



# Neerlandia Eagle Express Newsletter

October 2, 2018

*1 Chronicles 16:34 Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; His love endures forever*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is God's will for you in  
Christ Jesus.*

As the calendar flips over to October, I always think of Thanksgiving and what this means to me. It truly is a time of year for me to reflect on all that God has done for us and the many blessings we have received from Him. This year I'm particularly thankful for the opportunity I have to work in such an incredible community. As I've settled into my new role here at NPCCS, many parents and community members have asked me how I'm enjoying it and it's very easy to say "I'm loving it here!" It's usually followed up by a "Really? Are you sure?", which I have to admit makes me a bit suspicious – Ha Ha!

Truly though, I want to give a sincere thank you to everyone for making this such a smooth transition - to the students who have been easy to get along with (and who are actually incredibly well behaved), the staff who have been gracious in adjusting to me, and the parents and community members who have been nothing but friendly and welcoming. Thank you for making this a great beginning to my time here. I thank God for this opportunity and the timing for making it all possible. May you find many joys and blessings to be thankful for in your life as well.

Sincerely,

*Brett Seatter*

## School Wide News:

### Goal Setting Parent Meetings

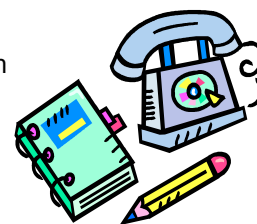
These meetings are scheduled for this Wed./Thurs., **Oct. 3 & 4** from 4:30 – 7:30 pm on each evening, 15 min. appointments for each child has been assigned. Schedules were sent home with the youngest child of each family – if you got missed receiving this schedule, please let us know a.s.a.p.

Also, please contact the homeroom teacher if you are not able to make it to these meetings so they can reschedule for a different date.

### Phone Directory

A Phone Directory will be sent home with the youngest child of each family.

If there are any omissions or errors in the information provided, please let us know and we'll make necessary changes.



## PICTURE DAY



**Smart Photography** will be here on the morning of **Tuesday, Oct. 16**, to take individual pictures.

**Picture Background forms** will be sent home with each student this week and need to be returned on or before Picture Day. **Pictures will be taken in the Foyer.**

Please remember to **NOT WEAR GREEN** that day no matter what background you pick.

- **Proofs** will be received back in 7-10 working days and then orders can be placed.

## ASSEMBLIES/EVENTS

### Thanksgiving Assembly

**Tuesday, Oct. 9, 3:10 PM Assembly**



It will begin with the **Drive Away Hunger WEIGH-OFF.**

From **2:30 – 3:00 pm** - Each class will have the food (or cash donations) weighed by reps from FCC. They will then total up the number of pounds and we will announce during the beginning of the assembly.

Last year we donated **over 2200 pounds** of food. Can we beat this total?

All items are donated to the Barrhead Food Bank.



**Fire Prevention OPEN HOUSE** will take place on **Thursday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** at the Barrhead Fire Station from **5:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at 4635 – 61 Ave. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Fire Chief or Representative will also be visiting our school on Thurs. during the day, the students will be divided into divisional groups. Some forms and information will be handed out at these sessions.



## TERRY FOX RUN

It was great to see so many people out to join us for the annual Terry Fox Run last Thurs., Sept. 27. It was wonderful that our neighboring school – Covenant Canadian Reformed School students, joined us once again.

Thanks to all of our volunteers that helped out – a special thank you to Marjorie Tuininga who did a lot of the planning.

**Total amount raised has not been finalized so if you still want to send a donation, please do so no later than Wed., Oct. 3, 2018 or donate online at [www.terryfox.ca/NeerlandiaPublicChristian](http://www.terryfox.ca/NeerlandiaPublicChristian)**

**So far, we have raised over \$1200.00!!!!**

## Grade 2 Service Project

Grade Two students are taking the opportunity to be servant workers and justice seekers by making sure that as many kids as possible in this world have access to God's word! We are hoping to collect money in order to purchase bibles that can be sent with Trenton and Emily Wierenga and their family as they travel to Uganda this Christmas with Lulu Tree Ministries. If families have gently-used children's bibles these would also be welcomed! Bibles will be given out to the children by Lulu Tree pastors.

