



# NPCS Eagle Express



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## Upcoming Events

**Gr. 9 Grad - 7:30 pm**  
- June 3

**Home Group  
Assembly - 9:00am**  
- June 7

**Band Concert- 3:15pm**  
- June 17

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Drika;

I'm glad that you came safely back home from Ontario last night. It's amazing how many funny looks I get when I tell people that my dear wife has left me and gone home to her mother. I've had to explain a few times that your mother is a wonderful lady who deserves a visit from time to time and, besides, you also stayed with Adriana and the grandchildren.

Of course, you did miss some wonderful excitement at NPCS while you were away. You would have loved the celebrations at our Awards Assembly last Thursday: it was good to recognize the gifts and contributions of the children of the King at NPCS. On Thursday we also celebrated the completion of the Grade 6 DARE program with presentations and cake. Oh, and you would have been blown away by the Drama students in their performance of the Cinderella story. They were sooo good and had sooo much fun!

Unfortunately, you'll also miss the Grade 9 Graduation this week Friday. It's always so amazing to see how grownup the Grade 9 students are for that evening! And, yes, then there's that other kind of excitement. We had an incident with an intruder at the school last week and had a good opportunity to see if our staff would do the right things in a critical situation: they were superb and the children were in no danger at any time. However, the incident did help to speed up a couple of security measures at the school: maintenance people are working on making our doors more secure and installing a much-needed security camera by the front entrance.

On a different note, Drika, I had the privilege last week of attending Jack VandenPol's retirement from Central Alberta Christian High. I recall his first year at that school with just 7 students whose parents had a lot of faith that God wanted a Christian high school in Lacombe. Jack really didn't think he'd be there for much more than a year. Twenty-two years of blessings later, the school, with more than a hundred students, is doing fine and Jack is finally retiring. Do you remember five Junes ago when we were surprised to hear the call to come to Neerlandia? Well, today begins my fourth June at NPCS, and I'm still enjoying myself. This school and community really grow on you because it really is a place where we experience God's blessings on His children. I don't think I'll last 22 years here, but I'm certainly looking forward to next year and its unique challenges. (Every year does bring its own, doesn't it?)

We have a lot of good reasons to praise God for the year that is now coming to a close, and I don't need to tell you again that I am truly thankful that God has brought me to Neerlandia to be a servant in this community. Yes, the kids, the teachers and the supporting community are amazing! Even with the occasional issue that we may wish had gone differently, we have been blessed with a terrific school year.

Drika, I know that you will join the Neerlandia community in prayer that we will find a terrific teacher to take over Maureen Fiebich's shared Grade 2 position. Maureen has served and blessed this school and community faithfully for many, many years and still brings a smile to her classroom

every day. At the same time we are really grateful that Brenda Gelderman will be taking over Sandra Olthuis' half-time library position. Sandra has also been a wonderful blessing to this school and community. We pray that God will bless both Sandra and Maureen as, after the end of June, they set out in new paths and opportunities of service. I'll come home right after Grad on Friday. I've missed you a lot for the last two weeks and it'll be good to cuddle up on the couch together again.

Love,  
Gary

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

### STAFF CHANGES FOR 2011/2012

We are somewhat sad to report that one of our long-time teachers will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Maureen Fiebich, our part-time Grade 2 teacher, who has taught in our school division for 22 years, will be moving on to other pursuits or maybe more relaxation. We wish her God's blessing in her future endeavours.

We will be hiring a new teacher to take over Mrs. Fiebich's duties as part-time Grade 2 teacher. The interviewing process has begun, so we ask for your prayers that we will find the right person to serve at NPCCS.

Mrs. Sandra Olthuis will also be retiring as a Library Assistant. We hope she will have more time to spend with her precious grandchildren and travel more at her leisure.

Mrs. Brenda Gelderman will be taking over Mrs. Olthuis duties in the Library and continue as a part-time Program Assistant as well. Congratulations Mrs. Gelderman!

#### **FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MRS. FIEBICH:**

I can't let this opportunity pass without sending out a fond farewell to everyone with whom I have crossed paths during my time at NPCCS. All good things must come to an end and as many of you know, I will be retiring at the end of June.

To the parents, thank you for trusting me with your children. As they have grown and learned, so have I.

Your ongoing support and encouragement has been appreciated and treasured.

