



Sherwood Forest Files

Home of the Archers



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Mrs. Owens, Assistant Principal
Ms. Bergstrom, Counselor
Mrs. Shields, Nurse

March 2023

Mrs. Hoover, Office Manager
Mrs. Borden, Data Secretary
Mrs. Rodriguez, Office Assistant/SNA
Ms. Pinkney, Family Liaison

Upcoming Events:

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| March 2 | Illahaee 6 th Grade Informational Night & 2 nd & 3 rd Choir Concert |
| March 3 | Spirit Day-Wild about Reading |
| March 3 | Popcorn Day |
| March 8 | Early Release @ 1:35 |
| March 9, 17 & 21 | Choir Practice @ 2:00 |
| March 10 | No School-Professional Development Day |
| March 14 | Spring Class Pictures |
| March 15 | Choice Enrollment Ends
PTA General Membership Mtg/Parent Advisory 6:00 |
| March 17 | Choir Practice 2:00
Archer Way Assembly 2:30 |
| March 23 | 5 th Grade Ukulele and Choir Concert @ 6:00 |
| March 28 | School Board Mtg 6:00 @ Illahaee |
| March 29 | School Advisory 2:05 |
| March 30, 31 | Scholar-Led Conferences-No School |
| April 3-7 | Spring Break-No School |

Our Shared Strategic Plan

Mission:

In an environment of high expectations, high support, and no excuses, the staff of Sherwood Forest Elementary School will continually learn, lead, utilize data,

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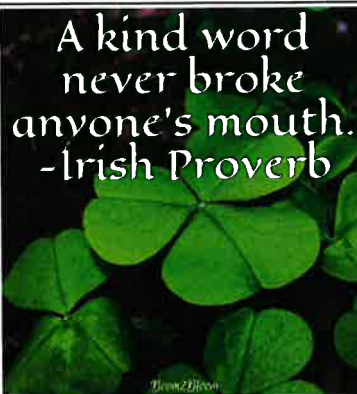
<http://www.fwps.org/sherwoodforest>

March 30th and March 31st -Scholar-Led Conferences

Watch for communication from your child's teacher for conference times and from Ms. Pinkney for interpreters.

What can parents do to prepare for these conferences?

1. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the conference with your child on the scheduled day.
2. Contact the school office right away if you need to reschedule the conference.
3. Note the celebrations, questions or concerns you want to discuss with the teacher, and bring those notes to the conference with you.
4. With your child, set goals and action plans for future achievement, and help him/her be accountable for follow-up.



March's Spanish Translation

Una palabra amable nunca a rotó la boca de nadie.

Translated by: Vanessa Rodriguez



Mrs. Boone-

She has been volunteering for many years at Sherwood Forest. She began donating her time many year ago, in her grandson's classroom. She continued to support our teachers, even though her grandson had moved onto middle school. We appreciate all the time that she dedicates to support teachers and students here in the Forest. Thank you



Mrs. Borland-

She has been in education for a number of years in various positions. This 2022-2023 school year, we are lucky to have her as our full-time guest teacher. She has substituted in almost every position in our school. She always takes on her assignment with a huge smile. We love having her here in the Forest. Thank you



February-Our volunteers have donated a total of 58 hours to Sherwood Forest. Thank you!!

Sherwood Forest Book Review by Cooper S. in Ms. Lavachek's classroom

Book Review Name: Cooper S.

Story Title: Axototl Adventure

The rating I give this book is:

 I did not like this book The book was ok I loved it!

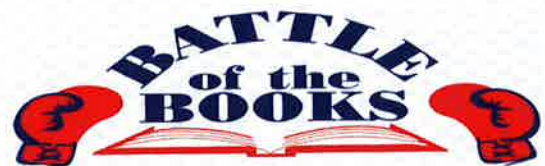
A picture of something that happened in the story:


An important event from the story:
He finds yellow
Axototl
And fights the dragon

Battle of the Books Practice

Tuesday and Thursday @ 2:05

District Battle of the Books Wednesday, May 10th @ 6:30-Location-Todd Beamer





March is National Nutrition Month!

In celebration of National Nutrition Month, I thought I would share an easy and delicious recipe that you and your child can make together. Bon Appetite!

Raspberry Banana Breakfast Tacos

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/raspberry-banana-breakfast-tacos/>



Ingredients

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup whole wheat flour (or just use another ¾ cup of all-purpose flour)
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons bake powder
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup cream cheese, softened
- 3 tablespoons vanilla yogurt
- 1 small banana, sliced
- 1 cup of fresh raspberries

Instructions

1. Whisk together flours, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. In a separate bowl, combine egg, milk, canola oil and vanilla; stir in dry ingredients just until moistened
2. Preheat a griddle or large pan over medium heat; lightly grease pan or griddle. Pour ½ cup full of batter onto griddle. Cook until it bubbles on top begin to pop and bottom is golden brown. Turn and cook second side is golden brown
3. Meanwhile, beat together cream cheese and yogurt. Spread over pancakes; top with banana slices and raspberries or other desired fruit

Nutrition Facts

1 taco: 429 calories, 17g fat, 71mg cholesterol, 651mg sodium, 59g carbohydrate, 11g protein

Vivian Shields, MS, BSN, RN
School Nurse for Sherwood Forest Elementary



April 3rd – April 7th

Active Learners:

3

**ENGAGED,
EMPOWERED
CRITICAL THINKERS**

Every student scholar will be empowered with ownership of their education and be fully engaged in becoming critical and creative thinkers.

