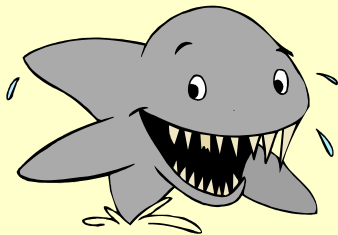


The Sherwood Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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President's Letter



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Attachment:
Volunteer Tea Invitation

Hello Sherwood Families and Staff,

A big thank you goes out to the Spring Fair team for putting together a great event. Thanks to Katie Johnson, Angela Hagan, Chrissy Bonsby, Corinne Verard-Eppley, Jenni Coopersmith, Karen Schilling, Michelle Dean, Patti Marks, Laura Wilson. Although the weather was hit or miss, the fair was a blast.

In June we have the Ice Cream Social, the bus driver appreciation breakfast, the new kindergarten parent night and the new kindergartener's play date. See the list below for specific dates and keep your eyes open for flyers in back packs. We also need volunteers to help out as always.

As we prepare for the end of year events for the PTA it is painfully clear that a PTA without a President designated for next year will have several negative implications. Some examples include:

- During the June 7 Welcome night for New Kindergarten Parents, the Teachers and the PTA present information with the goal of increasing the comfort level of the new parents. The impression of a PTA without a President will not be a good one for new parents who we hope to attract as members and volunteers.

- The planning process for next year occurs through the end of June during the overlap of the existing Board and the new Board. It will be difficult to conduct this process effectively.
- If someone does not step up by the Ice Cream Social on June 10 we will not be able to conduct an election until Back to School Night. This means a summer without the opportunity to train and transition a new President.

There is a very strong Board for next year with every position filled. A President will have the support of this competent group of parents and the benefit of previous years of hard working Officers, Board Members and all the many Chair people who run our events. We ask our children every day to step up and take risks for their education and growth. I am asking someone to do the same and the risk will be much smaller than what our children experience as new learners and developing citizens. I have said all I can say, but I will continue to try to get this position filled before I leave office on June 30.

Thank you,
Joann Mirgon

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Volunteer Tea: May 26, 3:30
- ◆ New Kindergarten Parent Night: June 7, 7:00 pm
- ◆ Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast: June 10
- ◆ Kindergarten Play Date: June 10, 5:00 p.m. at school play ground
- ◆ Ice Cream Social: June 10, 6:00 p.m. at school





Thank you for collecting hundreds of Box Tops for Education Coupons this year! We made over \$400 for our school!

Please continue to collect Box Tops all summer long. This program is a simple way to make money for our school without asking your children to go door to door selling chocolate bars or wrapping paper. Box Tops for Education Coupons can be found on most house hold items like Ziplock, Land-o-Lakes Butter and Bisquick.

Just clip the coupons, collect them in a bag or envelope and then drop them in the collection box in the lobby of our school. Every coupon collected means money for Sherwood Elementary School.



The PTA Board of Directors Nominating Committee would like to announce the PTA Officers for 2011-2012 school year:

- 2 Vice President positions - Melissa Gooding and Jennifer McKneely
- 2 Secretary positions - Kristen Weinberg and Marlisa Fullmer
- Treasurer - Susan Burdette
- President - Vacant

President Responsibilities

Time Commitment is an average of 5 hours per week.

- ✓ Preside at general membership, board of director and executive officer meetings
- ✓ Coordinate the work of officers and committee chairs
- ✓ Be a member ex officio of all committees (except nominating)
- ✓ Review and initial bank statements
- ✓ Review and sign checks
- ✓ Represent local PTA at council meetings (or send an alternate)
- ✓ Attend meetings with cluster PTA presidents monthly
- ✓ Attend Baldrige meeting monthly (or send an alternate)
- ✓ Communicate regularly with principal and office staff
- ✓ Represent local PTA interests politically as needed (i.e. testify or help prepare testimony before board of education, county council, meet as needed with representatives, etc.)

Attention 5th Grade Parents!

If your 5th grader is also the last child that you will have attending Sherwood Elementary, you may want to be removed from the PTA's email distribution list.

At the end of the school year, please remember to send an email to Volker Englisch (Volker@Englisch.us) with "please remove from distribution list" in the title or body of the message, and we will gladly take you off the list. You may also submit a message from our website: <http://www.sherwoodespta.org/contact.html>.

Vendors Offering Discounts to PTA Members

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| El Andariego | 10% off Sunday-Thursday |
| Dempsey's | 10% off |
| Hunan Delight | 10% off |
| Sole D'Italia | 15% off |
| Urban BBQ | 10% off |
| Mamma Lucia | 5% off |
| My Gym | \$25 off \$75 membership fee |
| Cheeburger Cheeburger | \$5 off \$25 purchase |
| Armand's Pizza | 10% off |

(Armand's gives SES 15% of sales for Sherwood sales on the First and last Tuesday of every month. Let them know you are w/SES.)

