

# SHERWOOD NEWS

**Sherwood Elementary School**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**December 16 – 20 – School Spirit Week**

**December 16 – Dress in Red, Green and White Day**

**December 17 – Holidays Around the World**

**December 18 – Random Acts of Kindness Day**

**December 19 – Christmas socks and /or Christmas Tie Day**

**December 20 – Onesies / PJ's Day!**

**December 20- Last day of classes for 2024**

**January 6– First day of classes for 2025**

**January 14-Home and school meeting 6:30**

## **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

The last day of classes for the 2024 school year will be Friday December 20. The first day of classes for the 2025 school year will be Monday, January 6, and it will be Day 4 of the cycle. Staff will be participating in professional development activities January 3 and 4. We wish everyone a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

## **CHRISTMAS FAMILIES**

We have a number of families who would benefit from having additional support during the holiday season. Our "Christmas Families Program" allows any interested person(s), families or group(s) to offer donations. Monetary donations or gift cards would be greatly appreciated. For those wishing to make a monetary donation, please make cheques payable to the Public Schools Branch so a tax receipt can be issued. Our families benefit immensely from the kindness and generosity of our community every year.

## **CONCERT THANKS**

Thank you to our Grade 1 students, their teachers and Music teachers for all their work preparing and presenting their holiday concert on December 10. It was wonderful! Thanks also to everyone who contributed by decorating the gym and getting it set up and ready, including the students who brought their chairs down at the end of the day for the evening performance, leadership students who managed the stage and welcomed parents, and custodian and cleaners who set up, set down, and cleaned up. The concert raised \$159.25 for Christmas Families.

## **CANDY GRAMS**

5A students are selling Candy Grams in support of Christmas Families for \$1/each. They will continue to stop by classrooms until Candy Grams sales end on Friday, December 13. Delivering Candy Grams will happen on Wednesday, December 18 to coincide with School Spirit Week's Random Acts of Kindness Day.

## **SPIRIT WEEK**

Sherwood School has some fun activities planned for the last week before the holiday break. The following is the schedule of events:

**Monday, Dec 16** "Dress in Red, Green and White Day"

**Tuesday, Dec 17** "Holidays Around the World"

**Wednesday, Dec 18** "Random Acts of Kindness Day" and "Sherwood School Spirit Day" wear school clothing/colors

**Thursday, Dec 19** "Christmas Socks and/or Christmas Ties Day"

**Friday, Dec 20** "Onesies/PJ's Day!!" and school skates

## **SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY**

In an age where children are spending a good portion of their time on electronic devices and social media, it is highly recommended that parents/ guardians find ways to monitor their children's online activity/behaviours.

By taking the proper steps to monitor your child's devices and make sure they are staying safe, you can prevent them from being exposed to inappropriate/harmful content, cyberbullying, and online predators. The following tips can help ensure your child's safety while using electronic devices/ social media:

- #1. "Open Communication" Encourage your child to talk openly about their online experiences. Make them feel comfortable discussing any concerns or issues they encounter.
- #2. "Set Privacy Settings" Help your child set strict privacy settings on their devices and social media devices.
- #3. "Think Before Sharing" Teach your child to think carefully before sharing any personal information, photos, or videos online. Emphasize once something is posted, it's very difficult to retrieve.
- #4. "Verify Friends" On social media advise your child to only accept friend requests from people they know in real life and avoid interacting with strangers online.

## **CONGRATULATIONS RED**

Sherwood students and staff were excited to cheer on their favourite Maple Street crossing guard, John 'Red' Cheverie when he received the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation 2024 Crossing Guard Award Presentation just prior to the Holiday Concert rehearsal on December 10, 2024. David Schult, President, PEI Home and School Federation read a citation and presented Red with his award while special guests Charlottetown Mayor Philip Brown, Charlottetown Chief of Police Brad MacConnell, Tracy Beaulieu, Director of the PSB, Dave Gillis, Director of Transportation for the PSB, and Bethany Robinson, Sherwood Home and School Executive member looked on.

Red was recognized because of his efforts as a crossing guard keeping hundreds of Sherwood students safe for over a decade and at 95, he continues to welcome students with kindness and unwavering commitment to their safety and well-being. Students and parents featured prominently in this presentation with Joe Weatherbie reading a nomination letter from Jack Cullen, Casey Huggan and Abigail Luo presenting Red with a banner made by grade 6 students, portions of parent letters included in the citation being read, and Bethany Robison bringing greetings and presenting Red with a gift from the school community.



