

*Welcome to
Sherwood Elementary*



**New Family
Welcome Packet**

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New Family Welcome Letter

Dear Sherwood Elementary Families,

We are thrilled that you have joined our school family! Sherwood Elementary School is part of the Olney, Ashton, Sandy Spring, and Brookeville community. Our school can trace its history back to 1883 with the opening of the Friends' School in Sandy Spring, Maryland. The Roberts family owned a property called Sherwood and donated a piece of their farm for the construction of this school. The school was named Sherwood after the property. The original elementary school was located on the grounds of Sherwood High. The current school was built in 1978.

Sherwood Elementary School is all about the children, their families, and our dedicated staff. The people make our school special. Sherwood staff members, in partnership with you, are committed to ensuring that your child is engaged in rigorous learning opportunities that stir creativity, cultivate thinking, enhance physical and mental wellbeing, and optimize their whole learning experience.

While in our care, we pledge to keep your child(ren) physically and emotionally safe. This upcoming 2019-2020 school year we will begin implementing two school-wide programs: Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Restorative Justice. At Sherwood, we will all model high expectations for behavior and academics, optimizing learning opportunities for your child. Teachers will keep you informed about your child's progress twice a month through Student Learning Notebooks.

You and your family are your child's first teachers! Your expertise, insights, and active involvement are critical as we work hand-in-hand to realize your child's fullest potential. Again welcome to the Sherwood family!!!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Dina Brewer,
Principal

Dr. Nikisha Blackmon,
Assistant Principal

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New Family Welcome Letter from PTA



Hello Sherwood Family!

As your new PTA President, I am delighted to welcome you as a new or returning family for the 2019-2020 school year. At Sherwood we have a wonderful community of awesome kids, dedicated teachers, friendly staff and committed parents. If you are a new family, this is going to become a critical team and support network for the next several years, therefore it is important to know what the PTA is and why it matters to you.

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association and consists of parents, teachers, grandparents, guardians, school staff and others in the community who want to improve the educational lives of our children. In other words, the PTA is YOU. Dozens of studies have shown that when parents get involved at school, children perform better. One of the easiest ways to get involved at Sherwood is by joining the PTA. Here are 10 reasons why you should join:

#1: Your child benefits. When parents get connected to the school, children get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems. When you build a relationship with your child's teachers, principal, and office staff, it is far easier to communicate about any problems (or victories) that occur throughout the year.

#2: You are the advocate for your child. As a PTA member your voice matters at the school, county, state and even national level. The stronger the PTA at your school, the stronger that voice becomes with regards to issues like safety, class size and bond measures.

#3: You'll tap into a network. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, to build relationships and discuss issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences to make the school year better for everyone.

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#4: You can be part of the solution. By getting involved at Sherwood you can help make positive changes. Our PTA plays a critical role in fundraising through our Annual Fund to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs and social events.

#5: You can meet other parents. The common bond we share is that we care about creating the best possible educational experience at Sherwood for our kids. We are neighbors and peers and as a result, many friendships are forged via this connection.

#6: Your child will feel a sense of pride. Being part of our PTA will, in most cases, make your kids proud of you. They may not admit it, but they will feel proud that their parents are involved in improving the school's well-being.

#7: You can have fun while doing good stuff. You will be hanging out with a great bunch of people whose common goal is to create the best school experience for our kids. Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers the whole family can attend.

#8: It's flexible. Not a lot of time? There are a variety of small ways parents can help and be involved. It only takes a little commitment to make a big difference.

#9: You can share your skills. Every parent has a skill set that they can bring to the PTA and Sherwood, whether it's from your career, hobbies or just commitment of time. Your child will beam, knowing you're helping out.

#10: You can show that you care. By becoming a member of our PTA, you'll be a role model and demonstrate to your child the importance you place on their education as well as on being involved in their world.

PTA Membership forms are available in the Main Office and at Back to School Night. Family membership is \$25 if paid by cash or check and \$27 if paid online (PayPal fees).

We have several new members on the PTA Board this year, as well as several past Board members who are always available to answer any questions. We will introduce ourselves in person and through our newsletter so you can recognize us in the halls. We are planning for a fun and meaningful year ahead and cannot wait to meet your family.

