



Sherwood Shark News

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Issue 1

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Office Hours:
8:15 a.m.—4:15 p.m.

School Hours
9:05 Entrance Bell
10:30 Recess
12:00 Lunch
1:00 PM Classes
2:15 Recess
3:40 Dismissal

IMPORTANT DATES

**Dec 18th * Winter
Family Celebration**

**Dec 22nd * Last day of
classes, early dismissal
at 2:40 pm.**

**Dec 23rd to Jan 8th
Winter Break**

**January 8 * First day of
classes after break**



Dear Sherwood Families,

It's hard to believe it's already December. It's been a great start to the school year. We have enjoyed getting back into routines, seeing smiling faces (new ones and returning ones), and learning together. Thank you for a wonderful start!

We want to thank families for the great response to our second annual M and M fundraiser. We were able to raise money to go toward our playground upgrade project. While the fundraising is slow going, it is steady and we hope that, in time, we can replace our old structure.

I do want to again highlight to families the importance of not having moving vehicles in the back lane or using the staff parking lot for pick up and drop off. While we recognize that this is more convenient, it poses a significant hazard for children and adults walking along the back lane, especially when it is icy. As well, we ask that cars not block neighbouring garages, as this is illegal. Please remember that our Handi-capped parking spot can only be accessed by individuals with a designated parking pass. It is not okay to stop in there without one, even for a few minutes. We recognize that parking is a challenge at the end of the day and encourage families to use the side streets or the community centre parking lot (please use designated spots and not block driveways) and walk to meet their children. Thank you for choosing safety over convenience when picking up and dropping off our students, and for helping Sherwood School be good neighbours to our local community.

Our last day of school in December will be Friday, December 22. It will be an early dismissal. Students will go home at 2:40 pm. Please be sure to make the appropriate arrangements. Our first day back at school will be Monday, January 8, 2024. It will be Day 1. Our school office will be closed over the holiday, and you can leave us a message at any time, but messages won't be checked until the school office reopens at 8:15 am on Monday, January 8. If you require immediate assistance during the break, please call the River East Transcona Divisional office at 204 667 7130.

Thank you for a wonderful fall term and we look forward to having all our students back in the New Year. Happy Holidays to all. Have a wonderful break.

Miss Scott and the staff of Sherwood School

2024 HERE WE COME

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Lost and Found

We keep found items in the front vestibule and the box is always overflowing. We **strongly** encourage families to label their children's clothing so that we can get items back to their rightful owners. Every year we donate a large number of unclaimed items to charity. Please be sure to check the lost and found in the front foyer before the year end.

If your child will be absent or late please call our school office (24 hour answering machine) at 204-667-0413



**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR WINTER BREAK
IS DECEMBER 22nd**

**1 HOUR EARLY
DISMISSAL**

Concern Protocol and Code of Conduct

RETSD's Concern Protocol gives parents and families a clear picture of the process for communicating complaints and concerns. For most matters, a parent would start by talking to the classroom teacher first. In most cases issues are resolved quickly and satisfactorily at this level. For more information of the divisional Concern Protocol, please see the divisional website or follow this link:

<https://www.retsd.mb.ca/yourrets/Policies/Documents/KE.pdf>

RETSD's Code of Conduct is central to the division's commitment to fostering safe, caring and inclusive schools. The code is aligned with the Code of Conduct produced by Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning. The Code of Conduct can also be found on the divisional website at: http://www.retsd.mb.ca/Lists/Publications/code_conduct.pdf



Sherwood School is hosting a winter celebration on Monday, December 18th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

Students and families are invited to participate in a number of activities. There will be games in the gym, some craft opportunities, an opportunity to guess how many items are in a jar, hot chocolate, and a winter music experience in the music room.

Please note that students must be accompanied by an adult family member when they attend. You do not need to RSVP for this event.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Drills/Practices



Each year we have ten fire drills, one hold and secure drill and two lockdown drills. The fire drills are held throughout the year in order to keep the routines fresh in the students' minds. On average it takes just over 1 minute to evacuate our building. Our lockdown drills are held in the fall and in the spring. We will also have a hold and secure drill which is a practice of what to do in case there is a threat within the community.

Teachers review the procedures with the students so that they are aware of what to do in case of an emergency.

Entrance and Exit Times

We would like to thank our families for bringing their children to school on time and picking up their children promptly at dismissal.

For safety reasons it is very important for students to arrive at school when the patrols are on post. If children are going home for lunch they are expected to remain at home through the lunch hour and then return to school in time for the 1:00 bell. Those students not registered and paying for the Lunch Program cannot come to school. Please note that outdoor supervision begins at 8:55 am. Please do not send children any earlier as there is no supervision prior to that time.

