

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24 - Welcome to Kindergarten Session

April 29 - Easter Seals Ambassador Remi Dean

May 2 – Play On, Sherwood Fundraiser

May 2 - Professional Learning Day – (No classes)

May 19 – Victoria Day (No classes)

May 24 – Greening & Grounds Pancake Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30 am.

MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF SHERWOOD HOME & SCHOOL & SHERWOOD SCHOOL PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Dear Sherwood Families, We're reaching out with a heartfelt request as we approach our one and only major fundraiser to build a new playground for Sherwood Elementary.

Play On, Sherwood! – A Night of Sounds & Support is happening on May 2, and while we're incredibly proud of the amazing lineup of local talent and the support from our community, we still have a long way to go in ticket sales to make this event a success.

As parents, we all know how important outdoor play is to our children's health, happiness, and development.

The current playground is scheduled to be removed—and unless we reach our fundraising goal, we risk not being able to build a new one anytime soon.

This is our chance to come together as a community and do something lasting for our kids.

Here's how you can help: • Buy a ticket (or a few!) if you haven't already • Invite family and friends to attend—it's a 19+ night out with incredible live music, local performers, dancing, and laughs • Share the event on your social media and help spread the word

Tickets are available here:

<https://purchase.eastlinkcentrepei.com/Events>



We've worked hard to create an event full of entertainment, featuring Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys, Brooke MacArthur, Lawrence Maxwell, Vintage 2.0, Brad Milligan, and more. Hosted by Patrick Ledwell and topped off with DJ Good Neighbour, it's truly going to be a night to remember.

Thank you so much for your support—it means the world to our kids.

UPDATE:

As of this morning, April 23, 2025, we have reached 250 ticket sales and the event can proceed! We have jumped the first hurdle. Now we need to propel forward to our ultimate goal of 500+ ticket sales. We can do this with everyone's help and support. Thank you, Sherwood Elementary community and supporters of the new Sherwood Playground!

READY, SET, LEARN 2025 SUMMER TUTORING

Sherwood School can submit names for *Ready, Set, Learn* summer tutoring. The program provides children in grade K-6, English and French, with free tutoring in reading, writing or math during the summer, at your local library. The program is presented by the PEI Literacy Alliance and runs once a week for 50 minutes during the months of July and August. The expectation is that participants will be available for the 8 sessions. Please note that this tutoring program is for those students who need it most. If you are interested and would like to submit your child's name for the summer tutoring program, please send an email to Marie-Lyne Bédard (FI Resource Teacher) mlbedard@edu.pe.ca with Summer Tutoring as the subject and include in your message your child's name and grade level. Deadline is May 1. Once we receive your child's name, a consent form will be sent home for you to fill out and return to Marie-Lyne Bédard by May 7. Depending on the number of applications received, some students may be placed on a waiting list. A tutor will contact parents late in June to share if children are in the program or on a wait list. If you have any questions about the program, you can contact the PEI Literacy Alliance at 902-368-3620.

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025

The Public Schools Branch has compiled an information package of summer programs and opportunities for students. Parents who are interested may view the package on the school website: <https://sherwood.edu.pe.ca/announcements/summer-program-2025>

SCHOOL BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sherwood Elementary School is having a nut-free bake sale for a fundraiser for our future school playground. We are putting a request out to our Sherwood families to invite you to send in nut-free baked goods in their original packaging, certifying that they are nut-free. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept home-baked goods due to severe student allergies. This will ensure a nut-friendly environment for our staff and students who may have allergies or sensitivities to nuts. We will also have pre-packaged nut and gluten free items for sale for people who choose this option as some people may be gluten sensitive.

With Sherwood being such a diverse community, we welcome and encourage parents/ guardians to send

treats that represent their country of origin if possible. Items will be for sale in smaller packages and individually for students to buy. Items will be priced accordingly, with nothing being over \$2.00. The date for our sale will be May 1, 2025. Parents will be able to send their child to school with their items that morning and students will be invited to pop down to the kitchen at recess to purchase their baked goods. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tracey McAskill at txmcaskill@edu.pe.ca.