### DONATION THANKS

Sherwood Elementary is so appreciative of all the donations we have received for the Christmas Families program. Recently the Parkdale Sherwood Lions Club presented the school with a generous \$500 cheque. These gifts of kindness make a difference for a number of our families at this time of the year. We thank the Parkdale Sherwood Lions Club and everyone for their generosity.



### SCHOOL SKATES

School Skates will be held Mondays and Wednesdays in December and January over the big recess break from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. These grades will be provided their lunch a little earlier than normal and will be able to head over to Cody Banks to be ready to go on the ice for 11:40. Parents are welcome to assist with helping students get their skates on and participating in the skate on the ice.

Moving forward, Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students are invited but not required to attend their skates. Students will be fully supervised if they attend the skates and will not be required to make up for schoolwork completed during their skate time.

Dec 16 – Gr. 3	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Dec 18 – Gr.4	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Jan 13 – Gr.5	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Jan 15 – Gr. 6	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Jan 20 – Kindergarten	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Jan 22 – Gr. 1	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Jan 27 – Gr. 2	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Jan 29 – Gr.3	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Feb 5 - Gr.4	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Feb 10 – Gr. 5	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M
Feb 12- Gr.6	11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M

### HEALTHY SNACK WEDNESDAYS

Healthy Snack Wednesdays take place every Wednesday. Students will have the opportunity to try a different delicious healthy snack each Wednesday this year. The program is free and there is no requirement for a student to participate. The snacks will always be peanut/nut free and there will be an alternative snack on any weeks where the selected snack may have dairy/gluten in it. This week the students had apples and next week they will have frozen treats.

### HOLIDAY CLASS PARTIES

Some teachers may be having in-class parties in these weeks leading up to the holiday break. It is important that parents check with the teachers first before sending treats. Please be reminded that all treats must be nut free, individually wrapped and come in the original packaging.

### CLASSROOM CLEAN-UP AND LOST AND FOUND

Students are reminded take home all clothing, kitbags, etc., before school closes for the holidays. Please check closely for any misplaced articles. The school will be cleaned over the holidays and left-over items will be placed in the lost and found.

New Items will remain on the lost and found table for at least a month. If left unclaimed for an extended period they will then be donated to goodwill.

### 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.

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.

### COLD WEATHER

Students are reminded to wear warmer outdoor clothing, jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots now that the days are becoming colder. All students are outside twice a day for outdoor recreation at recess time. This time is much more enjoyable when students are dressed for colder temperatures. Please remember to label all your child's outdoor clothing with their first and last name so items can be easily returned if they are misplaced.

### SHERWOOD CHOIR

Sherwood Choir did a wonderful job of performing Christmas carols at The Mount on Saturday evening. Their participation brought excitement to the Christmas Tree Lighting countdown and entertained a large crowd of residents and family members. Thank you for sharing your beautiful gift of singing with our community!

### ANTI-RACISM CONTEST WINNER

We recently received word about the school winners for the Anti-Racism Contest from back in the fall. In First place was Harriet Okonoboh in (4D) with Runners up: Lily Smith (5D), Joy Yu (5D). The first-place winner will be getting a cash prize. All three will have their work displayed at the Guild. We will be sharing this news with these students and the student body later when the cash prize arrives.

## CHRISTMAS CENTERS

The grade six leadership students will be doing our annual Christmas Centers in the afternoon of December 19

## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

### Extra Mile Award

The PEI Home and School Federation presents awards of recognition to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by **Jan. 17, 2025**. Find details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

### How to affect change in P.E.I.'s School

#### System

Resolutions are developed around issues that can affect positive change in our school system for all students' benefit. Your Home and School's resolutions will be considered at the 2025 AGM & Convention on Saturday, April 12. Deadline to submit resolutions: **Jan. 31**. Call the Federation office for assistance with writing resolutions. How to Write & Present a Resolution / [Fillable pdf Resolution Form](#)

### School Staff Appreciation Week 2025

School staff celebration, the week of **February 10-14**. Set up a committee to brainstorm plans for thanking school staff for the contributions they make to our children and their education. Keep plans simple!

The next Home & School meeting will be on January 14, at 6:30 pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome.

*Have a wonderful & safe  
Holiday from Sherwood School*

