

# Shark Waves

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## The Sherwood Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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### Message from the President

Dear Sherwood PTA families and staff,

The Board of Directors of the Sherwood PTA would like to extend a very Happy New Year wish to everyone in our supportive community. With the extended time off due to snow we missed the December addition of this newsletter but hope we can keep you up-to-date on events we are planning for the near future.

One of our goals this year was to provide programs for parents to empower them with more tools to support their children. We are planning the PTA meetings for the remainder of the year with that theme in mind.

The schedule is shaping up and we hope there is something for everyone.

**February 2** – Thinking about Middle School – A presentation from Mr. Murphy, Principal of Farquhar Middle School

**March 2** – Helping Your Child with Stress and an overview of the MSA testing process

**April 8** (The meeting will be moved to Thursday, April 8 due to the spring break) - Two sessions will be held this evening.

For K-3 parents there will be a workshop on the use of Positive Reinforcement for Behavior Management.

For grade 4-5 grades parents there will be a presentation on Cyber Safety.

**May 4** – There will be a video walk thru of addition, updates on the construction and what to expect in August.

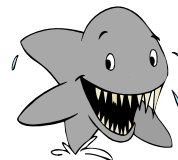
PTA Elections

The planning for the Sock Hop on February 19, The Varsity Show on April 30, and the Spring Fair on May 8 is underway. We need volunteers so please share your talents as you readily shared your resources for the Direct Appeal drive funds to support the PTA and the events we sponsor.

Contact the Chair people of these events listed in this newsletter or Carolyn Quinn our Volunteer Coordinator at [carolynquinn@verizon.net](mailto:carolynquinn@verizon.net).

Thank you for all you do as Sherwood Parents,

Joann Mirgon  
Sherwood Elementary PTA President



### Dates to Remember

**Family Restaurant Fundraiser @**

**Olney Ale House ALL DAY**

**Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**See flyer attached**

**PTA Meeting (General Meeting)**

**Tues. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm**

**Sock Hop**

**Feb 16th**

## Direct Appeal Makes Sherwood a Better School!

Thank you to the many wonderful members who have contributed to Direct Appeal. Through Direct Appeal, the Sherwood PTA funds many artistically enriching, educational, and multicultural events *every year*? Direct Appeal allows parents to contribute to these programs, without asking our kids to sell candy bars or magazines door-to-door.

If you haven't joined PTA, please consider making a donation to Direct Appeal when completing the membership form. If you would like to make a donation to Direct Appeal and are already a PTA member, you may contribute to by completing just the Direct Appeal portion of the membership form or just the Direct Appeal section via PayPal at [www.sherwoodespta.org/paydues.html](http://www.sherwoodespta.org/paydues.html).

### PTA Membership Open Year Round

PTA membership is open all throughout the year. If you just haven't gotten around to it yet, it's not too late. There are 3 easy ways to join:

- Fill out the membership form in this newsletter,
- Stop by the school office and ask the secretaries for assistance, or
- Log onto [www.sherwoodespta.org/paydues.html](http://www.sherwoodespta.org/paydues.html) and use the Pay Pal service.

Membership dues are only \$10 for the first family member and just \$5 for the second! In addition to supporting your child's school, membership entitles you to the popular school directory. As an added incentive, members can use their official membership card to receive discounts at local restaurants and businesses. Check each newsletter for the growing list of businesses supporting this program.

PTA is the largest children's advocacy organization in the country. For more information on its mission, log onto [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).

Thank you to all our new and old  
PTA Members

Nearly all membership cards should have been distributed by now. Please contact Lori Goodwin at (301) 260-1933 or [lorigoodwin1@yahoo.com](mailto:lorigoodwin1@yahoo.com) if you have not yet received your card.

### Family Fundraisers

Restaurant fundraisers are a fun way in which Sherwood families and friends can participate in supporting their elementary school financially. If you're going to dine out once a month, then why not dine out on one of these dates at one of these restaurants? Everyone wins...the restaurant gets a boost in business.the school gets a large financial contribution...the patrons get great food as well as a good feeling about supporting their school!

We have some restaurants lined up in supporting our school, please visit them on the dates posted and help contribute to both our school and the local restaurants who are generously giving their support to SES!

January 14th: Olney Ale House  
All day long

February 10th: Sole Di'Italia (Ashton)  
All day long  
dine in, carry out or delivery

March 18th: Mamma Lucia (Olney)  
5-10pm

April 15th: Cheeburger Cheeburger  
5-9pm



## Variety Show is Fast Approaching

Be sure to mark your calendar...April 30<sup>th</sup>

The planning stage is approaching we are seeking volunteers in various areas. If you have some time and would like to contribute your time, please contact Ed Light at 240-899-6926 or [elight@building-dynamics.com](mailto:elight@building-dynamics.com).

- In February-March we would like to begin to assist kids to develop their acts.
- By April we would like to organize the acts in the show.
- We are seeking “**parent musicians**” to be our “**House Band**”

Interested parties please contact Ed Light at the number and email, listed above.



Box Tops For Education

Did you know that you and your family can earn "free money" for Sherwood Elementary school? There is a little Box Top coupon on the packaging of over 100 different grocery store products. Some of your favorite products include Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, Huggies, Old El Paso and Ziploc. Each coupon is worth 10 cents to Sherwood. This might not seem like a lot of money, but believe me, it adds up quickly!! Put your clipped Box Top Coupons in the collection box located in the lobby of our school.

Send your Box Tops in today!

Check out SES website [www.sherwoodespta.org](http://www.sherwoodespta.org) .

Direct Appeal Membership forms, class registrations, Giant/Safeway Bonus points and Sally Foster all can be found on our website....check it out!