



Jesse Sherwood Elementary School
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Alice Buzanis, Principal



August 6, 2025

Dear Sherwood Parents & Guardians:

Welcome back to school! I am very enthusiastic about the 2025-2026 school year. I hope all of you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break with family and friends and are prepared for a very exciting and successful year at Jesse Sherwood Elementary.

A big THANK YOU to all of our amazing parents and guardians for your dedication to our children last year and going above and beyond in so many ways! It was your dedication, partnership and commitment to our children that made last year so great. I greatly appreciate all of you and look forward to continuing our progress as a team this school year.

The EOY test scores showed many gains, but we definitely have a lot of work ahead of us and we need your help and partnership. **We especially have to work on attendance** and making sure our children are here each and every day. I know as a team we will increase in our measures and elevate our school to being one of the best schools in the City of Chicago! I am very optimistic with our amazing team and with our careful planning this summer that we are going to accomplish many gains this school year, especially in these areas.

We will continue to have many fantastic opportunities offered for our students. We plan to engage our students in superior instruction, school-wide interventions and other school programs, I know that our children will be successful because of you and the amazing team at Sherwood. We will discuss all of our upcoming initiatives in more detail during our Open House, Monthly Meetings and other events we are planning for the upcoming year. Please continue to monitor our website and your emails. I will also send home monthly newsletters and reminders throughout the year.

At the end of last school year and through the summer, we were sad to see some of our wonderful staff members retire and some of them move on to other schools. I am however very excited to welcome new Sherwood family members and look forward to working with them this school year. As always, I will strive to make this an exceptional year for the entire Sherwood team. I feel very strong about making all of you feel a close bond to the school. My goal is to make sure each and every one of our children shine this school year and be supportive of their individual needs and academic success.

I look forward to another wonderful school year and seeing you soon. Students should arrive at their starting time and be in attendance each and every day. Our school begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Early dismissals are highly discouraged since it takes away from our children's learning. For safety reasons and CPS policy no one can be in the building before 9:00 a.m. and all students must be picked up on time. All students should enter and exit through the following doors:

Door 1 (Main Door) 2nd-8th
Door 4 (Wells/57th) Pk-1st
Door 5 (Bus Students only) All grades with Transportation

ONLY Pre-School parents can pick up their children at the end of the day by proceeding to their child's room through Door 4.

Please make sure your child wears a black or purple top and black bottoms each and everyday. PreK-2nd grade teachers should have a change of clothes for students in their bookbag in case they need it please.

Teachers and staff will begin their school year on Monday, August 11 and they will post their supply list at that time. Again, continue to monitor the website and they will also email you their list and expectations next week.

Parking is available only on the street and at Sherwood Park in their parking lot. There is no parking allowed in the back, side or on the school property. PLEASE DO NOT PARK in the FRONT or SIDE of the building. We have a number of busses dropping off and picking up children and the SIDE especially MUST BE CLEAR.

Have a great rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you soon beginning the week of August 11, 2025 (see attached 2025-2026 calendar) and your child's room number and teacher name listed below.

Sincerely Yours,

Alice Buzanis

Principal

Website: <http://www.sherwood.cps.edu>

773-535-0829 (Main Number)

773-535-0775 (Enrollment)

Teachers

Pre-School

Ross, Stephanie & Williams, Sandra (106) Full Day
Perry, Trina & Laurenzana, Vanessa (105) Full Day
Stewart, Lida (102) Half Day Program AM & PM

K 109—Ms. Jessika Alcantar
1st 111---Ms. Lilly Wang
2nd 116---Ms. Tiffany Booker
3rd 213---Ms. Juanique Donald
4th 216---Ms. Amy Valfre (Math/Science)
5th 218---Ms. Valarie Osborne (Reading/Social Studies)
6th 202---Mr. Nicholas Beattie (Science)

6th 204---Ms. Margaret Rockwood (ELA)
7th 206---Mr. David Walls (Social Studies)
8th 203---Ms. Cynthia Troutman (Mathematics)

Special Education Teachers

Ms. Gwendolyn Wiley – 107
Ms. Jamie Garti - 217
Ms. Loretta Barnett - 207
Ms. Eva Catapilitan - 215
Ms. Crystal Going 205

Holistic Teachers

Art Ms. Danielle Fairchild - 209
PE Mr. Eric David - Gym
Spanish Mr. Juan Clavijo Garcia - 201
Technology Coordinator – Mr. Jamal Brown - 201

Coordinators/Leads

Ms. Collins- Retired Teacher/Adm - 118
Ms. Gray, Case Mgr/Assessments - 118
Maria G. Reyes – ELPT - Library
Markita Anderson, Coach/Interventions - Library
Kenard Johnson, Security & Sports Administrator

Student Wellness Staff Room 118

Case Management Team Ms. Gray & Ms. Collins
Social Worker - Ms. Verhasselt - 118
Health Svc. Nurse - Ms. Bonner118
Physical Therapist - Ms. Willis 118
Occupational Therapist - Ms. Stephens
Speech Ms. Bernstein - 118
Psychologist – Ms. Champion 118

Counselors

Ms. Danielle Beal– 200
Ms. Brown Counselor-100A

Safety & Security & Sports Director - Kenard Johnson

