

Sherwood PTA ...What We Do

“Sherwood’s PTA is responsible for so many extras at school—that they aren’t really “extras” at all...they’re essentials!” These “extras” includes special events, programs, special projects and student activities.

Special Events:

Bookfairs

The book fairs are a wonderful opportunity for families to purchase quality children’s literature during conference days. A large variety of children’s books are available.

Breakfast with Santa

Sherwood families can enjoy a hot breakfast with all the trimmings before meeting the Jolly Old Elf himself.

Santa Shop

In conjunction with Breakfast with Santa, children can traverse through the Santa Shop where they can buy reasonably-priced gift items.

Carnival

This committee plans the major social event of the school year. It’s fun for the whole family with booths, food and games.

Bid-N-Buy

This annual event features a silent auction of donated items, plus a raffle for the popular teacher packages.

Father/Daughter Social

All fathers are invited to bring their daughter(s) for a fun-filled evening of dancing, snacks and a special time.

Field Day

Children participate in a variety of fun-filled events the last day of school.

Fine Arts Day

This program explores aspects of art with a different theme each year. The P.T.A. provides a luncheon for artists and coordinates the event with the art teacher.

Mother/Son Social

All mothers are invited to bring their son(s) for a fun-filled evening of dancing, snacks and a special time.

Mother’s Day Plant Sale

In the spring, children can search through beautiful flowers and a small selection of vegetables to find the perfect plant for their Mom with a limit of two plants per student.

Programs:

Fine Arts Program

This program provides Sherwood students with enriching arts events that many of them might otherwise never experience, including experiencing Cincinnati Children's Theatre, the Cincinnati Ballet, The Cincinnati Symphony and puppet show performances by a well-known local puppeteer!

Forest Hills Instrumental Music Association (FHIMA)

This is a district-wide program that coordinates musical events. Forest Hills District calendars and coupon books are sold and an annual spaghetti dinner is held to raise funds for the musical program.

Friday Packets

Once a week, school announcements, fliers and the monthly newsletter (when applicable) are sent home via e-mail to each family. For families needing paper copies, volunteers assemble packets on Thursday mornings for Friday distribution.

Landscaping

This committee coordinates the Mother’s Day plant sale in the spring and performs periodic cleanup and planting around the school grounds.

Library Volunteers

Volunteers assist media center personnel in various tasks, including shelving books, helping students check out materials and assisting teachers with media equipment.

Market Day

This fundraising earns Sherwood a percentage on quality food products.

Parent Communication Network

The Parent Communication Network (PCN) is a group of parents dedicated to the goal of encouraging children to enjoy life without the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The PCN, in cooperation with the Forest Hills Council of PTAs, works to support parents in maintaining safe homes by discouraging the unhealthy and illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; and assisting children with making responsible decisions.

Room Representatives

Each class has a room representative who assists the teacher with parties and provides help when needed. Emergency forms are handled by the room reps in the event of a school closing.

School Spirit/Spirit Wear

The P.T.A. plans different fun days throughout the year, such as Bengals’ Day, Reds’ day or School Color Day. Spiritwear is also sold.

SCORE (Sherwood Community Offers Respect to Everyone)

This program teaches students about handicaps and disabilities.

StoryMates

Sherwood Elementary’s Storymates volunteers read with children for 1 or 2 hours per week. Sessions begin in late October and training is provided.

Volunteers In Education (VIE)

Volunteers are always needed for a variety of jobs. VIEs have the opportunity to work directly with faculty, staff and students, and make valuable contributions to the quality of education at Sherwood. If you wish to work at any particular event for which you have not previously indicated an interest, please call and volunteer your time.

Special Projects:

Sherwood PTA provides funding and/or volunteer support for many special projects at Sherwood Elementary.

Staff Appreciation

The P.T.A. celebrates the staff in appreciation for their dedication to Sherwood and our children.

Safety/Bus Driver Appreciation

This committee handles all safety and health-related events, including the bus driver appreciation week.

Student Aid Drives

This committee coordinates food and clothing drives throughout the year.

Student Scholarships / Remedial Education

The PTA provides financial assistance to help defray the costs for some students who need remedial education.

Principal's Special Project Fund

This special funding is used, at the principal's discretion, to purchase special items or services for the school.

School Directory

The Sherwood Elementary School Directory is published in the fall by the PTA. It is free to members and a benefit of PTA membership.

Annual Magnetic Calendar

This school calendar is sent out to all Sherwood families at the beginning of each school year and is paid for by the PTA as a gift to the school.

Student Activities:

4th Grade Field Trip

Sherwood PTA provides funding to help offset expenses for this special trip.

5th Grade Play

PTA provides financial support to help organize this amazing event.

6th Grade Activities

District-wide events are planned for the sixth-grade students. There are also separate events planned for only the Sherwood sixth-graders. Gold C coupon books and Entertainment books are sold to raise money for the activities.

Reflections

Children with artistic aspirations have a chance to put their talents to the test in *Reflections*—a national P.T.A. program for children to express themselves through art, literature or music. Students can compete in four categories: Visual Arts, Music, Literature and Photography. All entries must relate to the theme. Entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, and interpretation of the theme. Each entry must be the work of one student only. Adults may not alter, change or enhance the creative integrity of a student's work. Age categories include: Primary (preschool-2nd grade), Intermediate (3rd-5th grade), Middle/Junior (6th-8th grade) and Senior (9th-12th grade). Students must be enrolled in a Forest Hills school.

Yearbook

Each year Sherwood publishes a yearbook for the students. The PTA provides funding for film and film development.