Allergies

Please note that all RETSD schools and properties are peanut and nut free. We ask that all parents refrain from sending items which may contain peanuts, nuts, or nut oils of any kind in lunches or for snacks.

Medication

Authorization for medication forms must be completed every year for students who will carry inhalers or Epipens to school. If you have not completed a form for your child and he/she is carrying prescribed medication please complete a form in the office.

Families are reminded that according to divisional policy, **non-prescription medication cannot be administered by school staff without a doctor's note and a label on the medication indicating dosage specific to the child.** When filling any prescriptions please request that the label be placed on the medication container. The school is not able to administer the first dose of any medication, with the exception of an Epipen.

Please note that medication cannot be transported to and from school with a child and must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian at the office.



For safety reasons the staff parking lot and the front of the school are **NO DROP-OFF AREAS FOR STUDENTS** from 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.



SHERWOOD WEBSITE

TAKE A MOMENT TO VIEW OUR WEBSITE

Please visit:
www.sher.retsd.mb.ca

This is an excellent place to get notes you may have missed, check our calendar and keep updated on what's going on at Sherwood School.



As you know, Sherwood School's Lunch Program is a user pay, parent run program, overseen by a parent committee. It is not overseen by the School Division or by School Division staff, however, the principal of the school does work in consultation with the committee. We are very grateful to have a committee at this point and they are working hard to get everything up and running at that level.

The program runs solely on the lunch fees collected from families who use the program. Each month, on the first school day of the month, fees are due for that month. Lunch fees were raised last year to cover the costs of the program, as the program had used up a small surplus that was left in the account to compensate for the shortfall. This raise in fees allows the program to just break even. When fees are not paid on time, there may not be money to pay the supervisors, and there isn't any other revenue to cover this. It is imperative that fees come in, in full, on time, each month, and we thank those families who have made sure to keep their accounts up to date.

Welcome to The Kinder Corner



The kindergarteners are always happy to be in school. We love listening to and reading books. We read the book "Our Class is a Family." We learned that in our classroom it is safe to be ourselves and it is okay to make mistakes. We also learned how important it is to be a friend to others and always be kind to one another. This helps us build and strengthen our class as a community.

We promised to be safe, respectful and responsible in our classroom and in the school.

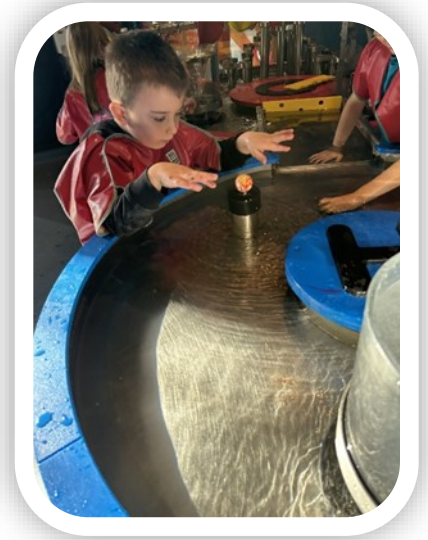
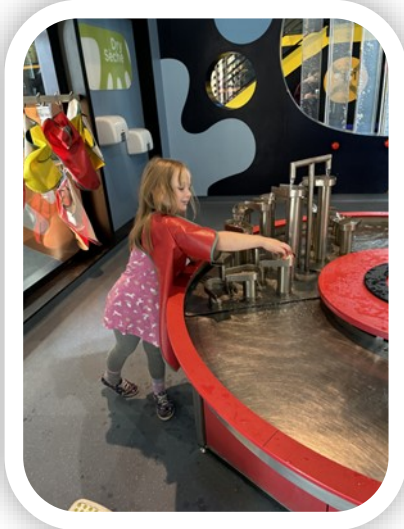




THE WONDERFUL ONES

It was great to meet with all the grade 1 families at student-led conferences. The students' enthusiasm and confidence while sharing their learning with all of you was fantastic! Your comments, feedback, and support from home were greatly appreciated too.

In other exciting news, in November, the students went on a field trip to the Children's Museum. This was their first time on a school bus and riding the bus was a personal highlight for many of the students! At the museum, the students learned how tipis are built and then explored the museum. Our students were excellent ambassadors for Sherwood School; they demonstrated good listening, manners, and safe behaviour. A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered and helped the students throughout the morning. Their help ensured a successful and memorable trip.



FIRST GRADE

GRADE 2/3 IS HUMMING WITH LEARNING

What a great start our class has had to the new school year! We have spent time settling into our classroom, establishing routines and discussing how we can be safe, respectful and responsible school citizens. We have become a wonderful classroom community full of friendship, fun and learning!