In order to stay informed please see the various options below:

§ Join the PTA listserv by sending an e-mail to sherwoodelempta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

§ Read the monthly PTA e-newsletter The FRENZY for news, events and important dates

§ Email us at sesptamd@gmail.com

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- § “Like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sherwoodespta
- § Look for PTA updates in Mrs. Brewer’s newsletter
- § Look for flyers in your child’s backpack “Kid Mail” about upcoming events

Some important upcoming dates for you to be aware of are:

Kindergarten Playdate at Little Gym in Olney – Sunday, August 25 from 9-10:30am

Bring your budding Kindergartener for an energetic outlet while you get to know the other new families.

Open House – Friday, August 30 from 10-11am

Open House is the opportunity to come meet your child’s teacher, see their new classroom and drop off any school supplies or teacher supplies ahead of the first day of class. It is a free-flowing, come and go as you like event with no formal gathering.

First Day of School! – Tuesday, September 3 from 9:25a to 3:50p

Back to School Picnic – Friday, September 6 from 6-8pm

Pack a basket and a blanket and bring your family for a fun social evening getting to know the Sherwood community. There will be food trucks in case you’d rather treat yourself to dinner and spirit wear for purchase.

Back to School Night – Thursday, September 26 from 6:30-8pm

Come meet the PTA and Staff then head off to your child’s class to learn a bit about what to expect from the school year from their teacher.

We look forward to a wonderful school year. If you have any questions, or want to get involved, please contact us sesptamd@gmail.com.

Warmly,

Kim Zelo

PTA President

School Information

Address:

1401 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

Phone and Fax Numbers:

Phone: 240-740-0960

Fax: 301-924-3294

Administration:

Principal- Mrs. Dina Brewer

Email- dina_e_brewer@mcpsmd.org

Assistant Principal- Dr. Nikisha Blackmon

Email- nikisha_1_blackmon@mcpsmd.org

School Hours: 9:25 am - 3:50 pm

Students may not arrive prior to 9:00am when adult supervision begins

Early Dismissal: 1:15pm

School Mascot: The Sherwood Shark - “Finn”

School Colors: Blue and Gold

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Sherwood Elementary School's Vision, Mission, & PBIS/Restorative Justice

Sherwood Vision

To provide rigorous instruction in a safe, inclusive environment of collaboration, respect and high expectations.

Sherwood Mission

We are a community of professionals focused on student achievement. We are here to teach students to be critical thinkers. We are committed to sharing best practices and reflecting on our teaching in order to provide rigorous instruction to all students.

PBIS and Restorative Justice

Beginning the 2019-2020 school year Sherwood Elementary School will be implementing Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Restorative Justice.

- PBIS is a data-driven decision making FRAMEWORK for establishing the social culture and behavioral supports needed to establish an effective learning environment for ALL of our students.
- Restorative Justice is a powerful approach to discipline that focuses on repairing harm through inclusive processes that engage all stakeholders. Restorative justice takes an approach that resolves conflict and prevents harm. Restorative justice enables those who have been harmed to convey the impact of the harm to those responsible, and for those responsible to acknowledge this impact and take steps to put it right.

Sherwood Elementary Faculty

Principal: Dina Brewer

Administrative Secretary: Karin Muise

Kindergarten

Gandel, Catherine (TL)

Kelly, Stephanie

Lewis, Michelle

Grade 1

Goldberg, Samantha

Keyes, Nazneen (TL)

Sachs, Theresa

Critelli

Grade 2

Better, Jenny (TL)

Bykowski, Jessica

Son, May

Grade 3

Yoon, HanNa (TL)

Melan, Karoline

Salah, Danielle

Grade 4

Schneider, Nicole (TL)

Byrnes, Kaitlin

Papalia, Meighan

Grade 5

Gaske, Michelle (TL)

Neely, Jennifer

Rotter, Lisa

Williams, Dwayne

Arts Teachers

Brooks, Lisa - Instrumental Music

Gloff, Griffin - PE

Brent Weingard - PE

Harhai, Karen- Media

Lopez, David – Music

Veronica Timm - Music

Padgett, Erin- Art

Jackie Durham - Art

Special Education

Assistant Principal: Nikisha Blackmon

Attendance Secretary: MaryAnn Rossi

Callan, Alicia – SCB

Ruiz, Katie – Autism

Sibal, Sarah – Autism

Wood, Austyn – Autism

Bergman, Heather - PEP

Demarest, Ashley - PEP

Mitchell, Sydni - PEP

Nance, Angela – PEP Parent Cord.

