

The Sherwood Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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President's Letter

Hello Sherwood Families and Staff,

Today, I received an email from my fearless (and very patient) editor, Corina Solé Brito, reminding me to submit my letter for the January issue of Sharkwaves. This made me think about two things; the first is how fortunate we are to have people involved with SES PTA, like Corina, that keep people like me on task. My second thought was how we need to recognize those people who are behind the scenes. This can be applied to our bus drivers who make sure our kids arrive at school on time or to the mom who made 468 copies of the Bingo Flyer to distribute in backpack mail. How about our classroom volunteers who provide our teachers the opportunity to spend more time in the classroom with our kids and less time clearing paper jams from the copier?

These are just some of the "unsung heroes" at Sherwood Elementary. So the next time you are visiting school and see our service workers moving tables down the hallway for an afterschool activity, please remember to stop and say "thank you."

We are holding steady with membership at 333 members. Our goal is 400, so **if you are not a member yet, please sign**

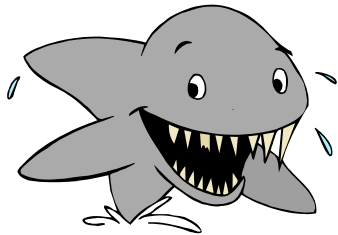
up and help us get there! Also remember that your Direct Appeal is a tax deductible contribution and you can now contribute for the 2012 tax year!

We have some fun, PTA-sponsored events coming up so please check out our "Upcoming Events" section in this newsletter. One of my favorite events at SES is coming up: BINGO NIGHT will be held on Friday, January 27th.

Please plan to attend our next PTA General Meeting on February 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Ken McNeely will be presenting a new afterschool opportunity—the First Lego League (see page 6 for more information). You and your children will be glad you came!

Now is the time to join your PTA and make a difference in the lives of our children!

Warmest Regards,
Melissa Popham



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 23: No School
- ◆ January 27: Bingo Night
- ◆ February 14: Valentine's Day
- ◆ February 21, 22, 23: Variety Show Preview Dates
- ◆ February 24: Sock Hop





Guess what? Thanks to the Box Tops we've collected this year, we have earned \$466 for SES! Don't stop now-keep cutting and saving those Box Tops! All you have to do is clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of family products from brands like Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Pillsbury®, Ziploc®, Kleenex®, Juicy Juice® and more!



Each Box Top coupon is worth a dime to Sherwood Elementary students. One dime may not seem like much, but it adds up to a real change. Our goal for this year is \$560—let's beat it together! Just clip the Box Tops, collect them in a Ziploc bag or envelope and bring them to school to deposit in the box in the lobby. We take care of the rest...it's that simple.

[Click here](#) for a fun Valentine's Day Box Tops activity sheet.

Thank you!

Sherwood's "Ocean of Caring" Update: PTA Membership and Direct Appeal

Start the year off right...

Sherwood ES PTA memberships are still available!

Please visit www.sherwoodespta.org/paydues to join today, or send payment in with your student. Single Membership is still only \$10; family Membership costs only \$15.

Or how about giving the gift of membership?



Pay the dues for a friend, family member or Sherwood staff. In addition to their PTA Membership card and school directory they will receive a thank you note from your PTA and recognizing your gift. This can be done anonymously or not. Please contact Chelsea Curtis if you are interested at paulandchelsea@comcast.net.

Remember, the first Tuesday of every month is our "Dough Raising" night at Domino's Pizza in Olney.

The Next Restaurant Fundraiser will be in February-stay tuned!

PTA membership benefits extend farther than our own community. Log on to www.pta.org to see what other discounts are offered to you from companies like T-Mobile, Hertz, and Office Max, to name a few. Your log in information can be found on the back of your PTA card.



Vendors Offering Discounts to PTA Members

El Andariego	10% off Sunday-Thursday
Dempsey's	10% off
Hunan Delight	10% off
Sole D'Italia	15% off

To our volunteers...



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Spring Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

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(301) 924-3195

Principal:
Jerry Perlet

Principal in Training:
Dina Brewer
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/sherwoodes/>

Home of the Sharks!

We're on the Web!

<http://sherwoodespta.org>

Contact us here:

<http://www.sherwoodespta.org/contact.html>

Click here to volunteer:

<http://www.sherwoodespta.org/volunteer.html>

The Sherwood Variety Show is Coming!

This is one of Sherwood's most anticipated, participated, and attended events! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 23 to see Sherwood's best and brightest talents!

