

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2 to 18 – School Skates
December 3 – International Day of Persons With Disabilities
December 6 – First Term Report Cards Issued
December 7 – Sherwood Choir to The Mount
December 10 – Grade 1 Holiday Concert at 6:00 p.m.
December 16 – 20 – School Spirit Week
December 16 – “Dress in Red, Green and White Day
December 17 – Holidays around the World
December 18 – Random Acts of Kindness Day
December 19 – Christmas socks and /or Christmas Tie Day
December 20 – Onesies / PJ’s Day!
December 20 – Last day of school for 2024!

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE

Things are really moving along with the building of the new Sherwood School. Solar panels were just recently installed on the roof and contractors are completing work on the exterior parts of the building before the winter weather arrives. This Net Zero Ready building is going to be an incredible place for our elementary students to learn.

Even with this progress, it has been determined that the school will not be ready for students and staff to occupy until sometime after the holiday break. The exact date has not been determined.


We wanted to provide this information to our school community, as school staff and members of the Home and School have been fielding questions about a possible extension of the Christmas break to accommodate the move. We want to confirm that this will not be the case and the holiday break will still run from Dec 23 to Jan 6.


The Home and School Association will be organizing a parent meeting early in 2025 to share information and answer questions our families may have about moving to the new school. As always, you are welcome to call the school or email me at tgrimmer@edu.pe.ca if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued patience and support.


STAFFING NEWS

For the afternoons until Feb 2, Parker Grimmer will be concentrating entirely on preparations to move into the new school. He will still be available in the mornings until 12:15 p.m. and after school to help in any way requested. During this time, Francyne Doiron will be the Acting Principal in the afternoons while Natasha Moore will take over O.4 as Acting Vice-Principal. Cavelle Murphy is taking over the afternoon 4-6 Resource position while Sarah Legault will take over teaching 6C in the afternoons.

HOME & SCHOOL

 Exciting News from Home & School!
We’re thrilled to announce a new partnership with **Goldrush**, a local island company, to enhance our fundraising efforts and bring even more support to our school community!

 Here’s how you can get involved: **1** Sign up online to purchase your weekly raffle tickets. **2** Enjoy the thrill of the draw and the possibility of winning. **3** Know that each week your contribution goes directly to supporting Sherwood Elementary school’s programs, activities, and resources.

 Sign up today and be part of something great!

<https://cospei.goldrush.causable.io/>

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Every year, families and community groups help support families within our school who need extra support during the holiday season – our “Christmas Families Program” allows any interested person(s), families or group(s) to offer donations. Monetary donations or gift cards would be greatly appreciated. This year we will be sending envelopes home for those wishing to make a monetary donation by either cash or cheque. Donations can be made anonymously, however, if you would like a tax receipt please include your name. Please make cheques payable to the Public Schools Branch. If you would like to donate a gift card, please email our counsellors at the email addresses listed below for gift card needs.

We have a number of families who would benefit from having additional support during the holiday season – please let our school counsellors: Olivia Milligan-MacDougall olmilliganmacdougall@edu.pe.ca or Kayla Swan kmswan@edu.pe.ca know if you would like to contribute in some way to this program. Our families benefit immensely from the kindness and generosity of our community every year.

GRADE 1 HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Grade one classes will be presenting their holiday concert on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and students will be asked to go to their classroom when they arrive. Tickets will not be required this year. We will have donation baskets at the door for anyone who would like to make a contribution toward our Christmas Families project.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

While registration for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year wrapped up on November 24, 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.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS THANKS

Thank you to parents for helping make the first session of Parent-Teacher Interviews a success. Conversation and communication are such a meaningful part of the work of school and home to support our children so they can achieve to their fullest potential. The efforts from everyone is much appreciated.

REPORT CARDS

First term report cards will be sent home with students Friday, December 6. This is a standardized report card for all Kindergarten to Grade 6 students in the PSB this year. The report card has a greater focus on anecdotal reporting and fewer numerical grades. Included in the report card will be a comment slip for parents to sign and return to their child's teacher indicating that the report card has been read.