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We're on the Web!

<http://sherwoodespta.org>

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/sherwoodes/>

Did you know?

If you are a Sherwood Elementary PTA Member you have special access to the national PTA website which you might find of interest, including additional discounts.

Go to www.PTA.org

username: Together,
password: WeCan

Save the Date and Appreciate!

The Sherwood Elementary Staff would like to show their appreciation to all the volunteers that help make our school the best it can be. A reception to honor the volunteers will take place on May 26th at 3:30 in the media center. Please mark your calendars. Childcare will be provided. A flier will be coming home with details; please RSVP and send it in promptly. Thanks! Hope to see lots of volunteers there!

SSL Opportunity: May 26, 3:00-4:45

We are in need of middle or high school students who are willing to provide babysitting during the Volunteer Tea at SES. This event will take place on May 26th at 3:30. The volunteers will need to report to school at 3:00 to help set up and will be finished at 4:45.

Please contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynquinn@verizon.net or 301-570-6561 if you are interested in helping with this event.

Get Ready: 2011-2012 Student Directory

It's never too early to prepare for the 2011/2012 Student Directory!

Last year, many parents made use of our new online contact information collection tool which allowed us to collect the information quickly and correctly. This year we would like to encourage everybody to make use of the webpage submission tool again and we're hoping that many more parents will make use of this quick and easy tool.

This year, we're planning to provide additional features to make it even easier for you to provide all of your information and ensure that the directory entries will be listed without errors. We'd like to deliver the new directory to you as soon as possible but in order to accomplish our goal we will need everybody to help and submit the information. So watch for the emails arriving in July and inviting you to visit our updated website and to submit your PTA Student Directory information.

A Special Thank You from Lucas Irvin, Boy Scout Troop 457

Dear Sherwood Elementary PTA,

I am Lucas Irvin of Boy Scout Troop 457 and I would like to express my gratitude for your generous donation towards my Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. All the funds for projects like these have to be raised by the Scout, so it was by your very generous monetary donation that I was able to carry out this project. I honestly do not think I would have been able to carry this out without that donation.

I would also like to thank you on behalf of the staff at Sherwood Elementary, as it was for them I did the project and they are very grateful to have beautified this area of their grounds from a neglected, overgrown eyesore into a useful, attractive and educational plot. The project area used to be nothing but weeds and a rotten retaining wall, but now, there a new retaining wall, new plants for a butterfly garden and repainted and reused picnic tables.

In addition to the project itself, your donation towards this project helped allow me to fulfill this largest requirement of my Eagle Scout requirement. Now that I am done with the work of my project, I am one giant step closer to reaching the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, and I very much thank you for helping make that possible.

Sincerely,
Lucas Irvin



We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Come to the Annual Ice Cream Social on June 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

Deb Deans wrote, "The Ice Cream Social is almost here, which means that school is almost over! I can't believe it. We will have Carmen's Italian Ice for the evening. There will be a choice of two flavors: blue raspberry or strawberry-lemon. The Social starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10th. I will need to borrow some very large coolers to transport the pre-scooped containers of Italian ice. If anyone is able to let me borrow their cooler and/or would like to help me pick them up on that Friday afternoon I would appreciate it. My email is deb.deans@gmail.com." Please contact Deb to coordinate cooler donations and drop-off/pick-up.



Call for Volunteers

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to serve the school during the 2011-2012 academic year. We still need more help! Many of the programs and activities that provide fun AND funding for the school are put on by wonderful volunteers like you! We have many opportunities to get involved from very low commitment levels (one hour or one day) to bigger events that need help and support.

Current Committee Openings:

- Audit
- Creative Arts Adventures
- Cultural Arts
- MCCPTA Delegate (co-chair)
- Memory Book/Year Book
- Nominating Committee
- Northeast Consortium Liaison (co-chair)
- Sock Hop (co-chair)
- Special Needs
- Spring Fair/Prizes
- Spring Fair/Concessions
- Spring Fair/Used book sales
- Spring Fair/Ticket sales
- Spring Fair/Arts and crafts
- Staff Appreciation

If you are interested in helping out with the PTA but do not want to take on a committee chair position, there are PLENTY of opportunities still. If you have any interest in these positions or have any other questions regarding volunteering for the PTA, please contact:

Michele Russell
Volunteer Coordinator
240-472-1293
malka6@hotmail.com

*You are cordially invited to the
SES Volunteer Tea, on May 26th at 3:30*



*This event will take place in the media center and
babysitting will be provided in the cafeteria. **

Please RSVP to carolynquinn@verizon.net.

**please indicate if you need childcare, # of children and ages*