Here are some important things to remember:

- **UPDATED! Variety Show Preview Days** will be held on February 21, 22, and 23 (not the first week of March, as previously listed). Start working on your acts NOW so that they are in great form at the Preview.
- **All acts must be UNDER two minutes in length!** You will be asked to re-edit your act if it exceeds the time limit. This is necessary in order to be able to include every student who wishes to participate in the Variety Show.
- **Each student may ONLY participate in ONE Variety Show Act. No exceptions.**
- **ALL MUSIC MUST be prepared in MP3 format.** Now is the time to work on this!!! At the preview days, we will ask for you to submit or email a copy of the EDITED music, formatted in MP3 and cut at 2 minutes. The compilation, formatting and editing of music takes A LOT of time. If everyone can prepare their own music before the preview dates, it will free up our volunteers to work on other parts of the show. If you have any questions regarding how to format or edit music, please contact Angela Hagan angela_hagan@msn.com. Due to the popularity of the Variety Show and the volume of acts, editing of individual music is not possible. Please do this on your own and ***have your music cut and formatted before the preview dates.***
- **We need volunteers.** As we did last year, we will require all parents to volunteer in some way. A form will come home with options for volunteering.
- **The Mandatory Full Dress Rehearsal** will be held on Thursday, March 22 right after school. Please mark your calendars now.

Be on the lookout soon for Variety Show registration forms and volunteer sign-up information being sent through kidmail and email.

Please contact Pam Hjelle with any questions, comments or suggestions (pamhjelle@comcast.net or 301.461.6646).

IN SEARCH OF...

The SES PTA is looking for volunteers to help with the PTA "communications team." Our webmaster/page hoster/ and king of newsletter dissemination, Volker Englisch, will be "retiring" in two short years. If you are tech savvy and interested in serving on the transition team and taking on some of his duties, please email Melissa Popham or Michele Norian (melissapopham@hotmail.com, malka6@hotmail.com).



The Farquhar Middle School Modernization: Update

Thanks to everyone who came out January 3rd to the FMS Modernization meeting (all 137 of us, minus the few in the opposition). Our goal was to show Parks that there is OVERWHELMING support for the land-swap, and WE DID IT! Additionally, we have heard positive feedback from our local politicians (Craig Zucker and Benjamin Kramer) in response to the meeting: our voices are being heard! The presentation and notes from the meeting have been posted to MCPS website; here is the URL to access them:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/construction/projects/whfms.shtm>

The Parks Department thinks the land-swap is a good deal for them. However, there are some issues to be worked out (just like on any construction project), but nothing insurmountable. One of the hurdles (getting the land deeded to Parks and Planning) appears to be closer to resolution at a board meeting sometime in February. I will attend that meeting and let everyone know when that milestone is met. This does not mean that the land-swap would be approved; it still needs to go through a public hearing and that has not been scheduled. We will be testifying at that hearing, I will keep you posted on when that will occur and what support we will need. We did get confirmation that the old school will be demolished once the new school is built, which is a big concern for the Batchellors Forest Road neighbors. So, we got what we needed, and they got their prime concern positively addressed. Another "win-win," and I think the Parks and MCPS reps agree.

While not officially used for decision-making purposes, Parks and Planning asked for a show of support for the land-swap with a raising of hands. The show in favor was overwhelming. This was an important moment in the process. The view of the community is important to the planning board, so again, if you support the land swap and have not yet done so, please sign the petition (www.change.org/petitions/support-the-land-swap). Every single voice is counted. This petition will be presented as part of the testimony to the Planning Board.

There has been quite a bit of blogging and misinformation sent around recently, so if you have any questions, please let me know! I will be happy to answer what I can and run down what I can't. Suffice to say that if the land-swap does not work out, current 2nd through 5th graders would be facing long bus rides to Tilden - that is the only other option. So, let's keep up the momentum! Thanks again for bringing the Farquhar land-swap one step closer to reality! Jennifer McKneely (Jennifer.McKneely@jhuapl.edu).

Are you ready for winter weather?

Here are some items to add to your emergency kits while the sun is still shining:

- Environmentally safe ice melting products (click [here](#) and search for "deicers")
- Snow shovels, ice scrapers
- Wood for the fireplace, gas for the generator



And for your car:

- Make sure your fluid levels are sufficient and all lights work
- Add a kit to your car (include a shovel, first aid kit, blankets, flares, water, snack food, matches, etc.)

Stay up-to-date on school closings and delays by calling 301-279-3673 or signing up for e-mail alerts here: <https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>

Teach your child the importance of saving money with the help of Sandy Spring Bank's super spectacular buddy, Sandy Dog!

The Sandy Spring in School Bank at Sherwood is open every Wednesday from 8:50 until 9:20 in the All Purpose Room. All students can participate by opening up a Young Savers account which will earn interest. There is also a monthly prize drawing for depositors.

If you need more information, contact Sharon Blinder Hill at Sandy Spring Bank:
301-774-8415.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sherwood's annual Sock Hop is scheduled for February 24th. This is an event that kids of all ages love. We need your help to make this event extra special. We need volunteers to sell tickets during the lunches the week of February 20th. We also need help with set up and clean up. If you are able to help, please contact Roxanne Navarra at roxannenavarra@yahoo.com or 301-346-3998. Thank you in advance.