I will leave the school and community with fond memories to last a lifetime and I will continue to spread the word about the unique and special place NPCCS continues to be.

I trust that God will continue to bless the school - community and the work and learning that goes on there.

*Mrs. Maureen Fiebich*





## CALENDAR FOR 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Attached to this newsletter is a list of important dates for next year including our Alternate Days, etc. Please note that Pembina Hills is continuing with 'early dismissals'. On the last Wed. of 6 out of the 10 months, the students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. This extra time will be used for staff professional development. You will also note that we have 2 PD Days right at the beginning of Dec. (Thurs./Fri.). This calendar will also be placed in the student agendas that they will receive in the fall.

## JR. HIGH FINAL EXAMS



Attached to this newsletter is our Jr. High Final Exam Schedule for June. Please pay close attention to the schedule and times for when the students are writing these finals.

Here is a list of Provincial Achievement Tests that will be written for Gr. 3, 6 & 9 students.

PATs:

June 14 - Gr. 3 ELA(B) & Gr. 6 Soc. Studies

June 15 – Gr. 6 ELA (B)

June 16 – Gr. 3 Math & Gr. 6 Math

June 17 – Gr. 6 Science

June 22 – Gr. 9 ELA (Bart B)

June 23 – Gr. 9 Science

June 24 – Gr. 9 Math

June 27 – Gr. 9 Soc. Studies

All of the PATs are written first thing in the morning and most are allotted 1 hour time limit (some exceptions for Gr. 9 PATs). Please ensure the students are well rested for these exams.

## SCHOOL START SUPPLY KITS



*School Supply Starter  
Kits – orders due by  
June 15, 2011*

All K-Gr. 5 students should have received a letter and school supply list for the next school year. You can place an order online ([www.schoolstart.ca](http://www.schoolstart.ca)) or by returning the order form to school. Deadline for orders is **June 15/11** and the packages will be available to be picked up before school begins, between Aug. 22-25 (9-4) at the school.

This is **NOT MANDATORY**, just an optional way to purchase your school supplies. Regular supply lists will be sent home with report cards at the end of June.

If you have any questions, or didn't receive your list from your child, please feel free to give us a call at 780-674-5581.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



*Grade 9 Graduation  
Friday, June 3rd  
Program: 7:30 pm*

*Home Group  
Assembly  
9:00 AM  
Tuesday, June 7*



*Band Concert  
June 17, 3:15 pm*

### GRADE 9 GRAD

Our Grade 9 Grad will be held on Fri., June 3. Parents and staff will enjoy a catered meal at 6:00 p.m.

**EVERYONE** is invited to attend the program to follow the meal, at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

### JUNE HOME GROUPS/ASSEMBLY

Our final Home Group meetings and assembly will take place on **Tuesday, June 7**. The assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the gym and everyone is welcome to attend.

### JR. HIGH BAND CONCERT

To finish off the year with a ‘bang’ the Jr. High Band will be presenting a short concert on **Friday, June 17 at 3:15 pm**. (approximately 40 min.) in the gym. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### PIONEER DAYS

Our Grade 2 students will be enjoying some Pioneer Day activities plus a picnic lunch and a visit to the Barrhead Museum on Mon., June 20.

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### FIELD TRIPS

We have several field trips coming up during the month of June. Here is the list of our June trips.



June 9 - PHSSAM (Gr. 4-6 Track meet) at Clyde School  
June 9 - Grade 7 Fort Edmonton Trip  
June 9 - Grade 9 Whirlwind tour of Edmonton  
June 16 -Kindergartens' Edmonton Zoo trip  
June 17- Grade 4 Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Trip  
June 20 - Grade 2 Barrhead Museum visit  
June 21 - Grade 6 Camp He Ho Ha  
June 21 - Kindergarten Year-end party  
June 22 - Grade 4-6 Swim at Barrhead Pool (PM)  
June 24 - Grade 1-3 Swim at Barrhead Pool (PM)  
June 29 - July 1: Gr. 9 Backpacking trip

# FUNDRAISERS

## GR. 5 HOT LUNCH TOMORROW



Grade 5 class will be hosting a **Pizza Bun Lunch** on Thurs., **June 2**. The order forms were sent home last week. \*Note: No late orders will be accepted as we need to pre-order the milk, etc.