NO SCHOOL FOR CURRENT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ON MAY 16

Please note that there will be no school for our current kindergarten students on Friday, May 16. This will allow us to welcome our 2025-2026 kindergarten classes to Sherwood for an orientation day. There will be regular classes for all other grades.

EASTER SEALS FUNDRAISER

This year’s Easter Seals Ambassador, Remi Dean will be visiting Sherwood on Monday, April 28 at 9:25 a.m. Remi is a grade 3 student from Eilerslie and her motto is: ‘Always remember that you can do hard things!’ Students are encouraged to participate in a school-wide fundraising Hat/Jersey day Thursday, April 24. Students can bring in a loonie or toonie donation and wear their favourite hat and/or jersey. Individual classrooms may also be organizing activities such as a jellybean (nut-free) estimating contest, reading day, etc. The Student Services Team will also supervise an extra recess early in May to recognize everyone’s fundraising efforts. A special addition this year is that the Minister of Education, Robin Croucher, has agreed to buy a ‘pizza party’ for the school that raises the most money per student! Go Sherwood!

For Direct Booking - Scan or click the QR Code.



https://secure.webrez.com/hotel/2881/?package_id=325161

You can also call the hotel directly (902) 370-2787 when booking state that you will be attending the fundraising event.

*Please note that guests will be asked to present their proof of ticket purchase upon check in to get the special rate.

STAFFING NEWS

Colleen Taylor was the successful candidate to become Sherwood’s new principal for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Taylor is presently the Vice-Principal at Westwood Primary. Before that she held administrative positions at Queen Elizabeth Elementary and Parkside Elementary schools. Welcome, Colleen.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Grade 3 students and the Sherwood school choir will be singing at the Queen’s County Music Festival on May 9 at Park Royal United Church (11 Christie Drive, Charlottetown). Students and teachers will be taking a bus to the Music Festival. The Sherwood choir performance will be at 11:15am and the grade 3 class performance will be at 11:40 am. Parents are welcome to attend and watch if they wish, there is a small admission fee of \$3.00 (cash only) to the festival, which supports the organization of this event. Students are asked to dress in something nice of their choice for the performance.

HONOUR CHOIR

There are nine students from Sherwood that will be performing with students from across the Island in the 2025 PEI Junior Honour Choir. Claire Smith, Charlize VanSchalkwyk, Harriet Okonoboh, Samiksha Verma, Bria Russell, Brynlee Robinson, Mia Doyle, Mia Clarey, and Jenna Milligan will be a part of the concert that takes place on May 3 at Park Royal United Church. The public is welcome to attend the 1:30 performance. Admission is by donation.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is from April 27 to May 3 and is a time to celebrate and thank Canada’s 24 million volunteers, without whom so many of Canada’s organizations and programs would not be able to function. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2025 is Volunteers Make Waves. Our incredible volunteers have sure made waves this year as their support has been so appreciated especially with the move to the new school. We will be recognizing our great volunteers for their generosity during the week of May 5 to 9.

EARTH WEEK

The week of April 21 to 25 is Earth Week at Sherwood School with with the theme for 2025 being "Our Power, Our Planet" focusing on renewable energy and environmental action. This seems fitting with the focus we have placed on our new net zero school. Students will be learning how to help the environment and participating in popular activities like 'Name that Bird'.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY



MAY 2

DOORS AT 7:00PM
SHOW AT 8:00PM
ENDS AT 1:00AM

eastlink centre
Charlottetown

PLAY ON, SHERWOOD!
A NIGHT OF
SOUNDS & SUPPORT
A FUNDRAISER FOR THE SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Hosted by:
Patrick Ledwell

with Special Guests:
**Lawrence Maxwell,
Brooke MacArthur,
Vintage 2.0,
and MANY MORE!**