Attendance is a predictor of scholar success, and can impact scholars' academic progress as early as kindergarten.

Scholars are at risk academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days. Once too many absences have occurred, they can affect learning, regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused.

- *Attending school on-time, all day, every day will give your child the best chance of graduating from high school.*
- *Starting in kindergarten, missing on average just two days a month, whether excused or unexcused, makes it more likely that your child will not meet academic standards in math and reading by 3rd grade.*
- *By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a scholar may drop out of high school.*
- *Absences can be a sign that a scholar is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.*
- *By 9th grade, regular attendance is a better predictor of high school graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.*

Attendance Matters

Every Day and Every Grade Level Counts!

Federal Way Public Schools believes daily class attendance is one of the most critical indicators for scholar success. Each school is committed to providing counseling services to assist with scholars' and families' social and emotional needs. Additionally, our district provides targeted supports for scholars in homeless situations. **Policies 3121/3122 and Procedure 3122P**

- Preschool is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Young children with poor attendance in preschool also lose out on valuable learning time and, if chronic absence continues into kindergarten, it can pull down academic achievement.
- Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and 1st grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of 3rd grade.
- By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a scholar will drop out.
- If your child has three unexcused absences in one month, state law (**RCW 28A.225.020**) requires we schedule a conference with you and your child.
- In elementary school, after five absences in any month, or 10 or more absences in the school year, the school district is required to contact you to schedule a conference. The purpose of this conference is to discuss barriers, resources, and academic supports for your scholar to complete missed assignments. A conference is not required if your child has provided a doctor's note, or pre-arranged the absence in writing, and plans are in place so your child does not fall behind academically.

- After seven unexcused absences in a month and no later than 15 unexcused absences in an academic year, the school district may file truancy petitions with the juvenile court.

The following are valid excuses for absences:

- Participation in a district or school approved activity or instructional program;
- Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical, counseling, dental, optometry, pregnancy, and in-patient or out-patient treatment for chemical dependency or mental health) for the student or person for whom the student is legally responsible;
- Family emergency, including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family;
- Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;
- Court, judicial proceeding, court-ordered activity or jury service;
- Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview;
- State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with **RCW 28A.225.055**;
- Absence directly related to the scholar's homeless or foster care/ dependency status;
- Absence resulting from a disciplinary/corrective action (e.g., short-term or long-term suspension, emergency expulsion imposed pursuant to **Chapter 392-400 WAC** if the student is not receiving educational services and is not enrolled in qualifying "course of study" activities as defined in **WAC 392-121-107**);
- Absences due to student safety concerns, including absences related to threats, assaults, or bullying;

Attendance Matters *(Continued)*

- Principal (or designee) and parent, guardian, or emancipated youth mutually agreed upon approved activity, consistent with district policy.

If you are not attending because someone is harassing, intimidating or bullying you, it has become a serious issue and it is time to enlist the assistance of an adult.

Good Attendance Strategies

Scholars who have good attendance are sure to do the following:

- Stay healthy, get plenty of sleep, eat a balanced diet, wash your hands regularly, and make sure you are up to date on your immunizations.
- Make a plan for good attendance. Keep a copy of your school calendar accessible.
- Ask your parents to make appointments outside of the school day or on non-school days.
- Know the time you need to arrive at your bus stop.
- Keep up on your school work. Scholars will often be anxious and tempted to miss school if they have not done their homework or studied for a test. Approach each day with confidence.

Washington State's Attendance Law

It is mandatory that all children eight years of age and under 18 years of age attend school. The child will have the responsibility to attend for the full time when school may be in session, unless the child is enrolled in an approved private school or is receiving home-based instruction. Once a child who is six or seven years old is in a public school, the child is then required to attend and that parent has the responsibility to ensure that the child attends school while it is in session. Exceptions may be granted by the

superintendent for children who are 15 years of age or older if the child has specific circumstances. The list is available at <http://bit.ly/2tuSOj2>.

Vacation & Extended Absences

- Pre-planned absences of more than two days require prior notice in writing and approval by an administrator at least three days prior to the absence. Requesting make-up work from the scholar's teachers at least three days in advance, and following established timelines to return the completed work, is the best way to ensure the scholar does not fall behind. Prearranged absences must be requested using the Prearranged Absence Form, available at every school and online. Please work directly with the school office to ensure the scholar's absence is recorded correctly and requests are submitted according to district procedure.
- **For pre-planned absences extending to or beyond 20 days, scholars and/or parent/ guardians are required to make an appointment with an administrator at the school prior to the absences occurring.** A scholar with 20 or more consecutive days of absences may be withdrawn from the school and may not be able to be placed back in the class or even the school in which they were previously enrolled. Please talk with your school administrator if you have additional questions or circumstances.
- Please try to schedule extended trips during scheduled school vacation periods (summer, winter, semester break and spring break).

Starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, chronic absence—missing 10 percent of the academic year—can leave third graders unable to read proficiently, sixth graders struggling with coursework, and high school scholars off track for graduation.

Attendance Works

Parent Strategies

- Only keep your child home if they are truly sick, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious rash.
- Avoid appointments and travel when school is in session.
- Keep track of your child's attendance. Missing more than 9 days, excused or unexcused, could put your child at risk of falling behind.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine; finish homework and pack backpacks the night before.
- Have a back-up plan in place with family members, neighbors, or other parents for getting your child to school in case something comes up.



Sherwood Forest PTA Newsletter

March 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 14 National Pi Day
- 15 PTA Meeting (6pm)
- 22 Restaurant Takeover
at Panera

April

- 3-7 Spring Break (No School)
- TBD Family Game Night

PTA MEETING

6:00-7:00 pm
Sherwood Forest
Cafeteria



Childcare is available and we'll be serving pizza!

CELEBRATE PI DAY MARCH 14

Show our staff how much they are appreciated by dropping off a Pi(e) - any kind - at the front office.

Meat ~ Apple ~ Cherry ~ Gluten Free



Be your kid's biggest fan.

Be PTA.

Join PTA!

<https://mp.gg/zeipc>

2022-23 PTA Board Members

President: Jennifer Youngblood
VP/Secretary: Tammy Clever
Treasurer: Laura Bisbee

Open Positions: Membership Chair

Have a question? Contact PTA at
pta4sf@gmail.com

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

20% of sales will benefit
SHERWOOD FOREST PTA-FEDERAL WAY

March 22, 2023
6:00 am to 9:00 pm PDT
2107 South 320th Street

In Cafe • Drive-Thru • Pick-Up • Delivery
Enter promo code **FUND4U** at online checkout.

Panera
FUNDRAISING

PAST EVENTS

SKATE NIGHT SUCCESS!!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Family Skate Night of the year on February 7th.

There were 209 skaters on the floor, raising **\$209** which helps support our family fun events at school. Amazing!



Join us at our next Family Skate Night on **Tuesday, May 23rd!**



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Federal Way, WA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For Sherwood Forest PTA to continue operating, we **MUST HAVE** volunteers to support these two committees:

- Financial Review Committee
- Nominating Committee



Additionally, we need volunteers for:

- Teaching art lessons in classrooms (**Art Docent**)
- Family Game Night (April TBD)
- Planning and/or helping day of for **5th Grade celebration** (June 16)

If you are interested in helping or need more information before deciding, contact us at pta4sf@gmail.com.

PTA FINANCIALS

For the month of January 2023

Budget Heading	Jan Income	Jan Expenses	YTD	Comments
Membership	\$12	\$0	\$92	1 New Member!
Fundraising	\$254	\$0	\$2,054	Box Tops for Education
Enrichment	\$0	-\$2,797	-\$1,713	Scholastic Book Fair
Community Outreach	\$301	\$0	\$696	Panda Express; Popcorn Fridays
Recognition	\$0	-\$300	-\$310	Staff Subsidies
PTA Operations	\$0	\$0	-\$1,370	
TOTAL	\$567	-\$3,097	-\$550	

Did You Know?

The intention of our budget is to raise only enough money needed to cover expenses.

In Community Outreach, this includes fundraising events like Restaurant Takeovers, which help fund Family Fun Nights, keeping the school events free! With successful fundraiser, we have money to spend on planning events, but we need your help!

To learn more about PTA and how you can help, join us at our next PTA meeting on March 15th!

FUNDRAISING

RESTAURANT TAKEOVER

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Red Robin on February 22nd to raise funds for our Family Fun Nights at school, keeping these events free!

All of your support raised **\$159.20!**



Join us on **March 22** for our next takeover at Panera!

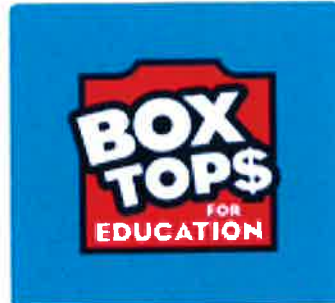
PASSIVE FUNDRAISING

Passive fundraising is a method of fundraising that allows supporters to generate revenue for the causes they care about by taking actions they were likely going to anyway. These earnings help fund our staff subsidy program for classroom books, supplies and programs like music, physical education, speech and ELL resources. Thank you for your support!

Support Sherwood Forest Elementary by participating in Box Tops for Education.

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

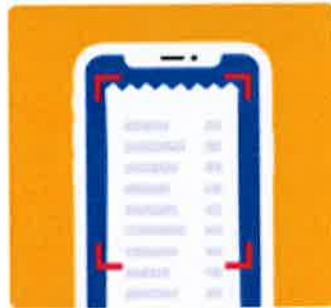
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