

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31 Kindness Assembly
February 3 Professional Learning Day (no classes)
February 10-14 Staff Appreciation Week
February 13 Diversity Assembly (Grade 5 performs)
February 13 Chocolate Bar Bingo
February 14 Valentine's Day
February 17 Islander Day (no classes for students)
March 3-7 Book Fair

CHILD CARE SUPPORTS

Since receiving news that there will be no classes for students on March 14, 24, and 25, information was also received on the child care supports that are available to assist the move to the new school and early closure this school year. The Province has confirmed that families needing child care services for the move and early closure will be provided one-time financial assistance. The program will cover child care costs for the following dates: March 14, 24, and 25 for the move, and closure beginning June 9 up to June 26. To receive this financial assistance, you must meet the criteria of this program outlined at www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/sherwoodchildcare and complete the necessary online application forms. The forms will be available online March 3, 2025. 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.

SCHOOL SKATES

School Skates will continue Mondays and Wednesdays until February 19 during the big recess break from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Parents are welcome to assist with helping students get their skates on and participating in the skate on the ice. Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students are invited but not required to attend their skates. Students will be fully supervised during their skate time.

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
Feb 19- Kindergarten	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 trail mix.

PBIS “Pawsitive” News Corner

Sherwood School has kicked off January with a home, school and community-based kindness challenge. All of our students are participating in the challenge and they will be rewarded for meeting their kindness challenge goal!

We started the challenge on January 16th and recording our acts of kindness will go until January 30th. Our students will work on performing 10 random acts of kindness between home, in the community and at school. If the students meet this goal of 10 acts of kindness between home and school, they will be rewarded for their efforts with a schoolwide reward on February 7th!

The students have each received a kindness challenge sheet to keep track of their acts of kindness by coloring in a heart for the acts that they do at school. Students in younger classes may work as a whole class on the acts of kindness and track it as a class. At home, families can keep track of their acts of kindness by coloring in the heart when they complete one of the acts of kindness. There are four blank spaces on the challenge, so that families can make up their own act of kindness. You can return your student's challenge sheet on January 31st to your child's homeroom teacher.

We will be having a kindness wrap up assembly on January 31st and we are looking forward to recognizing our students for working so hard to make our school, their homes and our community kinder places to live and learn!

Parents can email Sarah King photos of their children doing acts of kindness at home or in the community to sjking@edu.pe.ca.

CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO

The Grade 6 leadership class would like to invite you to a Chocolate Bar Bingo on February 13 at 5:30 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. It is important to note that an adult must accompany the participating child/children. Bingo players are also asked to bring regular-sized peanut/nut-free chocolate bars used 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 service available for snacks and Bingo dabbers. All proceeds will go towards leadership activities for our grade six students. Last year's event was highly successful. To guarantee a seat at our Bingo night, you will need to pre-register for the event. You may order your tickets through Sherwood Hotlunches. The deadline for pre-ordered tickets is February 6. There will be limited admission tickets at the door, depending on capacity. Your support is appreciated.

MARCH BOOK FAIR

Our next book fair will be held during the week of March 3-7 in the school library. Some viewing will occur during the week prior with purchasing to begin as early as March 3. Visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/sherwoodelemschool4> to see what new and exciting books will be available as well as other details for the fair.

Library Move

If anyone would like to donate empty boxes to help with the move to our new library, feel free to drop them off. Students can take them to the library. The size suggested is anything smaller than the black and yellow plastic totes available at most hardware stores.

LOST AND FOUND

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

Please see this link of the items that are in our Lost & Found.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AJyEP6_uSFHNCaPAT07IjAlGHJDKWFF/view?usp=sharing

STAFFING NEWS

Mme Jessica McMullen will be taking a half-year deferred leave beginning January 31. Sarah Legault will be moving from Core French to teach the KC class until the end of the year. We are pleased to announce that David Sibayeh Ngantchu will join our staff on January 31 as our new .60 Core French teacher. Cassidy Hurley, a YSW student, began doing her practicum at Sherwood on January 7 and will be here until the end of March. Good luck, Jessica and Sarah and welcome, M. Sabeyeh and Ms. Hurley. Becky Muttart, EAL 2.0 Youth Services Worker finishes her .05 assignment at Sherwood on January 24.

GRADE 5 DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

The grade 5 students will be presenting an assembly to mark the finish of our Diversity learning and celebrations. The assembly will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13. All students are encouraged to wear any culturally relevant attire if they wish. Parents of grade 5 students are welcome to attend.

FREE LEARNING OPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS

Fear-Less: Small changes, big differences. A Triple P Parenting seminar presented by Peter Mutch. Helping children manage anxiety. Learn more about anxiety and how it affects children and families. Explore effective tools to manage it and foster resilience together.

- Date: January 26, 2025
- Time: 3:00 p.m.
- Venue: 7 Pond Street, Charlottetown – Jack Blanchard Hall
- Presenter: Peter Mutch

Bookings and Information:

Please contact triplep@gov.pe.ca or 902-368-6762 to RSVP This seminar is free for all who attend.

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

There will be a Late French Immersion Parent Information meeting at Stonepark on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m (storm date February 6).

GRADE 7 BAND ORIENTATION

Stone Park will be having their annual one-hour Band orientation concert and FI info-session for all grade 6 students who will be attending Stonepark next year on Thursday, February 6 at 10:15 a.m. The purpose of the concert is to explore any interest students may have in the Stonepark music program or Late French Immersion program. The Grade 9 band will perform, and the band teacher will be able to share information and provide answers to frequently asked questions students usually have. A short presentation on our Late French Immersion Program will be done at this time as well. Storm date is February.

FIELD HOCKEY

Introduction to **Indoor Field hockey** session starting Jan 20 to April 7 @ UPEI gym for grades 4-6
Time: 4-5pm on Mondays beginning January 20th
Cost \$60 plus FHC/ PEIFH Membership fees.
Please bring a mouth guard, shin pads and indoor sneakers.
PEIFH will provide **Indoor sticks** (outdoor sticks cannot be used)

Register by email:

fieldhockeypei@gmail.com name, date of birth, contact email.

*PEIFH will then send our new registration information to you!

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 10-14 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.

SHERWOOD SLIDESHOWS

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

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.**

COLD WEATHER

Students are reminded to wear warmer jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots now that winter days are 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.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY

January 27 is Family Literacy Day, the largest national family literacy event in Canada. Literacy organizations, schools, libraries and media groups will coordinate numerous literacy-themed events and activities across the country in honour of this special initiative. The theme for FLD 2025 is Learn to be Green, Together! Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. For more information, visit the Family Literacy Day website or download resources from the Community Wire website at www.communitywire.ca/en/org/abc-life-literacy-canada

STORM CENTER LINK

For your convenience, here is a link to Ocean 100 radio station that you can check for any closures or delays. We hope you find this helpful.
Storm Centre

<https://www.ocean100.com/storm-centre/>

In the event of a delay or closure, kindly refrain from leaving your children unattended at the school, as there will be no staff available until the school officially opens.