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## NPCSC/NCES NEWS

We are once again asking for nominations to replace three outgoing members - Geraldine Wierenga, Jannie Slomp and Andy Strydhorst (community representative). If you, or someone you know would like to be part of the Parent Council, please contact one of the members. Our next meeting is set for June 27, 2011 at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of us.

### **NPCS Council Committee members:**

Geraldine Wierenga (chairperson)	780-674-4987
Wes Wierenga (vice-chairperson)	780-674-4760
Erin Nanninga (secretary)	780-674-4268
Dave Hospers (treasurer)	780-674-8872
Jannie Slomp	780-674-6937
Sonja deWaal	780-674-6515
Andy Strydhorst (community rep)	780-674-3987

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## LIBRARY NEWS



### **Scholastic Bookfair (May 30 – June 2)**

**The Bookfair is still happening today & tomorrow (June 1 & 2) – come see the exciting books we have to offer!**  
**(Library is open tonight, Wed., from 7:00 – 9:00)**

If parents come in, they may enter their family into a draw for \$25.00 for books. Also, any family that spends \$25.00 will get a Stuffy Puppy (book & small stuffed dog).

Thanks to all of you who have supported our Scholastic Bookfair. The monies raised provide a boost to our book collection. Also thanks to our volunteers who make sure that the fair purchasing is "hassle-free".

### Parents:

ALL Library books are to be returned by June 20th! Please ensure all you children's books have been brought back by that date! If a book is not returned you will be charged the LOST book fee. We are proud of our students who rarely have damaged or lost items! Thanks parents for good training on book care and the importance of returning items on time! Our Library is open on Thursdays during the summer from **10:00-7:00**. Barrhead Public Library is also open throughout the summer and provides some children's programming. You can check the libraries' websites or phone!

### **June Library Hours**

*Monday-Thursday*  
*9:00-12; 1:00-4:30*  
*Wednesday Evenings*  
*7:00-9:00*  
*Friday, June 17, 24*  
*9:00-12:00; 1:00-4:30*

**Closed Wednesday,  
June 29 for Staff  
Meeting**

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### NEERLANDIA FUN HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Due to a game scheduling meeting in the beginning of Sept, we will be having registration on **June 14 from 4 – 5 pm at the Neerlandia skating shack**, so that we can have our teams made and organized. **MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!!**



**\* We will be accepting children from the ages of 6 (as of January 1, 2012) to Grade 12 students**

**Please have your child's 'Alberta Health Care' number with you**

We will be starting another season of Fun Hockey approximately the beginning of November. Practices will be held at the Linaria hockey arena on Fridays, starting at 4:00pm, and we will have scheduled games on Saturdays.

Also we will need of coaches!!! Coaching duties can be shared if you can't make every Friday.

If you are able to help out in any way or have any questions, please call **Ramona DeVries - 4308 or Jannie Slomp - 6901**

## JUNE

<i>June 3</i>	<i>Grade 9 Graduation, 7:30 pm</i>
	<b><i>Alternate Day</i></b>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Home Groups &amp; Assembly (9:00 am)</i>
<i>June 9</i>	<i>PHSSAM (gr. 4-6) at Clyde</i>
	<i>Gr. 7 &amp; Gr. 9 Edmonton Field Trips</i>
<i>June 10</i>	<b><i>Alternate Day</i></b>
<i>June 14-22</i>	<i>Gr. 3, 6 &amp; 9 PATs (see separate list)</i>
<i>June 17</i>	<i>Gr. 4 Ukrainian Village Field Trip</i>
	<i>Jr. High Band Concert, 3:15 p.m.</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Gr. 2 Barrhead Museum Trip</i>
<i>June 21</i>	<i>Gr. 6 Camp He Ho Ha Trip</i>
	<i>Kindergarten Wind-up Party (last K day)</i>
<i>June 22</i>	<i>Gr. 4-6 Swim (PM)</i>
<i>June 22-27</i>	<i>Jr. High Final Exams includes PATs</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>Gr. 1-3 Swim (PM)</i>
<i>June 28</i>	<b><i>Last student day</i></b>
	<b><i>Report Cards to go home with Elementary</i></b>
<i>June 29</i>	<i>Jr. High Report Cards to be mailed out</i>
	<i>- Last Staff Day</i>
<i>June 29 - July 1</i>	<i>Gr. 9 Backpacking Trip</i>



