

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 6 – Home & School meeting at 6:30

February 8- Sherwood Showcase

February 13 – 17 Staff Appreciation Week

February 16 – Winter Wellness Day

February 19 – Islander Day (no classes for students)

February 23 -School Dance

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

While registration for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year wrapped up on November 25, families can still register their child by visiting the school office in person. Please be reminded that children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten. Please bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth certificate, PEI health card or passport. Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

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 7th at 6:00 p.m.

GRADE 7 BAND ORIENTATION

There will be an annual one-hour Band orientation concert, and FI info-session for all grade 6 students who will be attending Stonepark next year, to explore any interest they may have in the Stonepark music program or Late French Immersion programme on Thursday, February 8th at 10:00 a.m. (storm date Feb. 9th). The Grade 9 band will perform, and our 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

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 very busy. For the safety of our student body it is very important that cars do 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.

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.

HOME & SCHOOL VICE PRESIDENT POSITION

The Home and School is pleased to introduce Sam Gallant as their Vice President. Sam Gallant is the proud mom to her daughter Sadie, who is currently in grade 3 at Sherwood School. She thinks it is important to be involved and engaged in school activities and is proud to be the newest member of the Home and School. She is excited for this new role allowing her to learn, communicate, and engage with the Sherwood School community. Welcome, Sam.

Additional Kindergarten Class

With ever increasing enrollment within our current kindergarten classes, we feel very fortunate to have been allocated additional teaching support for our kindergarten program! We know how beneficial it is to have smaller class sizes during this introductory year as this allows for increased individualized instruction and collaboration between teacher and students.

The additional teaching support is being used to create a third regular English program kindergarten classroom. This third classroom will be comprised of students from each of the existing kindergarten classes. The new classroom will be located right beside the other two so students will not have to adjust to a new area or place to line up or hang their coats.

Ms. Vanessa Gray has been hired to join our excellent teaching team. Ms. Gray is very much looking forward to the opportunity to get to know our wonderful kindergarten community. Beginning Monday January 29, selected students will begin to transition to the new classroom. There will be many class activities that all three classes will participate in together to ensure a smooth transition. Students from all three kindergarten classes will also continue to come together for daily outdoor education time and recess.

We understand that creating a new homeroom at the end of January can come with challenges, questions and uncertainty and because of that, this transition will be a positive one for the kindergarten students and their teachers.

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.

STAFFING NEWS

Vanessa Gray has been hired to be the new Kindergarten teacher for KE.

Briar Roberts has been hired as an EA to replace Joan Gallant who retired after Christmas.

Julia Smith, UPEI Kinesiology student, is starting to work in the gym twice a week with Daun Lynch and Elizabeth Kerwin MacPherson.

Welcome Vanessa, Briar and Julia.

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.

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.***

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.

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.

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. Students will be required to come with a guardian and that guardian must remain at the event throughout. Each guardian can be responsible for multiple children. This is not a staff run event. It is a Home and School volunteer-based event.

Families will sign up in advance. Everyone attending will need to sign up. Due to fire regulations, numbers will need to be managed accordingly. There will be two slots available to accommodate the potential for a large attendance. If two slots are not required, we will determine that the week beforehand and make all families aware of the change.

There will be a small selection of concessions and glow sticks for sale at this event. These will be inexpensive and will help offset any costs associated with the event itself. Entrance for the dance will be the Garden entrance, closest to Cody Banks arena.

The Home and School are requesting parent volunteers, approx. 10 per time slot. Parents will be able to sign up as volunteers closer to the event.

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Below is a schedule for some significant construction work at the new school site that may impact the activities of students and staff for several days in the remainder of January. Large DOAS units (air and heating systems) are being delivered and lifted by crane to the second floor on January 29 and 30. The trailers carrying the units will be brought in through the school staff parking lot area and the area by the gym on the Cody Banks side. Staff parking will be restricted in the parking lot on the side closest to the school. The emergency exit by the gym on the Cody Banks side will be closed off from January 26 to February 2. There are currently no classes that use this door for fire drills and anyone who would need to exit from this door in an emergency would exit on the Pine Drive side. The area that students may not cross will be fenced off with temporary fencing and signage. Play spaces and locations during recess breaks may be impacted during this time including potentially moving to indoor recess activities. Homeroom teachers will review expectations with students regarding any changes in routine. Phys.ed classes will take place in homeroom classrooms during any times of the school day that lifts may take place. The plan for the week includes the following actions on these dates:

Jan 25/26 – DOAS units will be delivered to site and parked at the lower part of the existing Sherwood School parking lot. Temporary fencing will be erected for safety and security. The units will be offloaded using a crane onto the parking lot from a tractor trailer during times when students are not outside.

Jan 29 – Remove patio deck and complete earth work. Remove construction fence and build a ramp into the construction site.

Jan 30 – Load 1st DOAS unit into new school.

Jan 31 – Load 2nd DOAS unit into new school.

Jan 31/Feb 1 – Construct support base and replace patio.

Feb 1/2– Reinstate construction fence and remove temporary fence panels.

These dates are contingent upon availability of the crane operator and the wind and weather conditions for lift days.

HEALTHY SNACK WEDNESDAY

The school will be providing students with the opportunity to have a free healthy snack each month on a Wednesday. Our next healthy snack will be Trail mix that will be provided on Wednesday, January 31st. Leadership students will deliver this snack to classes and a healthy snack alternative will also be provided for gluten allergic students.

SHOW SHERWOOD SHOWCASE

Grades 4,5, and 6 students have been invited to submit an act for our "Show Sherwood" Showcase 2024. The showcase will be presented to the school at the end of January and will include acts that demonstrate any music, art pieces, or physical movement skills. This event will "showcase" skills that Sherwood students have (i.e. martial arts demo, playing a song on a piano, a short gymnastics routine, prepared dance, basketball tricks, skipping tricks, etc.) and might not have a chance to show during a regular school day. Any interested Grade 4,5, and 6 students are asked to plan, prepare and practice (practice and practice) and submit either a short video of the act to our Showcase committee or show in-person during one of the set times (to be announced at school).

There will be a few in-school opportunities to practice but it is highly encouraged for participating students to be practicing at home as well.

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, 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: 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>

FAMILY LITERACY DAY

January 27th 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 2024 is "Let's have a family party!" 2024 marks 25 years of Family Literacy Day and ABC Life Literacy Canada is encouraging families to celebrate by making food, singing songs and playing games. The possibilities for learning are endless – and it's fun when you do it 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