

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 22 to 26 - Earth Week

April 24 – Sherwood School Choir Performs (Grade 3)

April 24 – Administrative Professionals Day

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

April 30 – Provincial Heritage Fair

May 2 – Band Visit

May 3 - Professional Learning Day – (No classes)

May 4 (Sat) – School of Rock Showcase

May 7 - Home and School Meeting

May 8 & 9 – Addams Family 10:00 am

May 10 – Black Light Show at 12:15 in the gym

May 16 – Welcome to Kindergarten 4:00 – 6:00 pm

May 20 – Victoria Day (No classes)

May 25 – Greening & Grounds Pancake

Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30 am.

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 a.m. or later. Prior to 8:15 a.m., 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 a.m. Students will still have time to visit the breakfast program and socialize with friends before the first morning bell at 8:40 a.m. We appreciate your help in keeping all our students safe.

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

LOST AND FOUND

Coats and Sweaters

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/9YLL1BHCHKpU9hFn9>

Mittens

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/PFFomWCRjTUB9gCN7>

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.

EARTH WEEK

The week of April 22 to 26 is 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 are learning how to help the environment, participate in popular activities like 'Name that Bird'.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Administrative Professionals Day is April 24. This day recognizes and celebrates the work of administrative assistants and office professionals, which includes our administrative assistants, Darlene Farquharson and Emily Gorman, for their contributions to our school. Thank you, Ms. Farquharson and Ms. Gorman.

HERITAGE FAIR

Nine projects have been selected to attend the provincial Heritage Fair on April 30 at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. Amalia Barbosa & Arina Makelska, Keira Chessman, Liam Hennessey, Reid Gallant & Parker Gairns, Ryker Chaisson & Everett Gillespie, Isla Lalonde, Abigail Luo, Aria Quadri, and Montgomery Tremere will be representing Sherwood School. We wish them all good luck! Please note that the fair is open to the public from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm.

EASTER SEALS

Sherwood got off to a good start with their fundraising for this year's Easter Seals. Ambassador Lucie Gallant will be visiting Sherwood on Monday, April 29. Lucie's motto is "With a positive mind you can do extraordinary things!" and she is happy that everyone is collecting funds for Easter Seals because it helps a lot of people who have different abilities. Classes are encouraged to participate in activities for their own fundraising. The ARC Team is supervising extra recesses from 9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m. on Monday, April 29 for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students and Tuesday, April 30 for Grade 3 to Grade 6 students to recognize everyone's fundraising efforts, and a special addition this year is that the Minister of Education, Natalie Jameson, has agreed to buy a 'pizza party' for the school that raises the most money, per student. Let's go Sherwood!

CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO

The Grade 6 leadership class would like to invite you to a chocolate bar bingo on May 9th at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with a maximum of \$15.00 per family. This fundraiser brings friends and family together to play Bingo and all students must be accompanied by an adult. Bingo players are also asked to bring regular-sized **Peanut/Nut Free** chocolate bars to purchase bingo cards. Each chocolate bar gets you one bingo card, with a maximum of four cards per person. There will also be a canteen selling snacks. All proceeds will go towards the year-end expenses for our grade six students. We appreciate your support. Please watch for further details as we get closer to the date.

CASH DRAW

The cash draw is coming into our last few days. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their tickets and money. We really appreciate every bit of effort people have put into helping make this fundraiser a success. Please remember that we need all tickets and money returned by Wednesday, April 24. If for some reason you cannot have them back by then, please reach out to Jennifer Spencer at jaspencer@edu.pe.ca. Let's go Sherwood! The draw will take place Monday, April 29.

HONOURS CHOIR

Fourteen Sherwood students did an incredible job joining the PEI Honour choir with other students across PEI and performing at a wonderful concert on April 20 at the Park Royal United Church. Participants included Mia Clarey, Cecily Gallant, Charlize VanSchalkwyk, Mia Doyle, Elisie Lalaonde, Olivia John, Lily Smith, Brynlee Robinson, Julia MacDougall, Aibigail Lou, Annie McGonnell, Claire Smith, Gracie Winslow, and Josie Harding. Great job girls!

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Grade 3 students and the Sherwood school choir sang beautifully at the Queen's County Music Festival on Wednesday, April 24 at Park Royal United. The grade 3 class performance took place at 9:00am and the Sherwood school choir

performed at 9:45am. Thank you to the students and staff for their efforts at the festival.

BLACK LIGHT SHOW

The grade 6 students will be presenting a Blacklight show on May 10h. The show will begin at 12:15 in the school gym and parents of grade 6 students are welcome to attend!

SCHOOLS 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. Payments are accepted online through our Hot Lunch program, or you may send cash/cheque to the school.

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.

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. We encourage you to check out the program and menu options online.

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
- 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!

BADMINTON

The boys and girls badminton teams represented Sherwood very well at the recently held Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournaments. They should be very proud of their efforts. Thank you to all the coaches for their work as well.

READY, SET, LEARN 2024 SUMMER TUTORING

Sherwood School can submit names for *Ready, Set, Learn* summer tutoring. The program provides children in grades 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 3rd. 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 8th. 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.