

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 20 – Dress in Francophonie Colours

March 20 - Heathy Snack Day

March 20 - School Skate

March 21- Wear Purple to Support Epilepsy Awareness

March 21- Report Cards

March 22 to April 1- March Break (Includes Statutory Holidays)

March 23 – Earth Hour

April 2 – First Day Back after March Break

April 4 – ‘Rock Your Socks’ Down Syndrome Day

April 8 - Early Closure

April 9 - Home & School Meeting

April 9 – School Heritage Fair (Grade 4 – 6)

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

This is a friendly reminder to contact the school office if there are any changes to your students' contact information, such as phone numbers, address or email address. It's important that the school has current and updated information. Thank you for your cooperation.

MORNING ARRIVAL TIMES FOR STUDENTS

With student safety in mind, parents are reminded that the arrival time for walkers and students being dropped off is 8:15 or later. Prior to 8:15, limited supervision is only available for bus students arriving early due to bus route schedules. Additional supervision for all other students is available at 8:15. Students will still have time to visit the breakfast program and socialize with friends before the first morning bell at 8:40. We appreciate your help in keeping all our students safe.

WALKING STUDENTS

Walking students are asked to proceed very carefully while walking to and from school and only to go on the road when crossing carefully at crosswalks.

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.

PARKING AND DROP OFF ON MAPLE AVE. AND PINE DRIVE

The roads around our school are extremely busy. For the safety of our students, cars must not pull over, and 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 cooperation and their kids efforts safely using this area.

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

SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES

PEI will be experiencing a total solar eclipse on April 8. Solar eclipse glasses have been purchased by the Department of Education for all students. Schools will distribute the glasses to students the week before the eclipse. For safe viewing protocol, please refer to the CPHO website: <https://solareclipse.princeedwardisland.ca/Safely-Watch>

EARLY DISMISSAL ON APRIL 8

Earlier last week details were released about the school schedule for when Prince Edward Island will experience a full solar eclipse. Out of an abundance of caution for student and staff safety, the Public Schools Branch will be dismissing 2 hours early at 12:35 p.m. on Monday, April 8.

EARTH HOUR

Earth Hour 2024 is Saturday, March 23 beginning at 8:30 p.m. Annually, people around the world take this opportunity to turn off the lights for one hour to conserve energy and show support for the environmental issues facing our planet. Visit <http://www.earthhour.org> for more information about how your family can participate.

FRENCH MONTH

This year, The French Culture committee has planned activities for the month of March. They have activities planned for every day of French Month. The activities are being introduced during morning announcements and classes can complete them on their own time using a slideshow provided to them.

MICHAEL PENDERGAST AND JOHNNY AND LOUISE ARESENAULT PERFORM FOR FRENCH MONTH

Happy Mois de la Francophonie! Kindergarten to Grade 2 English program and French Immersion students had the opportunity to attend Michael Pendergast on March 18 and all Grade 3 to Grade 6 classes enjoyed the performance of Johnny and Louise Arsenault on March 20 as part French Month Activities. Merci Michael, Jonny, et Louise! March 20 is also the Le jour de la Francophonie so everyone is asked to dress in these below colors:



HEALTHY SNACK WEDNESDAY

The school will be providing students with the opportunity to have a free healthy snack. Wednesday, March 20 will be the next Healthy Snack Day. Students can have a free frozen blueberry smoothie. This is a peanut, dairy and gluten free snack.
Wednesday

LOST AND FOUND

Coats and Sweaters

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/9YLL1BHCHKpU9hFn9>

Mittens

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/PFFomWCRjTUB9gCN7>

Hats

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/wb5seZ7TMemxdh7N6>

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

SCHOOL SKATES

The last school skate for this year is March 20 starting with the Kindergarten- 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m., Gr. 3/4 - 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Gr. 1/2 - 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., Gr. 5/6 - 1:15 p.m. -2:15 p.m.

