

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12 – Meet the Staff 5 – 7:00 pm

September 12 – K – 3 School Picture Day

September 13 – 4 – 6 School Picture Day

September 21 – Terry Fox Walk

September 22 – (Rain date for Terry Fox Walk)

September 28 – Orange Shirt Day

September 29 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)

October 2 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Day (no classes)

October 6 – Thanksgiving Assembly (Gr. 2 perform)

October 9 – Statutory Holiday (no classes)

October 11 – Earth Rangers

October 11 – Cross Country meet

October 18 – School Picture Retakes

October 27 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)

WELCOME

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to welcome you to the new 2023-2024 school year at Sherwood School. Along with Francyne Doiron, Vice Principal, I look forward to partnering with you to ensure all students are celebrated and supported in a safe, caring learning environment.

Please feel free to contact me by email at tgrimmer@edu.pe.ca, Ms. Doiron at pfdoiron@edu.pe.ca, or by calling our school office.

We welcome any questions or ideas you would like to share and we look forward to opportunities where we can speak, listen, meet, and work with you in person.

Parker Grimmer

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff to the Sherwood Team:

Lyneth Gallant, Educational Assistant

Camille Bourgeois, French Monitor

Marilyn Carey, Itinerant EAL

Madyson Doucette, Core French

Lindsay McClintick, Behaviour Resource

Kaitlyn Taylor, Grade 5/6 French & Core French

Immersion

NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

PEI will observe National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on October 2. Provincial government offices and public schools will be closed for the day. Also celebrated as Orange Shirt Day, this date is now known nationwide as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This day calls on all Canadians and Islanders to remember the history of residential schools, through the experience of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, and the intergenerational impacts of its legacy on First Nations and Indigenous peoples. As an act of support, we will observe Orange Shirt Day at school on Thursday, September 28. Students and staff are encouraged to wear an orange shirt to school. Students and classes will also be involved in TRC week from September 25 – 28.

HOW TO GET UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND OUR NEWSLETTER

Our newsletters, as well as other parent information will be posted on our website. **If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office and we will send a paper copy home with your child. This will be the only time we will be sending a paper copy to all families unless requested. From now on, you will receive an email with a link for the newsletter, calendar, etc.**

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the new net-zero-ready Sherwood Elementary continues for this school year. During this time, the perimeter of the construction site is totally fenced off from the school and playground. Our playground is also well supervised during the school day. Regular school safety meetings are held regularly to review our procedures to ensure students safety. We will be having staggered recesses and lunches again this year in order to accommodate students and provide them with the best opportunity for play and outdoor breaks.

No passenger or delivery vehicles will be allowed to travel through our bus lane during the school day as this area will be a play space for students, and a cross walk for students located in the mobiles.

Parents who are dropping off or picking up students during the school day are asked to use the Cody Banks parking lot and walk over to the school office. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our students have a great and safe school year.

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

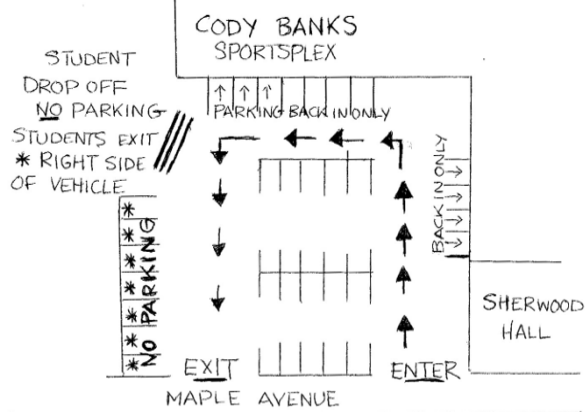
A reminder that any changes to a student's after school plan needs to be arranged **prior to coming to school**. We ask that changes be communicated to teachers in writing. Bus students are not permitted to walk home without written permission.

WATCH FOR STUDENTS ON THE ROAD

Another school year has begun and students are walking, cycling, riding on a bus or in family car to school. We remind all motorists to be aware to ensure our children can get to school and back home again safely.

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. 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.**



Our playground area is much smaller and more crowded this year because of the construction of the new Sherwood Elementary School. Thank you for remaining on the Cody Banks side of the parking lot when dropping off and picking up your child.

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.

MEET THE TEACHER BBQ (Sept 12)

BBQ 5pm - 6pm

Meet the Staff 6pm - 7pm. The Meet the Staff portion of the evening of the evening will take place at 6:00 pm, rain or shine. The BBQ portion of the event will be cancelled if the weather is inclement.

Our welcome BBQ will take place on Tuesday, September 12. Please come out and get a free meal, mingle with other Sherwood families and get some information from your child/children's teacher about what will be happening this year. Just a few important things to be aware of:

Logistics

- 1) There will be absolutely no parking on school grounds for this event. Parking will be limited. You can park in the front half of Cody Banks or on the street. Please walk if you can do so.
- 2) At the conclusion of the Meet the Staff sessions please collect your child in a timely manner.

Food Related

- 1) There will be hotdogs, French fries, juice, and freezies at the BBQ.
- 2) There will be regular hotdogs, all beef hotdogs, and gluten free (celiac safe) hotdogs available. The French fries are not gluten free.
- 3) This is a FREE event for all Sherwood families hosted by the Home and School.
- 4) All family members are welcome to come and eat.