Home School Model

Cuellar, Tiffany (TL)

Hongmanivanh, Sommany

Dann, Rosemary

Speech

McCullough, Emily

Singh, Audry

Physical Therapist

Marriott, Dave - PEP

Uzzell, Shawn

Staff Development

Wallenstein, Lora

Reading Specialist

Mack, Beth

Reading Initiative

Zammillo, Amanda

Counselor

Butler, Sandy

Psychologist

Dixon, Rona

Pupil Personnel Worker

Renae McPherson

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Sherwood Elementary Faculty (Continued)

Health Room

Rosen, Alexandra

Rocco, Lisa

Building Services

Barnes, Keith – Manager

Cespedes, Zenon

Franco, Pedro

Garcia, Maria

Ojo, Ibikunle

Lunch/Recess

Awkward, Dawn

Holmes, Alicia

Lovo, Ana

Matthews, Stacey

ESOL

Zagami, Erin

Occupational/Physical Therapists

Barth, Jacqueline

Johnson, Khadijah

Polon, Jody

liffman, Shira

Cafeteria

Masfar, Estualita - Manager

Zhao, Xia

Paraeducators

Jordan, Camille

Singley, Samantha

Rampersaud, Louise

Cronin, Jessica

Magro, Melisa

DeCastro, Kristine

Marks, Patti

Weiss, Hwieun

Diaz, Krysten

Mattie, Delroy

Wahl, Virginia

Dodd, Jeanne

Ehrlich, Kara

Medoff, Marilyn

Figueroa, Daisy

Fones, Whitney

Prestipino, Kerrie

Arthur, Chantel

Hammond, Raven

****TL- Team Leader***

2019-2020 LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change year-by-year.

Each classroom has a daily snack time that varies by classroom.

GRADE	LUNCH	RECESS
5	11:00-11:30	11:30-12:00
4	11:30-12:00	12:00-12:30
2	12:00-12:30	12:30-1:00
1	12:30-1:00	1:00-1:30
K	1:00-1:30	1:30-2:00
3	1:30-2:00	2:00-2:30

EARLY RELEASE LUNCH SCHEDULE

GRADE LEVEL	LUNCH
5	11:30-12:00
4	11:30-12:00
2	12:10-12:40
K	12:10-12:40
1	12:45-1:15
3	12:45-1:15

2 HOUR DELAY LUNCH SCHEDULE

GRADE LEVEL	LUNCH
5	11:30-12:00
4	12:00-12:30
2	12:30-1:00
1	1:00-1:30
K	1:30-2:00
3	2:00-2:30

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Homework Policy

Homework is given to students Monday-Thursday in both math and reading. The upper grade levels will also assign writing homework. Please see your child's classroom teacher for more specifics for each grade level.

Child Care Centers Serving the Sherwood Elementary School Area

- ❖ Sherwood Child Care Center- 301-570-6077
- ❖ Chesterbrook Academy- 301- 924-5919
- ❖ KinderCare- 301-774-0001
- ❖ Camp Sonshine- 301-476-8283

Sherwood Elementary School Website

On our website- <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/sherwoodes/> you find useful information that includes:

- ❖ Principal's page
- ❖ Bus Schedules
- ❖ School Supply Lists
- ❖ Grade level websites
- ❖ Counselor's website
- ❖ Instructional resources
- ❖ Online school payments
- ❖ Parent resources
- ❖ Before and Aftercare activities
- ❖ Upcoming events
- ❖ PTA website

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Sherwood Elementary 2019-2020 School Supply Lists

Students are encouraged to bring the following individual and organizational tools and personal supplies to school. Below is a complete list by grade level for your consideration.

