

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 21 – Terry Fox Walk
September 22 – (Rain date for Terry Fox Walk)
September 22 – Picture orders due for cash orders
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)

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. Students and staff will observe Orange Shirt Day at school on Thursday, September 28, when everyone is encouraged to wear an orange shirt to school. Students and classes will also be involved in TRC week from September 25 – 28.

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.

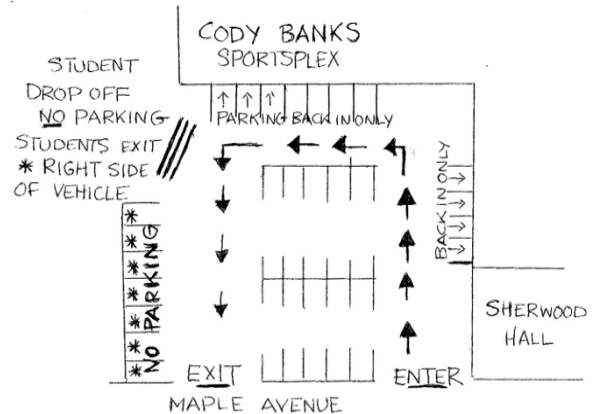
WATCH FOR STUDENTS ON THE ROAD

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 - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend or helped organize the School Family BBQ and Meet the Staff Event. It was informative for parents and students and their parents had fun. It was a great evening and a super way to start this school year.

ORDERING SCHOOL PICTURES

Photos will be available online in 3-5 days to pick the background and place orders.

Parents can order online or send the order form back to the school by the due date.

Parents should check off on the reverse side of the order form and return it to school if a retake is requested.

Thank you for choosing Harvey Studios to do your school pictures this year.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will take place on October 18. Students who missed getting their pictures taken can get their pictures done at this time.

PLAYGROUND FUND

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

THANKSGIVING CONCERT/FOOD DRIVE

The Thanksgiving Assembly will take place on October 6 at 12:20 in the gym. The grade 2 students are preparing for this performance and we welcome family members of those students to attend. As is the tradition at Sherwood, we will be having a food drive in the weeks leading up to the assembly and hope to fill the stage with food. We will collect non-perishable food items September 27 – October 5. Thanks in advance for your donations.

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.

EARTH RANGERS AND CALL2RECYCLE

This October, in honour of Waste Reduction Week, Earth Rangers and Call2Recycle are partnering on a great program where elementary schools in PEI will compete for who can collect the most used batteries. The Earth Rangers and Call2Recycle Battery Blitz School Mission is to collect as many used batteries by encouraging students, parents, staff, and community members to bring them to their school and dispose of them in one of the 10 Call2Recycle collection boxes. This challenge will kick off on October 2 and Sherwood students and their families will have 4 weeks to collect used batteries. There are three amazing Cash Grand Prizes available for the 3 PEI schools that bring in the most batteries! Let's see if Sherwood Elementary can be one of them!

Sherwood students will also participate in The Earth Rangers School Assembly on October 11 at 12:15 p.m. The assembly is a dynamic and interactive presentation for Kindergarten through Grade 6. Through the power of live animal demonstrations and positive, science-based information, the program educates students about the threats facing animals and the environment, highlights real conservation initiatives across Canada, and motivates them to want to get involved. The school assembly will highlight amazing animals and their superpowers - thus explaining the importance of biodiversity and how animals' unique adaptations allow them to thrive in their specific ecosystems. The presentation will provide students with tangible ways they can help protect these ecosystems and show the big collective impact small, everyday actions can have.

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 began on Monday, September 18. 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.

HOME & SCHOOL

The first Home & School meeting will be on October 3, at 6:00 pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome.

Special thanks to Reid Gallant who took it upon himself to raise money for our new school playground. He was able to raise \$445 over the summer by selling freezies. Thank you Reid!

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS, SEPTEMBER 2023

Slow down and watch for students on the road

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.

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>

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.

CHARLOTTETOWN SKATING CLUB

The Charlottetown Figure Skating Club is an official Skate Canada club which offers instructional skating to children and youth. Programs are offered in CanSkate, Skate Canada's learn-to-skate program, STARSkate, to develop advanced skills in figure skating, and CompetitiveSkate, for those training to compete. All programs are conducted by Skate Canada Certified coaches.

CanSkate is offered on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings at Simmons Arena. Two instructional blocks are held from October to December and January to March. ONLINE Registration: Information about our programming and registration can be found on our website at www.charlottetownskatingclub.ca. Registration for all programs is open on our website. Questions can be directed to our registrar at canskaters@gmail.com. Please note, funding through Kidsport and Jumpstart programs are available to cover the cost of programming.

P3 VOLLEYBALL CLUB

P3 Volleyball Club is offering an introductory volleyball program that covers all core skills: attacking, forearm passing, overhead passing, serving.

Female athletes in grades 6 and 7.

Dates: **September 20 – October 25 (Wednesday)**

Location: Spring Park Elementary School

Time: 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.

Participants must be a member of Volleyball PEI (\$25 fee)

Program fee: \$75
(includes a P3 Volleyball Club t-shirt)

Maximum number of athletes:14

For registration information, visit our website and click on "upcoming programs": <https://p3volleyball.ca/>