

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12 – Home & School meeting at 6:30

February 12 – 16 Staff Appreciation Week

February 16 – Winter Wellness Day

February 19 – Islander Day (no classes for students)

February 23 -School Dance

February 28 – Diversity Assembly / Pink Shirt Day

SHOW SHERWOOD SHOWCASE

Over 30 Grade 4,5, and 6 students participated in the “Show Sherwood” Showcase in front of Sherwood students on Feb 8. This event “showcased” the skills and talents that Sherwood students have and provided the opportunity to share them during a regular school day. These students put a lot of hard work, time, and practice into the show, they did a fabulous job. There was so much talent on display. Many thanks to Ms. Waite, Ms., White, and Ms. Kerwin-MacPherson for all their efforts with this wonderful show.

GRADE 7 LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETINGS for 2024-2025

There will be a Late French Immersion Parent Information meeting at Stonepark on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m.

DATES FOR STUDENTS GOING INTO GRADE 7

March 9th – Band Applications are due

March 17th – Late French Immersion Applications are due

May 25th – Grade 6 Parent meeting for all incoming Grade 7 students (6:30 pm)

PARKING AND DROP OFF ON MAPLE AVE. AND PINE DRIVE

The roads around our school continue to be extremely busy and now the volume of snow has made streets more narrow and banks higher! For the safety of our students cars must not pull over, 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 efforts safely using this area.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Staff Appreciation Week is a celebration in recognition of teachers and staff and the contributions they make to education and our community. This event takes place from February 12-16 and provides an opportunity to recognize the remarkable commitment of the Sherwood staff who work hard to ensure the educational success of students. We appreciate our Sherwood Elementary staff for everything they do for our students.

HOME AND SCHOOL

The home and school would like the help of guardians and families to show our extreme gratitude for the teachers and staff of Sherwood Elementary during the week of February 12-16. This year we have chosen the theme of “Sherwood Sweethearts” because day in and day out these staff members show us just how sweet their hearts are. Please sign up to supply our school staff room with treats. These treats can be dropped off or sent to the office each morning to be delivered to the staff room.

The home and school group will come together and decorate the staff room to show the staff a small token of our appreciation. We will also supply a pizza lunch on Friday.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FACA62AA3F49-47467698-staff/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FACA62AA3F49-47467698-staff#/)

There will be a Home & School meeting on February 12 at 6:30 pm - all are welcome.

MINISTER JAMESON VISIT

Education Minister, Natalie Jameson, MLA Susie Dillon, MLA Zack Bell, Director Tracy Beaulieu, and Communications Officer Autumn Tremere visited Sherwood for an hour on February 1. Minister Jameson and the rest of this group had a walk-through/tour of the school and visited a few classes and spoke with students and staff. The time this group spent with us seeing the challenges, opportunities, and good things happening at Sherwood is appreciated.

“WHERE IN THE WORLD IS FOREST?”

Since Feb. 1 and for the entire month, guest students or teachers have been sharing facts/info about a different country each day for the segment of announcements, called “Where in the world is Forest”. A flag from each country is being hung on the tree located on the wall by the Music rooms and a mini version of Forest will be travelling around the world map which is in the hallway near the upstairs ramp. It has been exciting to hear the voices of students share information about their countries of origin and students and the staff are learning a lot also!

PINK SHIRT DAY

Sherwood school will be wearing pink on Thursday, February 28. Pink shirt day was started in Atlantic Canada. In 2007, two students at a NS school distributed 50 pink shirts to their classmates after another student had been bullied for wearing a pink shirt. The theme for this year’s Pink Shirt Day is “**Be Kind & Lift Each Other Up**.” It is a simple statement with a powerful message that encourages everyone to work together and treat others with dignity and respect. Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to **Be Kind & Lift Each Other**

Up. Greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important.

GRADE 5 ASSEMBLY

The grade 5 students (including 5/6Z) will be presenting an assembly to mark the finish of our Diversity/Individuality celebrations. This will coincide with Pink Shirt Day. The assembly will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28. All students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt, or any culturally relevant attire if they wish. Parents of grade 5 and 5/6Z students are welcome to attend.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month. First officially recognized in 1995 by the Government of Canada following a motion introduced by Honorable Jean Augustine, the first African Canadian woman elected as a Member of Parliament, Canada recognizes February as Black History Month and continues to celebrate contributions of Black Canadians and communities of African descent. Black History Month is an opportunity to reflect on our history as a country and have conversations to better understand Black history, life experiences and contributions made by Black Canadians. There are 1.5 million people in Canada of African descent or Black Canadians that have diverse, rich and vibrant, multiethnic and mosaic cultural heritage (data from Statistics Canada 2021 Census of Canada). The 2024 theme for Black History Month is "Community as the Way Forward".

VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day will be celebrated at school on February 14. ***Please be reminded that class parties that involve treats brought by students must be nut free, individually wrapped and come in the original packaging.***

STAFFING NEWS

Darlene Farquharson accepted the Sherwood administrative assistant relief position until May and began on February 1. Darlene has most recently worked at Westwood Primary.

Rachel Manuel's last day with us was January 31 and we appreciated the great work Rachel did with us.

Rhiannon McQuaid has taken over the Behavioural Resource role on January 29 while Lindsay McClintick is out.

Melissa Kelly, Relief Itinerant Cleaner for Sherwood, was the successful applicant for the L.M Montgomery

Permanent cleaner position effective Monday February 5. We appreciate the solid work she did with us and wish her good luck.

Thank you, Rachel and Melissa. Welcome Darlene and Rhiannon.

UPEI PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

Sherwood welcomes Brittany States, UPEI pre-service teacher in Tina Bagloles KA class and Sarah Legault, pre-service teacher who will be working in Jillian Marchbank's 1A Class. We also welcome Practicum Advisor Eunice MacIntyre.

SHERWOOD SLIDESHOWS

Leadership students are completing new slideshows every 2-3 weeks for our 5 monitors around the school. We thank these students and teacher Bethany Norris for their efforts.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Parents, students, and staff are thanked for adjusting their pick-up, drop-off, and parking routines last week so that some significant construction work at the new school site could happen including delivering and lifting the DOAS units in place.

LOST AND FOUND

New items:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-AFtGFQeXcFhCqb7CnxPDZKgToo5E9XQ/view?usp=sharing>

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

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.

HEALTHY SNACK WEDNESDAY

The school provided students with the opportunity to have a free healthy Trail mix snack on Wednesday, January 31. A dedicated group of students and staff made the mix and Leadership students delivered this snack to classes.

SCHOOL DANCE

The Home and School Association will be hosting a School Dance on February 23. The school dance is a free, fun event for students and siblings of Sherwood School.

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. 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
- 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.

Recently, there has been an increase in concerns related to scents in PSB learning and workplaces. 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. Please take the time to read the PSB scents policy which can be found at:

<https://psb.edu.pe.ca/schools/school-health-and-safety/scented-products-and-fragrances>