

# SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 8- Healthy Snacks Wednesday

January 14- Home and School Meeting 6:30

February 3- Professional Learning Day (no classes)

February 13- Diversity Assembly (Grade 5 performs)

February 17- Islander Day (no classes for students)

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES THANK YOU

Thank you to those who contributed to Sherwood Elementary Christmas Families. These donations went a long way to support Sherwood families and students who needed a little more support over the holiday season.

## THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Many students, parents, and staff were active showing kindness leading up to the holiday break. Thank you to Leadership Students for all their efforts with their Christmas Centers. Thank you to 5B students for their incredible efforts selling and distributing over 2400 Candy Grams. Thank you also goes out to parents who tied skates this fall and winter at school skates, and to staff for their support of all the activities. Many others had a positive impact in classrooms and workspaces.

## HOME & SCHOOL MEETING TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT EARLY CLOSURE

There will be an important Home & School Meeting on Tuesday January 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library for any parents interested in more information about the early school closure on June 6. This will include the supports available for families, as well as information about when students are moving into the new Sherwood School. There will an opportunity for questions and discussion during this meeting. Please join us.

## SHERWOOD HOME AND SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We're currently looking for dedicated individuals to join our team as Secretary and Treasurer.

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: Sherwood School Library

If you're passionate about supporting our school community and making a difference, we'd love to meet you! Come learn more about how you can contribute to the success of our students and school.

## SCHOOL SKATES

School Skates will be held Mondays and Wednesdays in January and February 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.

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.

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| 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, carrots, humus and celery and next week they will have yogurt tubes.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

While registration for Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year wrapped up in November, 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 31,2025, 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.

## PARKING AND DROP OFF ON MAPLE AVE. AND PINE DRIVE

The roads around our school continue to be very busy. For the safety of students, it is very important that cars do not pull over to drop-off or pick-up students. The Cody Bank parking lot is currently the only specified area for student drop-off and pick-up. Thank you to parents for their efforts safely using this area.

## 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.

We will have a link in our next newsletter of the items that are in our Lost & Found.

## STAFFING NEWS

Paige Biggley, Educational Assistant, has taken a leave of absence to pursue opportunities in New Brunswick. We thank Paige and wish her success. Bracken Smith and Miranda Ingram are new Educational Assistants who joined the staff on January 2nd. Welcome Bracken and Miranda.

## 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](mailto:triplep@gov.pe.ca) or 902-368-6762 to RSVP

This seminar is free for all who attend.

## 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

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.

## 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.

## STORM CLOSURES

### School cancellations

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am. An announcement that "all classes in the public schools branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system-wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools. Sherwood School is in the Charlottetown Family of Schools.

### One-hour delay

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 am, a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 am.

### Late buses

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

### School closures during the day

It may be necessary to close school partway through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website as early as possible.

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

### Extreme weather during the school day

Should the department of transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

### Suggestions for parents

The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.

1. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
2. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 am daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 am.
3. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

*Thank you for your support. Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all our children*

## 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/>