Join us for an unforgettable 19+ fundraising concert in support of Sherwood Elementary's new inclusive playground! Enjoy an evening of incredible live music from talented local artists, plus dancing, community connection, and endless fun – all for a great cause! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to come together and support Sherwood's future!
More info on Facebook: @SherwoodSchoolPlaygroundFundraiser

LIVE MUSIC | FREE PARKING | FOOD AND DRINK
\$40* GA | \$350* TABLE OF 8

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: PARKSIDE SHERWOOD LIONS CLUB
EVENT SPONSOR: PARKSIDE SHERWOOD LIONS CLUB & EASTLINK CENTRE
ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR: CRAIG FAIR PRODUCTIONS

[Ticket Sales Link:](#) [EastlinkFacebook Event Link](#)

OFFICIAL HOTEL FOR PLAY ON, SHERWOOD EVENT

Looking for a place to stay? We have partnered with [The Arts Hotel](#) to be our official hotel for the night of the event! They are offering a special rate of **\$75/plus taxes** to anyone who attends the event and books a room for **Friday, May 2**.

Administrative Professionals Day is April 23rd. This day recognizes and celebrates the work of administrative assistants and office professionals, which includes our administrative assistants, Deena McBride, Emily Gorman, and Rachel Manuel for their contributions to our school. Thank you, Ms. McBride, Ms. Gorman, and Ms. Manuel.

WELCOME TO KINDERARTEN

Sherwood will be hosting our new families for Welcome to Kindergarten Thursday, April 24 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, May 16. There will be no school for current Kindergarten students on this day.

PBIS CORNER

Over the next two weeks, students will be working on completing a PBIS Passport activity. We are working on reviewing the PAWS Matrix expectations now that we have a new building. When expectations are reviewed for each new area in the building, the students earn a stamp, signature or sticker on their matrix passport. When a class has finished "travelling" the building after reviewing each location's expectations, they will complete their PBIS passports and the student's passports get entered into a random draw at each grade level for prizes. This month, we are focusing on the "S" in PAWS, which stands for "Show Respect". Students are learning about respecting people, places and things in our building. We are learning that when we think before we act, we can show that we respect others and their feelings and we are also learning that our words and actions affect others in our building, so choosing positive words and actions help all of us!



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>

CHILD CARE SUPPORTS

Information was sent on the child-care supports that are available to assist the move to the new school and early closure this school year. Families needing child-care services for the move and early closure will be provided with one-time financial assistance. The program will cover child-care costs for the closure dates beginning June 9 up to June 26. To receive this financial assistance, parents need to meet the criteria of this program outlined at www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/sherwoodchildcare and complete the necessary online application forms. The forms are available online. The Province has also created a frequently asked questions (FAQs) document for parents and guardians. Please have a look at the provincial site as well as the FAQs for the program coverage, eligibility criteria, and bookmark it to stay up to date on any new information. Anyone who has questions about these supports can contact the Department of Education and Early Years by email: childcareallowance@gov.pe.ca or the school administration at 902-368-6780.

BADMINTON

A big congratulations to all of our singles and doubles badminton players who played yesterday. They were great representatives of our school and had a great experience playing against other schools. Great job again to all of our badminton players and we hope to see many of you playing again next year!

Track & Field

Track and Field practices are getting started this week for students in grade 5 and 6. Practices will take place either in the gym or at Rosedale park at 11:15am. Students who are interested have permission forms that should be returned to school this week. Students are able to try running, throwing and jumping events. Our school Mini Track and Field meet will take place on May 15th with a rain date of May 16th. The top two students in each event will have the opportunity to represent our school at the Zone 3 Track and Field meet at UPEI on May 26th. More information will be given to those students after the Mini meet. Students are expected to come to practices and be available for the dates above if they wish to try out for our school Track and Field team; if you have any questions please reach out to Daun Lynch or Elizabeth Kerwin MacPherson.

FINAL BOOK FAIR

The final book fair of the year is a buy one get one free event. Viewing dates are set for May 15 & 16 while the purchasing dates are set for May 20-23. These dates could be adjusted.