Foundation for Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)[®] LEGO[®] League



FIRST[®] LEGO[®] League



Junior FIRST[®] LEGO[®] League

A partnership between FIRST[®] and The LEGO Group has created a powerful program that helps young people discover the fun in science and technology while building self-confidence, knowledge, and valuable employment and life skills. The Junior FIRST[®] LEGO[®] League (Jr. FLL) and FLL introduces young people ages 6-14 to the fun and excitement of science and technology while building self-confidence, knowledge, and valuable employment and life skills. Jr. FLL and FLL challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers. Alongside adult Mentors, Jr. FLL and FLL teams solve problems using engineering concepts, presentation techniques, and robots. Teams will apply math and science concepts to research, design, build, program and test autonomous robots using LEGO MINDSTORMS[®] technologies. They will gain hands-on experience solving real-world problems through the annual FIRST[®] Challenge, which includes a robot game and research project. The group will learn to work as a team to overcome obstacles and meet the challenges. There will also be opportunities for teams to showcase the results of their projects and participate in regional competitions. The cost of participation varies by team (Jr. FLL vs. FLL) and is also dependent on other factors such as number of *students per team*, *fundraising offsets* and *optional items desired*. The table below summarizes the approximate costs.

	Ages	Number of Students	Required Team Cost ¹	Optional Costs ²	Total	Cost per Student ³
Jr. FLL	6-9	2 - 6	\$345	\$200	\$545	\$57.50
FLL	9-14	5 - 10	\$850	\$300	\$1150	\$85.00

Required Team Costs¹: Include Team Registration Fee, Materials (Base Set, Field Set Up Kit, Robot Set), and Game Table. Some of these are onetime costs.

Optional Team Costs²: Include Storage Boxes, Team T-Shirts, Snacks, and Tournament Fees (FLL only)

Cost per Student³: Assumes maximum number of allowable students per team, and only considers required costs

The SES PTA has agreed to sponsor/endorse this program for SES students, and one of our SES parents has agreed to coach/mentor the team(s). An informational session will be held at the next PTA meeting.

Nothing says "Be Mine" or "Happy Spring" like SES Spirit Wear...Order Yours Today!

2011-2012 SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone #: _____

CLOTHING

Fleece Quarter Zip Pullover: Youth (\$29) Men (\$32) Women (\$38)

Youth XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ \$ _____
 Adult XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

Personalize: _____ \$ _____

Sweatpants w/Pockets: Youth (\$22) Adult (\$27)

Youth S _____ M _____ L _____ \$ _____
 Adult XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

Flannel PJ Bottoms: Youth/Adult (\$29)

Youth S _____ M _____ L _____ \$ _____
 Adult S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

Tie-Dyed Shirt: Youth (\$22) Adult (\$23)

Youth S _____ M _____ L _____ \$ _____
 Adult S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

Sparkle Shirt: Youth/Adult (\$15)

Youth XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ \$ _____
 Adult XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

Short Sleeve Sherwood Sharks T-Shirt: Youth (\$13) Adult (\$14)

Youth XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ \$ _____
 Adult XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

Long Sleeve Sherwood Sharks T-Shirt: Youth (\$18) Adult (\$19)

Youth XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ \$ _____
 Adult S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

Short Sleeve Authentic T-Shirt: Youth/Adult (\$11)

Youth XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ \$ _____
 Adult S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

Long Sleeve Authentic T-Shirt: Youth/Adult (\$17)

Youth XS _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ \$ _____
 Adult S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$ _____
*XXL add \$3

ACCESSORIES

SES Sharks Necklace Scrabble Tile (\$13): _____ Penny (\$15): _____ \$ _____

Sharks Streamer Bow (\$9): _____ \$ _____

Cinch Sack (\$20): _____ Personalize: _____ \$ _____

Book Bag (\$17): _____ Personalize: _____ \$ _____

Sweatshirt Blanket (\$33) Personalize: _____ \$ _____

WINTER WEAR

Pink Hat (\$15): _____ Royal Blue Hat (\$15): _____ \$ _____

Pink Scarf (\$17): _____ Royal Blue Scarf (\$17): _____ \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SES PTA

Total Cost \$ _____

Please note: some items require minimum order quantities.

CLOTHING**Fleece Quarter Zip Pullover**

Royal fleece pullover with embroidered "Sherwood Sharks" logo. Add personalization for \$5.

Price: Youth \$29; Men \$32;
Women \$38

Sizes: Youth XS-L; Adult XS-XXL*

Sweatpants w/Pockets

50/50 cotton/polyester Navy sweatpants with pockets, elastic waist and elastic leg. "Sherwood Sharks" logo embroidered in gold on left thigh.

