

# SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 18 – School Picture Retakes

October 21 – Cross Country Provincials (Mill River)

October 24 – Grade 6 HPV vaccinations

October 25 – Lock down drill

October 27 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)

November 6 – World Under 17 Hockey Game

November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly (Gr. 4 to perform)

November 13 – Statutory Holiday (no classes)

November 16 – PEITF/CUPE Convention (no classes)

November 17 – PEITF/CUPE Convention (no classes)

November 23 – Parent Teacher Interviews (after school/evening)

November 24 – Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

## SHERWOOD BOOK FAIR

The Sherwood School Book Fair opens for student viewing on Friday, October 20. Viewing will continue Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24 (until noon). Students will be able to complete in-school purchases on Tuesday, October 24 (beginning in the afternoon), Wednesday, October 25 and in the morning on Thursday, October 26. Home room teachers will select their date and time for both viewing and purchasing for their class. The dates of the in-school fair are subject to change if we are impacted by inclement weather or shipping delays. Early arrival of the book fair could see us starting on an earlier date. Cash, cheque (payable to Sherwood School) and debit/credit cards are accepted for payment. I would suggest a note accompanying a debit or credit card with a \$ limit for purchasing.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to our entire Sherwood cross-country running team for all their efforts this year and their success at the recent meet at Elliot River. The Pre-novice boys team placed second place overall with Elliott MacDonald finishing 4th, Wyatt Angelini 5th, Jack Coady 16th, Theo O'Brien 17th, and strong performances from Weston Bradley, Beckett Matheson and Alec Webb. This group will be competing at Provincials Saturday, Oct 21 at Mill River.

## STAFFING NEWS

Michelle Buell, Night Cleaner, has moved to a position at Charlottetown Rural. Krista Perry is our new Night Cleaner, coming to Sherwood from Westwood Primary. Paige Biggley and Krystle Geldert have recently joined the staff as educational assistants. Welcome Krista, Paige, and Krystle.

## "REPORT IT!" CAMPAIGN

The PSB is excited to announce the launch of its "Report It!" campaign in all schools on October 18, aiming to empower students to report school-related incidents and ensure they can do so in a manner that is most comfortable for them. The "Report It!" campaign will focus on promoting the importance of

reporting school related incidents such as bullying, theft and violence while reinforcing the message that students should inform their parents, guardians, teachers, school counsellors, principals or other trusted adults when they need support. Recognizing the diverse preferences of students, the campaign will offer multiple reporting options, including verbal, written and online methods. The online form, a new and innovative approach, allows students to submit reports anonymously, offering them an additional layer of privacy and security. Similar reporting options have been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions across the country.

For more information about the Report It! campaign or to make an online report, please visit [psb.edu.pe.ca/report-it](http://psb.edu.pe.ca/report-it) or follow the link from our school website.

## BATTERY BLITZ

Thanks for continuing to send in your used batteries for recycling during our Battery Blitz this month. Doing this is good for our environment, and if we are successful in bringing in enough, our school could win a cash prize from Call2Recycle.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

October 16 to 20 is National School Bus Safety Week. This week is dedicated to raising awareness and promoting safe school bus travel including sharing safety tips with students. We have some great bus drivers who ensure students to and from school safely and we thank them for their efforts.

## SCHOOL LOCK-DOWN DRILL

The date for our first school-wide Lock-down drill will be on October 25. Staff have been reviewing lockdown procedures with students. We will post a sign on the door when the drill is taking place and ask parents not to visit the school during this exercise.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY (Gr. 4)

The grade 4 students will be leading the Remembrance Day Assembly which will be held on Friday, November 10 at 10:15am. Families of grade 4 students are welcome to attend.

## WORLD UNDER 17 HOCKEY CHALLENGE GAME

Hockey Canada is hosting the World Under 17 Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown and Summerside this November and Grade 3, 4, 5, and 6 students will be attending a matinee game between Finland and Czechia on November 6 at 12:00 at the Eastlink Centre in Charlottetown.

All tickets for students are complimentary and there will be no cost to students to attend. Students will have the opportunity to eat their lunch before leaving for the game.

For more information about the event click on the link below: <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/national-championships/men/world-u17/2023>

## **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 of your child's outdoor clothing with their first and last name so items can be easily returned if they are misplaced.

## **CODY BANKS PARKING LOT**

Friendly reminder for parents picking up their children at the end of the day to please park in designated parking spots at Cody Banks. Please do not park in the lanes blocking traffic or behind parked cars.

## **BUS PASSES**

Our bus fleet is running at full capacity. We are unable to provide bus passes for anything other than childcare needs at this time.

## **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.

## **STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP**

The Cody Banks parking lot is the designated pick up/drop off area. There is a paved pathway at the back of the lot where students can safely cross over to our parking lot. 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 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.

## **SHERWOOD SCHOOL BAGS AND WINTER HATS AVAILABLE WHILE QUANTITY LASTS!**

There are about 50 bags (\$10) and 60 hats (\$15) to be sold by Home & School.

These can be purchased online only at SchoolCash. Items purchased Sunday to Thursday will go home weekly on Fridays. If purchased on a Friday, the bag will go home on the next Friday.

[SchoolCash Online click here](#)

[SchoolCash Parent Instructions click here](#)

## **HOME & SCHOOL WREATH/CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER**

Home and School is happy to announce our next school fundraiser. We have teamed up with Smiths Christmas Tree farm and we are encouraging kids and families to sell holiday wreaths and trees. The proceeds of these sales will go towards home and school hosted activities and of course our new school playground.