Item	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Backpack (no wheels)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Binder, 3-ring, clear view, 1/2" (1)						
Binder, 3-ring, clear view, 1" (1)						
Binder, 3-ring, clear view, 2" (1)						
Binder, 3-ring, clear view, 2.5" (1)						
Binder, 3-ring, clear view, 3" (1)						X
Cards, index, white, ruled, 3" x 5" (1 pack)					X	
Clipboard, plastic (1)						
Composition book, hard cover (5)	X	X	X	X	X	
Composition book, soft cover (5)	X			X		
Composition book, primary-style (3)						X
Crayons, large (1 box)						
Crayons, regular (1 box, no boxes with sharpeners)	X	X	X	X	X	
Dividers, notebook, 1/5 cut, clear tabs (1 pack)	X					X
Erasers, large, latex free & Eraser Caps (1 pack each)	X					
Folders, pocket, 3 hole punched (5)	X	X	X		X	
Glue sticks, non-toxic, clear (3)	X	X	X	X	X	
Glue sticks, non-toxic, purple (3)						
Headphones, for computer use (1 set)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Highlighters, various colors (1 box)		X				X
Highlighters, yellow (1 box)						
Hole Reinforcements (1 pack)						
Markers, non-toxic, various colors, regular (1 box)	X	X	X		X	
Markers, non-toxic, various colors, large (1 box)						
Markers, dry erase, various colors (1 box)	X	X	X		X	X
Notebook, spiral, 1 subject, wide rule (1)	X					
Notebook, spiral, 3 subject, wide rule (1)						
Paper, notebook, 8.5"x11", wide rule, 3 hole punched						
Page protectors, plastic (1 pack)						
Paint, watercolor, 8 colors						
Pencil box (1)	X		X			
Pencils, #2 (1 box)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pencils, colored (1 box)	X	X	X		X	X
Pencils, fat (1 box)	X					
Pens, ball point, black (1 pack)					X	X
Pens, ball point, blue (1 pack)						
Pens, ball point, red (1 pack)						
Pouch, zippered for binder use (1)						X
Ruler, 12", millimeters/inches (1)						
Scissors, blunt tip (1)	X	X	X			
Scissors, pointed (1)						
Stickers, various (1 pack)						
Sticky Notes, 1.5"x2" (1 pack)						
Sticky Notes, 3"x3" (1 pack)				X	X	X
Sticky Notes, 3"x5" (1 pack)				X	X	
Whiteboard, dry-erase, 9"x12" (1)						

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2019	
26-30	Pre-Service Week
September 2019	
2	Labor Day Holiday- Schools & Offices Closed
3	First Day of School for Students
30	No School for Students and Teachers
October 2019	
4	Early Release for Students
9	No school for Students and Teachers
November 2019	
8	Early Release Day for Students/End of 1 st Quarter Planning
11	Early Release for Students
12	Early Release for Students
27	Early Release for Students
28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday- Schools and Offices Closed
December 2019	
23	No School for Students and Teachers
24-25	Christmas Holiday- Schools and Offices Closed
26-31	No School for Students and Teachers
January 2020	
1	New Year's Holiday- Schools and Offices Closed
20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday- Schools and Offices Closed
24	Early Release Day for Students/End of 2 nd Quarter Planning
27	Professional Day for Teachers- No School for Students
February 2020	
17	President's Day Holiday- Schools and Offices Closed
28	Early Release Day for Students
March 2020	
27	Early Release Day for Students/End of 3 rd Quarter Planning
April 2020	
6-9	No School for Students and Teachers
10-13	Easter Holiday- Schools and Offices Closed
28	No School for Students and Teachers
May 2020	
25	Memorial Day Holiday- Schools and Offices Closed
June 2020	
15	Last Day of School for Students/Early Release Day for Students
16	Professional Development Day for Teachers

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Our School Song- “Fins to the Left”
(Sung to the Tune of “Finns” by Jimmy Buffett)