Meet the Staff

- 1) Children are not allowed in the classroom sessions. This is a parent only event. There will be teaching staff set up to supervise children while the parents are at the classroom sessions. Children will be invited to play outside on the playground or go to the gym if they are looking for quieter activities like coloring, puzzles, or board games. Once you choose a location for your child they will remain there until you come and get them. If you are not comfortable leaving your child while you attend the classroom sessions, feel free to have everyone come to the BBQ and then only one parent remain for Meet the Staff.

2) The school bell will ring at 6:00 to indicate that the BBQ part of the event has ended and it is time to move to the classroom sessions. Please say goodbye to your child quickly and make your way to your first child's classroom. There will be only a few minutes provided for this transition to happen. The school bell will ring again at approximately 20-minute intervals to indicate the beginning and end of each session.

3) The classroom sessions are not parent teacher interviews. They are meant to give parents some general information about what their child's day will look like, and general school and classroom expectations. If you have specific concerns about you child you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make a separate appointment to do this.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the Sherwood Home and School on Facebook, by emailing jaspencer@edu.pe.ca or call the school at 902-368-6780.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 12.

TERRY FOX WALK

Our school Terry Fox School Run will be taking place on Thursday, September 21 with a rain date of Friday September 22. All of our students will run, walk or jog to honor the work that Terry Fox began in 1980. The Terry Fox Foundation does great work in cancer research. If you would like to make a donation, you can use the following link to make an online donation: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/41425>

If you would like to donate cash, you can also send money in to school. Be sure to label that it is for the Terry Fox School Run.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING AND KILOMETER CLUB

Will begin next week. This optional activity will take place during first recess on cycle days 2,4 and 6. This activity is for children in grades 3-6; ask your child if they plan to participate! The optional Zone Cross Country Meet for students that participate in Cross Country during recess will be taking place on October 11 at Elliott River School, more information will be sent home if this applies to your child.

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. 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 Stratford Pizza on Fridays. On-line ordering will begin Thursday, September 7 and food services will begin Monday, September 18. 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. 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
- 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 begins Monday, September 19. It will run 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. Volunteers are needed to help with the successful running of this program. 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. 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-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.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 13. This service is provided by Harvey's Studios.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS, SEPTEMBER 2023

Slow down and watch for students on the road

Another school year begins Sept. 7. Students will be walking, cycling, riding on a bus or in family car to school. It is a strategic time to remind all motorists that with awareness and education, children can get to school and back home again safely.

What is Home and School's role in education?

Experienced facilitators, Vicki Bryanton and Stephen Gould, will lead volunteer training workshops on November 6, 7. Find out how volunteers collaborate with staff in schools. How can we help and support for the benefit of all students! Workshop locations to be announced.

Semi-Annual Meeting

The Semi-Annual meeting will be held Monday, October 23rd, 6:00 PM, Central Queens Elementary School, Hunter River, PEI. Speaker/Presenters will include: Dr. Travis Saunders, UPEI "Screens in schools: simple ways to maximize the benefits and minimize the harms"?; David Schult, Educator "Home and School 101", Dept. Health "Student Health Survey." Parents, educators and students are invited to attend. More info to follow by end of September.

School Board By-Elections in two Zones

Due to the resignation of a Public Schools Branch Trustee in Zone 7 (Morell Family of Schools), and in the French board, Zone 2, there will be a By-election to fill these vacancies. Residents in these zones will be able to run as a candidate and vote beginning Sept. 5, 2023. More details will be shared by Elections PEI. For current details, go to:

<https://www.electionspei.ca/school-board-trustee-elections>

Healthy School Lunch Program

It's a new school year! Sign up your child for healthy school food meals that will be served daily in schools. \$5.50 per lunch or pay what you can. Donate to pay for another child who cannot afford to pay for a healthy lunch! Register and order at: [Healthy Lunch for Island Kids! | PEI School Food Program / www.peischoolfood.ca](http://www.peischoolfood.ca)

TERRY FOX RUN

Our school will continue to celebrate and honor Terry Fox with our annual school Terry Fox Run. Our run will be held on September 21, (rain date Sept 22). Our school fundraising will be online again this year and you can visit the following address to donate:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/SherwoodElementarySchool>

SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES

Rae Fitzpatrick has been assigned as the OT for the Charlottetown Rural Family of Schools. The focus of the School Therapy OT program is to work together with classroom teachers, school staff and parents /guardians to support children's motor and sensory development in order to assist children in achieving their learning goals; successfully participating in school and most importantly feeling good about themselves and school! More detailed information will be emailed home.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learn to Skate with Us! Registration is open for Speed Skating PEI programs starting late September. Our Learn to Skate program is aimed at skaters 4 to 8 years old who are just starting to skate or who want to improve their basic skating skills. For those who can already skate and are looking to improve their speed and strength, we offer a range of programs for all ages and levels. Visit us at speedskatingpei.ca to learn more or sign up today! If you have any questions, please email info@speedskatingpei.ca.

Delta Soccer will be offering a number of outdoor programs for the fall. The programs are six sessions in length, take place on either Saturday or Sunday afternoons and begin September 9th/10th. There are options for participants born between 2011 and 2018. For program descriptions, schedules and to register go to deltasoccer.ca.