In Math we have done lots of work to continue to develop number sense. We have been composing and decomposing numbers, comparing numbers, skip counting and determining if a number is odd or even. Students have enjoyed sharing their mathematical thinking during our number talk conversations.

In Social studies we have been learning about communities and what makes a community including people, places and landmarks. We have learned about jobs of people in the community and how everyone has rights and responsibilities. Lots of great discussions have been happening.

Students in Room 8 are voracious readers! Every day they spend some time reading to self and reading with a partner. We have talked about picking good fit books, as well as reading strategies for when they come to an unknown or unfamiliar word. We are also talking about long and short vowel sounds to help us with our reading and writing.



The force is with us in science! We have been learning about the forces of gravity and magnetism, as well as position and motion. Students had the opportunity to experiment with magnets and make small cars that moved with wheels and axles. Our design process was a lot of fun! Thank you to all the families that sent in extra materials to help us with this project.

Room 9 has been hard at work these past few months!

In math, we have been learning about increasing patterns and gearing up for addition with regrouping.

We also undertook a big project about Arctic animals. We spent lots of time researching and learning so that we could write an information book and create a habitat diorama.

Ask us about the adaptations our animal has so that it can survive the harsh Arctic winter!



2-DIGIT ADDITIONS

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The Fantastic Fives

We had a great start to the school year!

This term, we completed a radial symmetry art project with coloured paper with Miss Schroeder. We learned about radial symmetry and practiced three paper folding techniques to add to our artwork.

In science, we have been learning about simple machines. We built Rube Goldberg machines with a partner and we went on a field trip to the Children's Museum where we continued to learn about simple machines through different activities.

Many of the Grade 5s participated in different clubs. Some students joined Run Club where they went to Bird's Hill Park for the Cross Country Running Meet and/or Volleyball Club where they went to Hampstead School for a volleyball tournament.

Lastly, thank you to all the families for attending our student-led conferences and celebrating your child's learning!



Sherwood Physical Education



TERRY FOX DAY

Sherwood School had another successful Terry Fox Walk this year! We collected a "Toonie for Terry" in honor of his Marathon of Hope. As a school we raised over \$160.00 and all proceeds were donated to the Terry Fox Foundation and used for cancer research. Thank you for your support!

CROSS -COUNTRY

CONGRATULATIONS to the runners on a job well done



Our Grade 3-5 Cross Country Team attended the Divisional Cross-Country Run at Bird's Hill Park. We had 28 students that participated on the team.

VOLLEYBALL CLUB



The Grade 4/5 Volleyball Team spent the month of November developing their skills and learning the rules of Tripleball Volleyball. There were 20 dedicated members who attended lunchtime practices and participated in a tournament at Hampstead School.

Congratulations to all the Volleyball Club members on all your hard work and effort!

Go Sharks!



Sherwood Library Learning Commons News



It has been a busy start to the school year. All classrooms have been visiting the library for book exchange classes and to work with Ms. Matsumoto for various projects. Students have been working on design projects, research projects and more. We are currently working with robots and doing coding.

M.Y.R.C.A. Club for grades 4 and 5 has started already and many students have already read one book! Members of the club need to read at least 3 books to participate in voting for their favourite M.Y.R.C.A. book and possibly be invited to the divisional M.Y.R.C.A. event that takes place in the spring. The club will begin meeting to discuss the books in the new year.

New members are always welcome – please come and see Ms. Matsumoto to join!



RETLife Winter Programming for Youth and Families

New classes have been added to the RETLife lineup for Winter 2024!

Here are just a few of the classes for Youth and Families which still have space available!

1 Day – Basic Robotics Training with Lego at John W. Gunn and Maple Leaf School!

Confidence Building Martial Arts for Kids (ages 6 – 9) Level 1 and Level 2

Creating Beats for Beginners: Crafting Your Signature Sound

Discover Owls

Honk if You Love Safety: Living with Our Goose Neighbours

For more information about these as well as our more than 50 programs, visit **RETLife!**

RETLife is dedicated to helping people connect to living The Good Life by making connections and providing opportunities for people to share their passion with other people. We value growth-based learning at all levels for all community members, instructors, and administrators.

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 3	2
3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9
10	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16
17	18 Day 2 Winter Family Celebration 4:00—5:30 PM	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6 Last day of school Early dismissal at 2:40 PM	23
24	25	26	27 WINTER BREAK	28	29	30

JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 WINTER BREAK	4	5	6	
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7	8 Day 1 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES AFTER BREAK Grades 1—5	9 Day 2 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES AFTER BREAK Kindergarten	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13	
14	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20	
21	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27	
28	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6				

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL	3
4	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10
11	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17
18	19 LOUIS RIEL DAY NO SCHOOL	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24
25	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2		
28	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6			