Students and adults are required to wear helmets at all times while on the ice. Students who need skates or a helmet have been asked to contact their teacher to see if we have any available. There will be extra staff and some student helpers to assist with tying skates. Skate dates will be cancelled if there are weather-related closures because there are no make-up dates available for these skates. Parents are welcome to come to the skate if they are attending to assist tying skates or helping students on the ice. No photographs of students can be taken while at the rink as there will be students present who have not provided consent to be photographed.

ICE CREAM SANDWICH FUNDRAISER

Grade 6 students are selling ice cream sandwiches as a fundraiser for their year-end activities. The cost is \$2 for each treat. Orders will be delivered at lunchtime on Wednesday, March 20 to Kindergarten to Grade 2 classes and on Thursday, March 21 to Grade 3 to 6 classes. There is a gluten-free or dairy-free option available. Orders can be made from students' classrooms.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for the second reporting period will be sent home on March 21. Included in each report card is a return slip for parents to sign and return indicating that they have read the report. .

SCHOOL HERITAGE FAIR (GRADE 4-6)

There will be a school Heritage Fair on April 9 for students from 5A, 6/5Z, 6A, 6B, and 6C. The fair will run the entire day and will be held in these classrooms plus the Core French room. Parents are invited view the projects from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

WEARING PURPLE FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS

March is Epilepsy Awareness Month and the Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes is inviting Sherwood and students and staff to take part in Wear Purple Day. Due to this day falling on March break, Students and Staff are invited participate on Thursday, March 21 by wearing purple. Epilepsy is a brain disorder that causes recurring, unprovoked seizures. Grade 6

Sherwood student Collin Ross and his mother, Sarah, are ambassadors for the Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes, and Sarah has epilepsy. More information about epilepsy can be found by visiting epilepsymaritimes.org

SHERWOOD SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMS

Grade 3 students and the Sherwood school choir will be singing at the Queen's County Music Festival on Wednesday, April 24th at Park Royal United Church (11 Christie Drive, Charlottetown, C1A 5W6). Students and teachers will be taking a bus to the Music Festival. The grade 3 class performance will be at 9:00am and the Sherwood school choir performance will be at 9:45am. Parents are welcome to attend and watch if they wish, there is a small admission fee of \$3.00 to the festival, which supports the organization of the festival.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 2024

March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day. On this day, people with Down syndrome and those who live and work with them throughout the world organize and participate in activities and events to raise public awareness and create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome. The date is special because 3-21 represents Trisomy 21, the medical term for Down syndrome, which is the third replication of the 21st chromosome.

Because it has already been such a busy week leading up to the break, Sherwood will recognize WDS on April 4 by encouraging students and staff to 'Rock Your Socks' by wearing mismatched socks, or drawing pictures of mismatched socks to stir up conversation and remind people that things that are different are still beautiful and wonderful!

HOME AND SCHOOL

The next Home and School Meeting will be held on April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

JUMP INTO SPRING CASH DRAW 2024

The Sherwood Home & School is again running the popular Jump into Spring Cash Draw 2024. Jump into Spring' cash draw is their main fundraiser this year. Funds raised will go towards building the playground at the new Sherwood School. Home and School will be working hard over the next few years to raise the money required to create and build an engaging place for our children to play. Please help by participating in this fundraiser! Please look in your child's backpack early next week for more information and tickets.

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. 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. Thank you for reading the PSB scents policy which can be found at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/schools/school-health-and-safety/scented-products-and-fragrances>

GREENING AND GROUNDS – RECYCLING PROJECT

Families and staff are invited to drop off any refundable items to **Charlottetown Bottle and Metal** and let them know you are donating it to the account for Sherwood Elementary. They are located at 4 MacAleer Drive (see the link: <http://www.ctownbottlemetal.ca/>). Funds raised are used to support the maintenance of the

school grounds and outdoor/environmental projects. Thanks for considering this to support our school!

SOFTBALL

Has your daughter ever considered playing softball? West Royalty Softball is hosting **free** come-try softball events at the West Royalty Community Center starting April 7th at 6:00-7:00 pm and April 14th, 21st, and 28th at 2:30-3:30 pm. This event is designed to introduce young girls to the sport and allow them to try it before committing to an entire season. For more information or to register please email wrsa.playerengagement@gmail.com.