

# SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6– Parent Teacher Interviews after school  
March 7- No School Parent Teacher Interviews  
March 10 – Stonepark Gr. 7 Band application and Gr. 7 Late French Immersion application due  
March 12 – Report Cards  
March 13 – School Dance  
March 14 to 25 - March Break (Includes extra days to move into the new school)  
March 26 – First Day Back in the New School  
April 15 - Home & School Meeting

## MOVING INTO THE NEW SCHOOL

There will be no school for Sherwood Elementary students on the following dates:

- Friday, March 14
- Monday March 24
- Tuesday March 25

This is to allow time for moving into the new school. Classes will resume Wednesday, March 26. The present locations where students line up in the morning and locations where students will walk to for dismissal will not change nor will the drop-off and pick-up area for buses. Parent drop-off and pick-up will continue in the Cody Banks parking lot for the remainder of the year. For safety reasons, parents please do not drop off or pick up students on Maple Avenue, Pine Drive or the school's parking lot. Late student drop-off and early pick-up routines will not change for the remainder of the school year. We ask parents to come to the main doors of the new school and check into the office. We sincerely appreciate everyone's patience with us as we transition to the new building and learn the most effective way to safely guide students to and from the new school. More significant changes will be in place for September once the old school is torn down and the entire school ground and drop-off areas are redesigned.

## CHILD CARE SUPPORTS

Information was sent on the child-care supports that are available to assist the move to the new school and early closure this school year. Families needing child-care services for the move and early closure will be provided with 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, parents need to meet the criteria of this program outlined at [www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/sherwoodchildcare](http://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](mailto:childcareallowance@gov.pe.ca) or the school administration at 902-368-6780.

## DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY AND BLACK LIGHT SHOW THANKS

The Diversity Assembly in February and the Black Light Show on March 4 were special opportunities our students and staff could share, learn from, and enjoy. Congratulations and many thanks are extended to our Grade 5 and 6 students, their teachers, music teachers, as well as the students and staff.

## PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be taking place on the evening of March 6 and during the day on March 7. In-person interviews will be conducted in the same manner as our first set in November.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards for the second reporting period will be sent home on March 12.

## MARCH BOOK FAIR

Our book fair is currently being held in the school library. Please visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/sherwoodelemschool4> to see what new and exciting books are available as well as other details for the fair.

## FINAL SCHOOL DANCE

The Home and School Association will be hosting a final School Dance in the old school on March 13. As this is the last school dance in the "old" school building—let's make it a night to remember! Parents need to sign up online as well so that we have accurate numbers for the purposes of the fire code of safety. Sign-ups opened on March 3, so be sure to grab your spot! [School Dance Sign up](#) with two time slots to accommodate everyone:

🕒 5:30–6:30 PM (300 spots)

🕒 7:00–8:00 PM (300 spots)

Don't forget—each student must attend with a responsible adult (one adult can supervise multiple students).

## T-SHIRT CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to T-shirt Design Contest winners Max MacQuillan 4B, Alec Webb 5A, and Alina Mikhailova 6E!



They were winners of free t-shirts. These t-shirts will also be available for sale at the dance and will become a cherished keepsake for students and staff as we celebrate this important milestone in Sherwood's history. An **onsite T-shirt bar** featuring this **special student-designed logo** will be available for **\$15 each**, and we'll accept **cash, debit, or credit**.

### BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The breakfast program will pause from March 10 until March 31 while equipment and supplies for the program are packed up, moved, and set up in its new location in. During this time there will be breakfast snacks available in the office for any students who may require them.

### UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

Please 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.

### DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

A reminder to parents that if they are walking their children to or from school with the family pet, that all dogs must be leashed and under the owner's control. We encourage and support families that walk together, however, we kindly ask that dogs and their owners remain along the edge of the property away from students entering or exiting the building.

### PBIS "PAWS"ITIVE CORNER

At our school, we are continuing to work on teaching our students the expectations for each area on our school wide matrix. Our students have been working very hard on this and they are being rewarded for working so hard. When staff sees a student working hard on matrix behavior, they may receive a "PAWS"itive card. Each grade level has an area to place their "PAWS"itive cards and these cards are randomly drawn each week for a reinforcement reward from the PBIS Reward Bin. If students do not win a prize that week, their "PAWS"itive cards remain in their grade level bin until we clear out the bins at the end of the month. Students who work hard on matrix behaviors have great chances to win awesome reinforcement rewards and also get their names recognized over the schoolwide PA system! Let's all keep working hard to "Put Our Best PAWS Forward!"

REINFORCEMENT	VS	BRIBERY
Rewards are earned as an incentive for a job well done		Bribes are given in response to a challenging behavior
Creates a lasting positive change on behavior		Changes behavior in the moment but not over time
Planned ahead of time and delivered with praise		Reactive and delivered in frustration
Adult is in control - They decide when (and if) reward has been earned.		Child is in control - Negotiation is made in exchange for compliance.

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### STAFFING NEWS

Deena McBride was the successful candidate for the permanent Administrative Assistant position at Sherwood. Deena started at Sherwood on February 24 after having most recently worked at St. Jean Elementary and Stonepark Intermediate. Juanita Bradley is now a full-time Educational Assistant at Sherwood. Donna Massey has been hired as an itinerant substitute based out of Sherwood. Welcome Deena, Juanita, and Donna.

### MARCH 13 ACTIVITY DAY

March 13 will be an Activity Day for Sherwood students with a read-a-thon, dancercise, a movie, and other activities happening during the day. Students are asked to bring their own books to read for this day.

### TAKING ITEMS HOME FOR THE BREAK

Students will be bringing items like their lunch boxes, kitbags, sneakers, coats, hats, gloves, snow-pants, personal items, and toys home with them for the March Break and move to the new school. Student learning materials and supplies will be packed and provided back to students in their new learning spaces when they return on March 26. Please remember to have students bring their sneakers back with them when they return. Lost and found items that have been on display for over a month will not be coming over to the new school.

### APRIL 15 HOME & SCHOOL MEETING – TOUR THE NEW SCHOOL!

Join us for our next Home & School meeting on **April 15**, where parents will have a special opportunity to tour the new school! This is a great chance to see the space, ask questions, and connect with other families. If needed, children can hang out in the multipurpose room with Grade 6 student volunteers while parents take part in the meeting and tour. We hope to see you there!

### STONEPARK LATE FRENCH IMMERSION AND BAND APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for the Stonepark Intermediate Grade 7 Band applications and Stonepark Intermediate Grade 7 Late French Immersion applications is Monday, March 10.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS Spring Volleyball

Tigers Volleyball Club will once again be offering a spring volleyball program for boys and girls in grades 6 to 8 beginning on March 24<sup>th</sup> and running until May 1<sup>st</sup>. The program will go on Mondays from 5:00-6:30 and Thursdays from 5:00-6:30, for girls. Boys will have sessions on Mondays 6:30-8:00, and on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:30 All sessions are at Stonepark school. This program is for any girls and boys in the Stonepark feeder school system and attending Stonepark in the fall of 2025. Participants are expected to bring indoor athletic footwear, a water bottle and an excellent attitude. Please use the side gym door facing Heather Avenue. For further information email [scottandjanet@eastlink.ca](mailto:scottandjanet@eastlink.ca) First session for the boys will begin on Monday, March 10, and then Wednesday, March 12.