Price: Youth \$22; Adult \$27

Sizes: Youth XS-L; Adult S-XXL*

Flannel PJ Bottoms

Royal and gold plaid flannel pants with "Sherwood Sharks" logo embroidered in gold on left thigh.

Price: Youth/Adult \$29

Sizes: Youth S-L; Adult XS-XXL*

Tie-Dyed Shirt

Royal tie-die **SHARKS** screen print.

Price: Youth \$22; Adult \$23

Sizes: Youth S-L; Adult S-M

WINTERWEAR**Sherwood Sharks Hat**

Offered in two colors: Royal Blue and Pink with "Sherwood Sharks" logo embroidered in the front. One size fits all! \$15

Sherwood Sharks Scarf

Offered in two colors: Royal Blue and Pink with embroidered "Sherwood Sharks" logo. \$17

Sparkle Shirt

White t-shirt with Royal Blue Rhinestones that spell out Sherwood and a picture of a shark.

Price: Youth/Adult \$15

Sizes: Youth S-L; Adult XS-XXL*

**Short-Sleeved/Long-Sleeve
Sherwood Sharks T-Shirts**

100% cotton White short- sleeve and long-sleeve t-shirts with "Sherwood Sharks" logo in digital full front print.

Short-Sleeve: Youth \$13; Adult \$14

Long-Sleeve: Youth \$18; Adult \$19

Sizes: Youth XS-XL; Adult XS-XXL*

**Short-Sleeved/Long-Sleeved
Authentic T-Shirt**

100% cotton White short- sleeve t-shirt with distressed "Authentic" logo in navy.

Short-Sleeve: Youth/Adult \$11

Long-Sleeve: Youth/Adult \$17

Sizes: Youth XS-XL; Adult S-XXL*

***XXL Sizes, please add \$3 to price**

ACCESSORIES**Sharks Streamer Bows**

Royal blue, gold and white hair ribbon; a fashion MUST HAVE for the girls!

Price: \$9

Sherwood Sharks Necklace

Scrabble tile OR Penny charms with the "Sherwood Sharks" logo on a black or blue rubber necklace.

Scrabble Tile Price: \$13

Penny Price: \$15

Cinch Sack

Royal Blue Nylon Cinch Sack with "Sherwood Sharks" logo embroidered in gold. Includes personalization - initials or name.

Price: \$20

Book Bag

Cotton Royal Blue Book Bag with "Sherwood Sharks" logo embroidered in gold. Includes personalization - initials or name.

Price: \$17

Sweatshirt Blanket

Navy Gildan blanket with "Sherwood Sharks" logo embroidered in corner. Perfect for your car or home!

Price: \$33

Sherwood Elementary School PTA Membership (2011-2012)

Check if you were a member last year **AND** all the information below is the same for this year. Then skip to the Direct Appeal section.

1st Member Name _____ 2nd Member Name _____

Youngest Child's Name _____ Grade: _____

Phone# 1 _____ Phone# 2 _____ Phone#3 _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

1st Member E-mail: _____ 2nd Member E-mail _____

Sherwood Elementary School PTA DIRECT APPEAL CONTRIBUTION

Direct Appeal is the **main source of funds** for the Sherwood Elementary School PTA operating budget. We ask each family to contribute directly to the PTA.

- The suggested amount is \$50-\$75 *per family* for Direct Appeal and membership, but ANY amount is welcome.
- 100% of your donation goes directly to the benefit of your children.
- Your contribution is fully tax deductible.
- Your children do not have to sell anything
- You do not have to buy products you don't want in order to support the school

Please help make a difference by contributing to Direct Appeal. It's a great way to invest in your child's education!

Direct Appeal Contribution Levels

Blue Shark	Up to \$25		<i>Your</i> Direct Appeal Contribution
\$ _____			
Tiger Shark	\$26 - \$50		
Hammerhead Shark	\$51 - \$100	(Member dues cover fees paid National, State and County PTAs and help cover the cost for your school directory.)	1 st Member Dues \$ _____ 10.00
Great White Shark	\$101 - \$250		2 nd Member Dues \$ _____ 5.00
Goblin Shark	\$251 - \$500		
Leopard Shark	\$501 +		
			Total \$ _____

Please check here if you prefer that your family **not** be included in a name-only list of contributors

Make checks payable to \$ESPTA

Any questions, contact Chelsea Curtis (paulandchelsea@comcast.net).

Save this receipt for your records.

For tax reporting purposes, no goods or services were received for the following contribution

Sherwood Elementary School PTA Direct Appeal Contribution

Name: _____

Date: _____ Amount: _____

On behalf of the Sherwood Elementary School PTA, **Thank You!**