

# SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

February 23 -School Dance

February 28 – Diversity Assembly / Pink Shirt Day

Feb 29 Storm date

March 5- Home and School Meeting 6:30

March 1-7, March 20 - School Skating events

March 7– Parent Teacher Interviews after school

March 8- No School Parent Teacher Interviews

March 21 – Report Cards

## “WHERE IN THE WORLD IS FOREST?”

Since Feb. 1 and for the entire month, guest students or teachers have been sharing facts/info about a different country each day for the segment of announcements, called “Where in the World is Forest”. A flag from each country is being hung on the tree located on the wall by the Music rooms and a mini version of Forest will be travelling around the world map which is in the hallway near the upstairs ramp. It has been exciting to hear the voices of students share information about their countries of origin and students and the staff are learning a lot also!

## PINK SHIRT DAY

Sherwood school will be wearing pink on Wednesday, February 28. The theme for this year’s Pink Shirt Day is “**Be Kind & Lift Each Other Up.**” It is a simple statement with a powerful message that encourages everyone to work together and treat others with dignity and respect.

## GRADE 5 ASSEMBLY

The grade 5 students (including 5/6Z) will be presenting an assembly to mark the finish of our Diversity/Individuality celebrations. This will coincide with Pink Shirt Day. The assembly will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28. All students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt, or any culturally relevant attire if they wish. Parents of grade 5 and 5/6Z students are welcome to attend.

## HEALTHY SNACK WEDNESDAY

The school provided students with the opportunity to have a free healthy snack of raisins on Wednesday February 21.

## LOST AND FOUND

New items:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-AFtGFQeXcFhCqb7CnxPDZKgToo5E9XQ/view?usp=sharing>

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.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY CHALLENGE

We are challenging all families to get active this winter! Choose a fun, winter physical activity to do with your family; snap an action shot of the activity and send it to [eikerwin@edu.pe.ca](mailto:eikerwin@edu.pe.ca). We will post your photo on the gym bulletin board and we will enter your family’s name into a draw for a prize. The deadline to submit your photos is April 2. Good luck to everyone and have fun! A big thank you to our Home and School who are sponsoring this challenge!

## ROSEDALE DAYS BEGIN AGAIN

Even though the Sherwood playground area is smaller than normal due to construction of the new Sherwood school, there are always several activities student may choose to participate in during recess on a daily basis. Supervised activities that grade 3 to 6 students participate include Chess Club, Choir, intramurals, Crochet Club, Rock Band, and Slide Show Club. Beginning next cycle, Grade 3 to 6 students will have one day designated each week (weather permitting) with the option to walk to and from Rosedale Park and be fully supervised for play from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

## SCHOOL SKATE DATES AND TIMES

The following ice-times have been made available for Sherwood students to skate at Cody Banks Arena:

Thurs, Feb 29 Gr. 5&6 -1:10 p.m.-2:10 p.m.

Fri, Mar 1 Gr. 4 -1:10 p.m.-2:10 p.m.

Mon, Mar 4 Kindergarten 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Tue, Mar 5 Gr. 1 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Wed, Mar 6 Gr. 2 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Thur, Mar 7 Gr. 3 - 1:10 p.m.-2:10 p.m.

Wed, Mar 20 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.

## LOOKING FOR SKATES AND HELMETS

The school is presently looking for used skates and helmets for student use during school skates. Donations of these items are greatly appreciated.

## **DATES FOR STUDENTS GOING INTO GRADE 7**

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Band Applications Due

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Late French Immersion Applications Due

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Parent meeting for all incoming Grade 7 students (6:30 pm).

## **PARKING AND DROP OFF ON MAPLE AVE. AND PINE DRIVE**

The roads around our school are extremely busy and now the volume of snow has made streets narrower and banks higher! 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 efforts safely using this area.

## **STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

The entire Sherwood School staff want to thank students and parents very much for the kind recognitions they provided during Staff Appreciation Week. The uplifting messages and signs placed around the school helped staff know how much they are appreciated as were the notes, cards, gifts and food provided. Thank you again for your efforts to make Sherwood Elementary a great place for our staff!

## **PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent teacher interviews will be taking place on the evening of March 7 and during the day on March 8. On-line booking will be used to book in-person interviews. 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 21.

## **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.

## **HOME AND SCHOOL**

The next Home and School Meeting will be held on March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

## **SCHOOL DANCE**

The Home and School Association will be hosting a School Dance on February 23. The school dance is a free, fun event for students and siblings of Sherwood School. Email: [sherwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodhomeandschool@gmail.com)

## **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](http://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](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.

## **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.

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

The Cody Banks parking lot is the designated pick up/drop off area. There is a walkway 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. Students should be in the building by 8:30 am in order to prepare for the beginning of class at 8:40 am. **Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are asked to use the main entrance as all other doors will be locked.**

## **SCENT FREE SCHOOL/SCENTS IN WORKPLACES**

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

Recently, there has been an increase in concerns related to scents in PSB learning and workplaces. 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. Please take the time to read the PSB scents policy which can be found at:

<https://psb.edu.pe.ca/schools/school-health-and-safety/scented-products-and-fragrances>