TREE AND WREATH FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you for supporting our holiday tree and wreath fundraiser! Together we were able to raise \$600 to support our Home and School activities while supporting a local tree farm. Here are a few important updates:

- Christmas Tree Vouchers: These will be sent home with students within the next week. If you purchased a voucher, please check your child's backpack.
- Wreath Pickup: Holiday wreaths will be available for pickup on Saturday, November 30th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the school's front entrance. Please ensure you collect your wreath within this time frame. Any wreaths not picked up will be left unattended outside the front entrance of the school.

Thank you for your support, and happy holidays

CANDY GRAMS

Once again, this year 5B will be selling Candy Grams in support of our Christmas families. This has become an annual fundraiser for our school. Starting Monday, December 9th, teachers will be selling Candy Grams for \$1/each. We will be collecting money all week and delivering Candy Grams on Wednesday, December 18th to coincide with *Random Acts of Kindness Day*.

To see our full schedule of our School Spirit Schedule timeline, please see the link below.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Disability CARE would like to encourage individuals to wear the colors of the disability flag on December 3, 2024, in support of the International Day for persons with Disabilities. The colors are gold, silver, and bronze, representing the different forms of disability; physical, mental, and sensory.

SPIRIT WEEK

Sherwood School has some fun activities planned for the last week before the holiday break. The following is the schedule of events:

December 16 – "Dress in Red, Green and White Day"
December 17 – Holidays around the World
December 18 – Random Acts of Kindness Day
December 19 – Christmas socks and /or Christmas Tie Day
December 20 – Onesies / PJ's Day!

To see a poster of the events for this week, please check out the link below:

[Christmas School Spirit Schedule](#)

SHERWOOD CHOIR

The members of the Sherwood Choir have been invited to sing at The Mount on Saturday, Dec 7 at 6:30 p.m. They will be leading the carol singing as part of the Christmas Tree Lighting party. Details for families were sent home in a note this week. Thanks for responding with confirmation of attendance ASAP.

SCHOOL SKATES

School Skates will be held Mondays and Wednesdays in December 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.

Upcoming Skate dates:

Dec 02 – Grade 6
Dec 04 – Kindergarten
Dec 09 – Grade 1
Dec 11 – Grade 2
Dec 16 – Grade 3
Dec 18 – Grade 4

* If your child needs skates or a helmet, please contact your child's teacher to see if we have any available. Helmets must be worn on the ice. *

COLDER WEATHER

Students are reminded to wear warmer outdoor clothing, jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots now that the days are becoming 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.

WINTER GEAR

With the cold weather upon us, we wanted to reach out to families who are looking for snow pants or winter jackets for their kids this year. Sherwood has a number of secondhand snow suits and coats that have been donated to the school that we would like to see go out to any of our students who need them this winter. If your child is in need of winter gear please feel free to reach out to Kayla Swan at kmswan@edu.pe.ca and we will ensure your child gets what they need before the snow hits!

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. Last week the students had bananas and this week they will have mandarin oranges.

TENNIS LESSONS IN SHERWOOD SCHOOL

EVERY MONDAY STARTING NOVEMBER 18th
(if you miss any classes, it's not too late to sign up)

4:15-5:00pm First Set Red Ball, Ages 6-7

5:00-6:00pm First Set Orange Ball, Ages 8-10

6:00-7:00pm First Set Green Ball, Ages 11+

Further details and registration are on the Tennis PEI website under "Youth Programs"

Link to programs: [PEI Youth Tennis Programs](#)

FIRST SET RED BALL (5-7 YRS)

Students are introduced to tennis on mini courts using "starter" balls that travel slower and bounce at appropriate levels for young learners. Fundamental tennis skills are presented (forehand/backhand/net play and serve) and the emphasis is on rallying with a partner numerous times leading to mini competition. Fun, excitement and enjoyment remain a focus so that each student develops a love for tennis.

FIRST SET ORANGE BALL (8-11 yrs)

Progression from modified courts to full court tennis (ability dependent) preparing players for match play. Tennis fundamentals are re-enforced and refined. These classes are fun and exciting and introduce players to scoring and game play. Classes are divided by age and skill level

FIRST SET GREEN BALL (12-17 yrs)

Progression from modified courts to full court tennis (ability dependent) preparing players for match play. Tennis fundamentals are re-enforced and refined. These classes are fun and exciting and introduce players to scoring and game play. Classes are divided by age and skill level

LOST AND FOUND LINK

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ENtT6lrhrUb_pdvI4HhQMglnZcgMBLlk/view?usp=drive_link

