds and outdoor/environmental projects. Thanks for considering this to support our school!

### **SOFTBALL**

Has your daughter ever considered playing softball? West Royalty Softball is hosting **free** come-try softball events at the West Royalty Community Center starting April 7th at 6:00-7:00 pm and April 14th, 21st, and 28th at 2:30-3:30 pm. This event is designed to introduce young girls to the sport and allow them to try it before committing to an entire season. For more information or to register please email [wrsa.playerengagement@gmail.com](mailto:wrsa.playerengagement@gmail.com).

### **SOCCER**

Sherwood Parkdale Rangers Soccer Club's 2024 summer soccer registration is now open! Please visit our website at [www.sherwoodparkdalerangers.ca](http://www.sherwoodparkdalerangers.ca) for program information and registration."