

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 19 – Victoria Day (No classes)

May 20 – Home and School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**May 24 – Greening & Grounds Pancake
Breakfast 8:00 – 10:30 am.**

NO SCHOOL FOR CURRENT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ON MAY 16

Please note that there will be no school for our current kindergarten students on Friday, May 16. This will allow us to welcome our 2025-2026 kindergarten classes to Sherwood for an orientation day. There will be regular classes for all other grades.

EASTER SEALS FUNDRAISER

Students were able to give this year's Easter Seals Ambassador, Remi Dean, a cheque for \$1600 when she visited Sherwood. Great job, Students! The Student Services Team supervised extra recess last week to recognize everyone's fundraising efforts.

PLAY ON, SHERWOOD! – THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Play on, Sherwood! was so much fun and a great success. Thank you to everyone who supported, attended, volunteered, or worked so hard to put on this incredible event. This fundraiser absolutely would not have been possible without the help of all our sponsors, including members of Parkdale Sherwood Lion's Club, the City of Charlottetown, the Eastlink Centre, Craig Fair Productions, Domino's Pizza, and our incredible line up of talent including Patrick Ledwell, Brad Milligan, Lawrence Maxwell, Brooke MacArthur, Cole Brioux, Danny Gallant Band with Mitchell Gallant, Vintage 2.0, Encore Dance, Colin Buchanan (DJ Good Neighbor), and Gordie MacKeeman and his Rhythm Boys. It just couldn't have happened without the kindness, generosity and talent of these people and organizations.

The final tallies are being counted and outstanding bills are being paid. The profits from this event will go directly toward purchases for the new playground. This number will be released shortly. Until then, we do know that 545 tickets were purchased for the event, and therefore, Principal Grimmer will be getting a pie in the face by a Sherwood student, who will be selected randomly (more details to follow soon).

Finally, none of this would have been possible without the creativity and hard work of members and leaders of our Playground Committee who we offer our thanks to including Sam Gallant, Annie Lougheed, Bethany Robinson, Natalie Doyle, Catherine Fournier, Katie Beck, and Sarah Borsos.

SUPPORT OUR PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

The Sherwood Playground Fundraising Team is thrilled to launch a special fundraiser offering **professional prints of the live artwork created by Patrick Guindon** at our *Play On, Sherwood!* event. All proceeds will go directly toward building a brand-new playground for Sherwood Elementary!

How it works:

Your child is bringing home an order form to sell these beautiful prints to family, friends — and even neighbors! It's a great way to support our school while sharing a meaningful piece of local art.

 **Top Seller Prize:** A brand-new TV!

 **Top Selling Class:** Wins an ice cream party!

Let's work together to create a fun and safe new play space for our students. Thank you for your continued support!



METRO HOME BUILDING CENTER DONATION

Thank You, Metro Home Hardware! We are thrilled to share that Metro Home Hardware has made a generous donation of \$25,000 toward our playground project! Their incredible support brings us one step closer to creating a fun, safe, and inclusive space for all students to enjoy. On behalf of the entire school community—thank you, Metro Home Hardware, for investing in our children's well-being and play!



STAFFING NEWS

Colleen Taylor was the successful candidate to become Sherwood's new principal for the 2025-2026 school year. Colleen is presently the vice-principal at Westwood Primary. Before that she held administrative positions at Queen Elizabeth Elementary and Parkside Elementary schools. Welcome, Colleen.

Shelley Wolfe returned to teaching at Sherwood on April 28. Jennifer Spencer, Primary Resource, went on 6 weeks medical leave on May 1. Bethany Murdock moved into the resource role while Rianna French moved to 1C during this time. We wish Jennifer well and look forward to her return. We also wish Bethany and Rianna success in their new roles.

