

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

64 Maple Avenue Charlottetown, PE C1A 6E7

Phone: 902-368-6780 Fax: 902-368-6788 www.edu.pe.ca/sherwood

Principal: Parker Grimmer

Vice Principal: Francyne Doiron

November 29, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1- International day of Persons with Disabilities

December 8 - First Term Report Cards

December 13- Grade 1 Holiday Concert

December 18-22 Spirit Week

December 22 – School Skates (different grade groupings during the day)

December 22- Last day of classes for 2023

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Every year, families and community groups help support families within our school who are in need of 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.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

The grade 1 students are busy preparing a Winter Concert and will be presenting this for parents on the evening of December 13. The concert will be held in the school gymnasium beginning at 6pm. Students are asked please to arrive no earlier than 5:30 p.m. and to go to their classrooms to meet their teachers. Tickets will be available for free but are used to ensure we do not exceed the capacity of the gym. Homeroom teachers will be in touch with tickets for each family. Cash donations for supporting school families during the holidays will be accepted at the door. Looking forward to marking the holidays with grade 1 students at Sherwood!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

While registration for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 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, 2024, 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 8. 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.

CHRISTMAS WREATH & TREE PICK-UP

Christmas wreath pickup will be Saturday, December 2 at Sherwood Elementary between 9:30 and 11:30. If you are unable to make it, please arrange for someone else to pick it up for you.

Christmas tree coupons will be sent home with the ordering child in the next few days.

Once we receive our clothing order, we will arrange another pickup date for those who want to keep it a surprise. Otherwise, clothing will be sent home with your child.

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 items will go home on the next Friday.

[SchoolCash Online click here](#)

[SchoolCash Parent Instructions click here](#)

CANDY GRAMS

This year grade 5A students will be taking over the sales and distribution of Candy Grams. Candy Grams will be sold for \$1/ea., proceeds will help in the support of our Christmas families. 5A students will each be assigned to a class and will be responsible for delivering, collecting and distributing all candy grams for each classroom. Candy Grams will be for sale from December 6-14. Candy Gram delivery will take place on Friday, December 15, and will coincide with Random Acts of Kindness Day during the school-wide spirit week.

International day of Persons with Disabilities.

Disability CARE would like to encourage individuals to wear the colors of the disability flag on December 1st, 2023, 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:

Monday, Dec 18 "Dress in Red, Green and White Day"

Tuesday, Dec 19 Wear your Christmas "Head gear" (Santa hats, antlers, etc.)

Wednesday, Dec 20 "Random Acts of Kindness Day" and "Sherwood School Spirit Day" wear school clothing/colours

Thursday, Dec 21 "Christmas socks and/or Christmas ties day"

Friday, Dec 22 "Onesies/PJ's Day!!" and school Skates

SCHOOL SKATES

Our first school skate will take place at Cody Banks for students on Dec. 22. Please take note of the scheduled times:

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – Kindergarten (KA, KB, KC, KD)

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Grade 1 & 2 (1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D)

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. – Grade 3 & 4 (3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D)

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Grade 5 & 6 (5A, 5B, 5C, 5Z, 6A, 6B, 6C)

If your child needs skates or a helmet, please contact your child's teacher to see if we have any available. Administration and specialist will support classes on the ice and at the rink. Helmets must be worn on the ice. Students who are not participating in the skate will remain back at the school and participate in an alternate activity. We will have extra staff and some student helpers to assist with tying skates.

Choir News

The Sherwood School Choir has been invited to sing at The Mount Continuing Care Community as part of their Christmas Tree Lighting Party! The event takes place on Friday, December 1 at 6:30pm. The choir is asked to arrive at 6:15 wearing something festive. Choir members were given a note with all the information a few weeks ago. If you have any questions, please contact one of our music teachers.

Kilometer Club

A big congratulations go out to all our hard-working grade 3-6 students who earned Kilometer Club badges this Fall. We had many students earn, 5km, 10km, 15km, 20km, 25km, 50km and 75km badges by participating in Cross Country running during recess time. We have a special honorable mention- Noah O'Brien earned his 100km badge! These are great accomplishments! We look forward to continuing to work on adding to our kilometers next Fall.

STAFFING NEWS

School custodian, Paul Buote, has accepted a custodial position at Central Queens Elementary starting in January. John Doucette will be coming from East Wiltshire Intermediate to replace Paul.

One of our educational assistants, Joan Gallant, and administrative Assistant Beaudah VanWiechen are on medical leave from Sherwood for the next number of weeks. Pam Van Horn and Rachel Manuel will be replacing Joan and Beaudah respectively.

Thank you to Paul for all his great work here at Sherwood school and welcome to John, Pam, and Rachel

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 appreciated.

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.

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.

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. 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, chocolate milk, and juice 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: Milk, 50 cents, Juice 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
- 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 Program 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.

Thank you to those people who generously volunteer their time so our Breakfast Program can operate. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jesse Foster at 902-368-6780.

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.

SCENT FREE SCHOOL

Please note that Sherwood School has a fragrance/scent free rule that complies with the Public Schools Branch. Exposures to scents and fragrances from perfumes, lotions, cologne, and detergents have resulted in severe health-related reactions in our school environment. Even small amounts can trigger a reaction. Please refrain from using or wearing scented products while attending or visiting our school. We appreciate everyone's cooperation to keep our students and staff safe.

COLD 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.

LOST AND FOUND (Slideshow)

New Items this week

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IDpuSE1ojnM90IMONfbAV4putTRU01EN/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IDpuSE1ojnM90IMO NfbAV4putTRU01EN/view?usp=sharing)

We will be sending items from November to goodwill after next week. New Items will remain on the lost and found table for at least a month. If left unclaimed for an extended period of time they will then be donated to goodwill.

STORM CLOSURES

School cancellations

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am. An announcement that "all classes in the public schools branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system-wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools.

One-hour delay

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 am, a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 am.

Late buses

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

School closures during the day

It may be necessary to close school partway through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website as early as possible.

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

Extreme weather during the school day

Should the department of transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

Suggestions for parents

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 am daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 am.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

Thank you for your support. Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all of our children.

PROVINCIAL HOME & SCHOOL

Extra Mile Award

The PEI Home and School Federation presents [awards of recognition](#) to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by **Jan. 19, 2024**. Find all PEIHSF Awards details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>