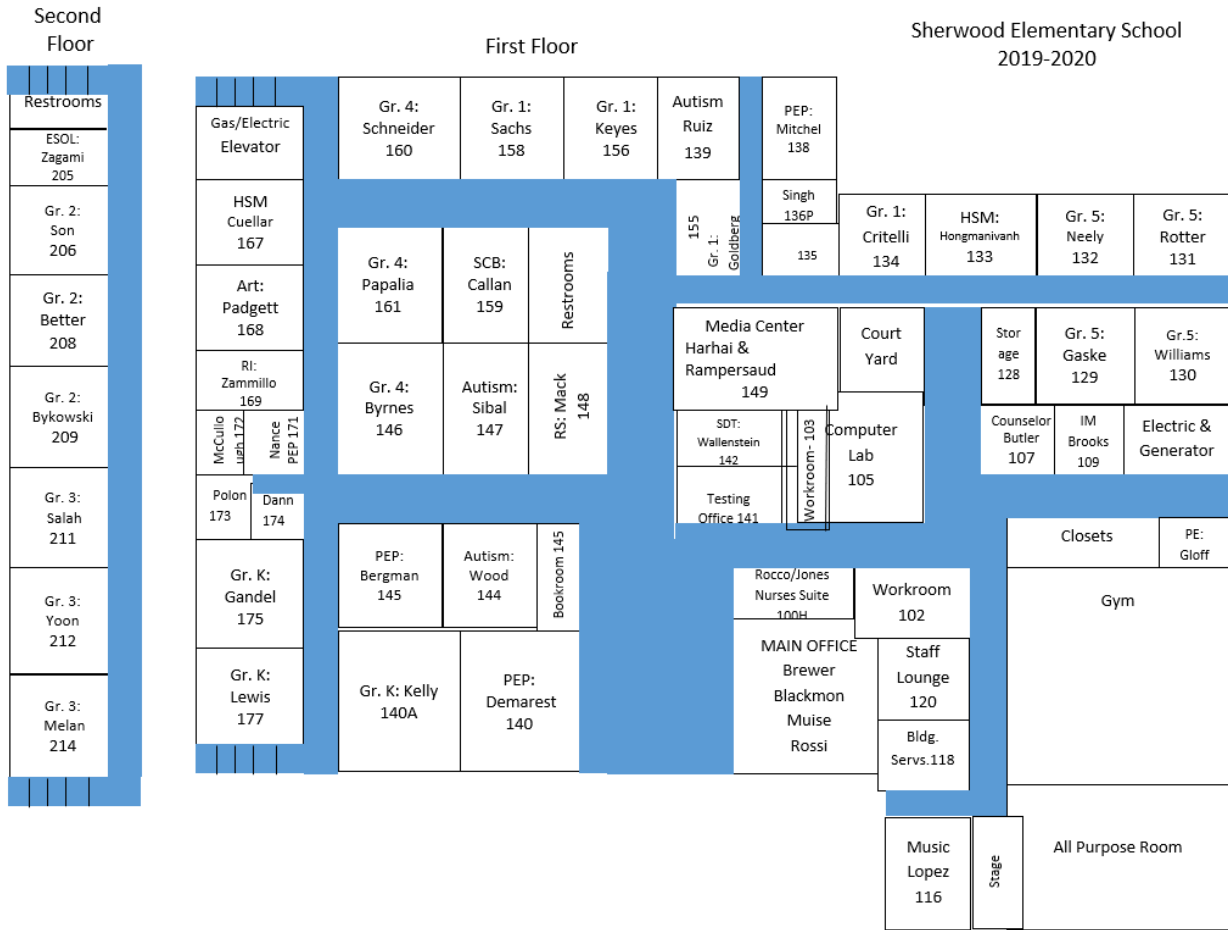
*We come down from our classrooms,
Looking for our Sherwood Sharks,
We hang out in the Sherwood Gym,
And we sing with all our hearts!*

*And now we're ready for our schoolwork,
And we always do our best,
We show our school spirit,
Sherwood Sharks are above the rest!*

Chorus:

*Can't you see us circlin', honey?
Can't you see us swimmin' around?
We've got fins to the left, fins to the right,
And we're the greatest school in town!*

Map of School



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