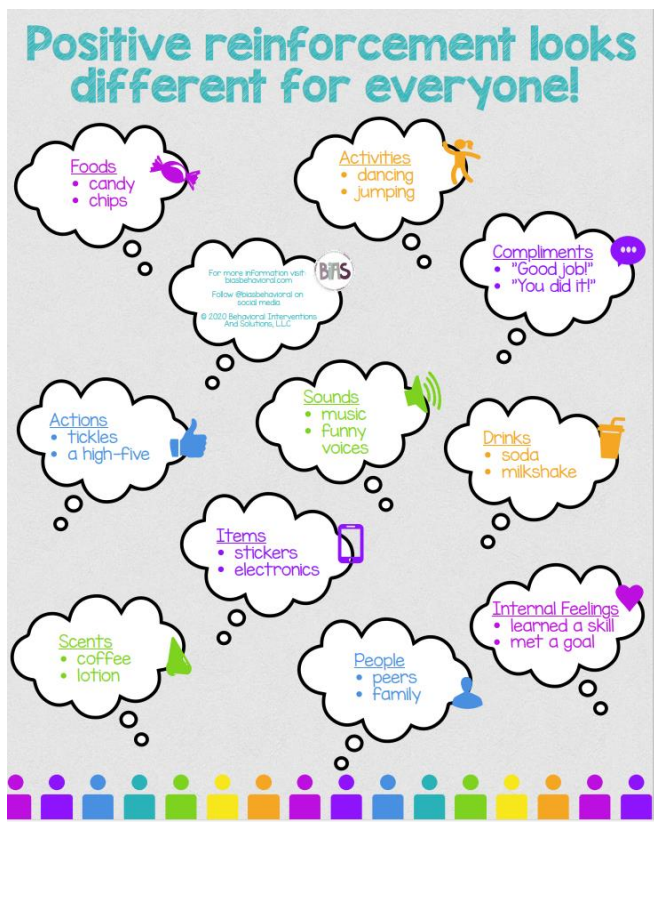
MUSIC FESTIVAL

Grade 3 students and the Sherwood school choir will be singing at the Queen's County Music Festival on May 9 at Park Royal United Church. Parents are welcome to attend this performance and further details will be shared through homeroom teachers. We are looking forward to the opportunity yet again this year!

PBIS CORNER

This month we are focusing our social emotional learning on the matrix expectations for "Act Responsibly". All classes will participate in a grade level assembly with our PBIS teacher, Mrs. King, to learn more about how we can "Act Responsibly" at school, in our homes and in our communities. In March, our students earned 1,186 PAWS reinforcement cards and the grade one students had the most PAWS cards per grade level in the school. The grade one students were rewarded by Mrs. King, with center time that included art, crafts and games. We are tallying up our total for April PAWS cards and when our school reaches 2,000 PAWS cards, our students will earn a school wide reward for their great behavior!

Reinforcing great behavior is a way for families to reinforce expectations at home as well. When we reinforce the behaviors we want to see and provide specific feedback to children, the likelihood of that great behavior occurring again is increased.



FINAL BOOK FAIR

The final book fair of the year is a buy one, get one free event. Viewing dates are set for May 15 & 16 while the purchasing dates are set for May 20-23. These dates could be adjusted.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

The Student Well-Being Team Family Support Workers are looking to get input from our school community regarding interest for parent workshops. The workshops will be about 1.5 hours in length. The current list of possible topics are:

- Social Emotional Learning
- Developing Gratitude
- Understanding your Child or Teens Development
- Family Emotional Safety
- Managing Stress with Mindfulness
- Fighting Fair
- Developing Responsible Decision Making
- Helping Kids Deal with Fear
- an 8-week program called Incredible Years

These workshops will help build rapport within our community and connect with parents, building skills and resources for the families in our schools. We are hopeful that these surveys can help us determine the best support to offer our community.

The survey link is: <https://forms.gle/Ys7iodRqAD6ti97eA>

We ask that responses be **submitted by May 14th, 2025.**

Once we have reviewed the survey results, we will communicate our summer offerings for parenting workshops across the Island. We hope to send out this survey again in the fall and continue to offer workshops throughout the school year.

Thank you for your support with this effort.

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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 closure dates 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 and complete the necessary online application forms. The forms are available online. 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.

TRACK AND FIELD

Track and Field practices have started for students in grade 5 and 6. Practices will take place either in the gym or at Rosedale park at 11:15am. Students who are interested have permission forms that should be returned to school this week. Students are able to try running, throwing and jumping events. Our school Mini Track and Field meet will take place on May 15th with a rain date of May 16th. The top two students in each event will have the opportunity to represent our school at the Zone 3 Track and Field meet at UPEI on May 26th. More information will be given to those students after the Mini meet. Students are expected to come to practices and be available for the dates above if they wish to try out for our school Track and Field team. If you have any questions, please reach out to Daun Lynch or Elizabeth Kerwin MacPherson.

Foundations of Field Hockey!

This program is for athletes who have very little or no experience playing field hockey.

Registration is \$50.00 via RAMP-

<https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=c2859414D4>

Time: Wednesdays 5:00-6:15pm May 14th-June 11th at UPEI turf field

Questions can be sent to fieldhockeypei@gmail.com

NAOSH WEEK

This week marks NAOSH week from May 5 to May 10.

The theme this year is 'TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE SAFE WORKPLACES AND COMMUNITIES'.

NAOSH week is set aside to raise awareness of the importance of occupational safety and health practices for workers around the world. It's important to keep in mind the continual efforts for prevention of work-related injury and illnesses in the workplace, and the continual work toward those.

CCOHS offers some virtual sessions all week that anyone can register for if interested, please use the link below (Registration is free).

<https://www.ccohs.ca/events/safety-and-health-week>

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sherwood Elementary has shown time and time again that together we can do incredible things. We have fantastic volunteers who work collaboratively to ensure students experience success. We acknowledge our volunteers for their efforts and thank them for their involvement, dedication, and kindness. Our successes this year came because everyone put their best paws forward. Thank you again, volunteers, for making us Sherwood Strong.

We recently sent a small token of our thanks to our volunteers. If for any reason we may have missed you, please contact the office.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS:



CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO

The Grade 6 leadership class invite everyone to a chocolate bar bingo on May 27. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and bingo will begin at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with a maximum of \$20.00 per family. This community event 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. Our last event was highly successful. **To guarantee a seat at our Bingo night, you are encouraged to purchase your tickets in advance. Your child will be sent home with an order sheet with the information on how to book your tickets.** There will be limited admission tickets at the door, depending on capacity. We appreciate your support