**Wreaths are \$30 each** and will be picked up at the school on a Saturday morning in late November/early December.

**Trees are \$45 each** and can be chosen at Smiths Christmas tree farm or Canadian Tire parking lot during the month of December. *Tree certificates will be sent home with students the week of November 20th.*

Trees and Wreaths can be purchased using the link below. These will be available for purchase until November 5th.

[New School Playground Fundraiser \(company.site\)](#)

## **PLAYGROUND FUND**

Donations can be made on our Hotlunch Program any time throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support!

## **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.org](http://www.peischoolfood.org). We encourage you to check out the program and menu options online.

## **SHERWOOD HOT LUNCHES**

Our school-based lunch program consists of white milk, chocolate milk, and Stratford Pizza on Fridays.

**All orders must be placed by 9 am on the Saturday prior to the 2-week order cycle.** Payments must be made online at the time of ordering, otherwise your child's order will not be processed.

## **MENU OPTIONS**

**Mondays to Friday: 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](http://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.

## **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The Breakfast runs Monday through Friday from 8:05 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. Students who use this program are asked to enter the gym through the Garden doors. Students will be served toast, milk or juice, and fruit. All students are welcome. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jesse Foster at 902-368-6780.

## **STUDENT SNACKS**

Please remember to send a snack with your children for morning snack break. All snacks must be peanut and nut free.

## **WATER BOTTLES**

The school has several water bottle filling stations available for student use. It is very important that all students have a water bottle each day that comes to school filled up.

## PEANUT/NUT RESTRICTED SCHOOL

Sherwood School is a peanut/nut restricted school. We have a number of students who have a life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts/nuts. Our school strives to keep these students safe in the school environment. Please do not send these products to school or on field trips at any time. We appreciate the home and school-working together to provide a safe place for all our students.

## LOST AND FOUND LINK

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M3ILC-jGMQ89Dg1916zCyBYCmaoGo8nN/view?usp=sharing>

## SCENT FREE SCHOOL

Please note that Sherwood School has a fragrance/scent free rule that complies with the Public Schools Branch.

## HOME & SCHOOL

The next Home & School meeting will be on Nov 7, at 6:00 pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome.

## HOME & SCHOOL TREE SAPLING FUNDRAISER

All proceeds from sapling sales will go to help with programs at Sherwood as well as the new playground. Limited quantities in some trees so order fast so you don't miss out.

<https://sherwood-school-clothing-sale.company.site/?fbclid=IwAR2WTD85S-NHoDuPEaq2c2FNyvLPNtqf0mFuFUN7vtN2PWAMR Ove-r-t-CM>

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS DELTA SOCCER

Will be offering a number of indoor programs for November and December at the APM Centre in Cornwall. Programs begin November 5th and there are program options for participants born between 2010 and 2019. For program descriptions, schedules and to register go to [deltasoccer.ca](http://deltasoccer.ca).

## FREE FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM IN CHARLOTTETOWN

My name is Emily Cook-McDonald, and I am the Project Manager of the UPEI Faculty of Education's Literacy Outreach Project. Our endeavor was born out of a shared understanding that many island families could benefit from sustained support in literacy & numeracy education. After receiving a generous donation to kickstart our project, we have begun to offer many new programs for children and families across the province. Please find enclosed a poster for our free family library program: *Playing with Stories*. I hope that you might consider referring families to our program – we want to make sure our sessions are full of families, especially those who would appreciate this support.

**Playing with Stories** is a program for children aged 2 – 8 years and their parents/caregivers. (Baby siblings are also welcome to join!) In partnership with the Public Library Service & the Charlottetown Learning Library Centre, this program will run for ten weeks from October 15, 2023, until December 19, 2023. Families must register for one of two separate times: Sunday afternoons from 1:30pm – 3:00 pm and Tuesday evenings from 5:00pm until 6:30pm. We also provide a free snack/meal following the program and can coordinate transportation for families who need it if requested.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and please direct those who are interested to reach out to me. Registration is required, and spaces are limited. Email: [literacy@upe.ca](mailto:literacy@upe.ca) Phone: (902) 620-5281

Kind Regards, Emily Cook-McDonald Project Manager, Literacy Outreach Project



## EYE SEE ... EYE LEARN PROGRAM

To ensure children get the best possible start to their education, the **Eye See ... Eye Learn™** program provides one free eye exam and, if required, one free pair of glasses during their kindergarten year.

*Please note:  
The PEI Association of Optometrists and eyewear sponsors, VisionTech Labs PEI and Viva Canada have partnered with Health PEI to offer this eye health and vision*



*awareness program for kindergarten children.*

### **Why is it important for my child to have an eye exam?**

When children start school, 80 per cent of their classroom learning is through vision. Regular eye exams give them the start they need to reach their learning potential. Eye exams can identify health problems and conditions such as a turned or lazy eye. These conditions may be successfully treated if they are identified early in a child's life. It is recommended that infants should have their first eye exam at **six months of age**.

### **How do I register my child for an eye exam?**

1. Book an appointment with an [optometrist](#) for your kindergarten child.
2. Bring your child's PEI Health Card and private insurance information with you to the appointment.
3. If your optometrist is unable to bill your insurance provider directly, you will have to pay up front and be reimbursed. Submit your claim to your insurance provider, then [complete and submit an application for co-pay reimbursement](#) [PDF | 70 KB] to Health PEI for the remaining amount.

If you don't have insurance, [complete and sign a Declaration form](#) [PDF | 70 KB]. Your optometrist will not ask you to pay for the exam and glasses, if required, as they are covered by Health PEI and the PEI Association of Optometrists.