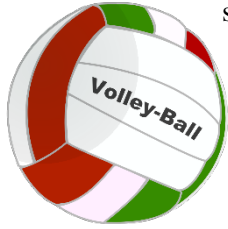
Grade Two will put their handprints inside, along with their special bible verse and prayers for those that receive them. After they've been delivered by the Wierengas, Kasher Wierenga, one of our Grade Twos, will come back with specific names of the children who were given these bibles so we can continue to pray for them. We are hoping to be able to purchase bibles by the end of October. Thanks for your support!

Grade Two Students

## Sports

**Elementary Soccer:** Grade 4-6 soccer is continuing every Mon. & Wed. from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., until it gets too cold.

**VOLLEYBALL:** We are into full swing of the volleyball season. We have 4 teams: Jr. High Girls A & B and Boys A & B. Thanks to our volunteer coaches, Sherri Hiemstra (volunteer) who coaches the Girls A and Aaron Lee (volunteer) for the Boys B.



Renee Rentz (teacher) coaches the Girls B and Howard Gelderman (teacher) coaches the Boys A team. We are looking forward to lots of fun games and tournaments. Players – please make sure your fees and forms have been handed in to the office.

## NPCSC/NCES NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are already a month into the new school year! The School Council and Christian Education Society have started their regular meetings and there are a couple things to bring to your attention:

1. **Membership Dues** – if you have not already done so please consider becoming members of the NCES.

Family Membership = \$300  
Associate Membership = \$150  
Payment options include cheques payable to NCES or E-transfers sent to [NRschoolcouncil@phpschools.ca](mailto:NRschoolcouncil@phpschools.ca)

2. Please join us for the annual AGM of the Neerlandia Christian Education Society/Neerlandia Public Christian School Council on **November 5th at 7:30pm, at the school.** We will update you on how we have assisted our school this year, review the budget and you can meet our new principal if you haven't already done so. We would love to see you! Refreshments provided.



3. **Volunteers** – we are looking for volunteers to help out at various times throughout the year. We have circulated forms on which you can let us know in what ways you'd like to help; please fill these out and return to Debbie at the school.

Feel free to contact any board member if you have questions regarding any of this. Have a great October!

## Pre-School Begins



Our preschool teacher, Mrs. Jill Olthuis will be starting classes on Wed., Oct. 3 and classes will continue until next spring. We will have morning & afternoon classes this year as we have **24 children** attending (12 in each group). Pre-school payment cheques can be made to NCES.

## School Board News

### PHPS Relocation Incentive

In May 2018 PHPS introduced a \$2,500 [Relocation Incentive](#) to all new and existing employees who live outside the division and choose to move to a community within Pembina Hills' geographic area. **So far twenty-nine staff members have taken advantage of the incentive. We are excited to have this new initiative supported, and welcome all of our new staff!**

### Importance of School Councils

School councils are legislated by School Act and recognize the value of having parents and the community engaged in the education of children. **Attending school council meetings is a way you can have a direct impact on the education of your children. With a timely agenda that includes reports and discussion you can advise the principal and board on educational issues that pertain to your school.**

### School board news to be published in local newspapers

The education of our children is far reaching. Discussions about the decisions that impact students have an impact on us all. Regular space in the Barrhead Leader, Swan Hills Grizzly Gazette, and Westlock News will be reserved to publish the school board news to a larger audience. I would be interested in hearing your feedback on these inserts in the paper.

### PHPS Citizenship Awards

For over 20 years, the board has presented Citizenship Awards to chosen students in Grades 6, 9 and 12, based on the criteria in *Administrative Procedure 20-18 PHPS Citizenship Awards*. At the September 12th meeting, the board discussed revising the criteria for the award, and perhaps recognizing more students over the course of the year with an ongoing award. To help guide our decision, the board is asking for input from parents, school councils, students, principals, staff and community members.

Look for the online survey on the division website in mid-October to provide your input.

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## FUNDRAISERS

Our Jr. High Band students will be hosting a **Hot Lunch – PIZZA fundraiser** on **Tues., Oct. 16.**



Pre-order forms will come out a week prior to this pizza lunch. Funds raised will help Band students to attend a Band Camp at Camp Nakamun in Oct. and possible other festivals/events in the future. Thanks for your support!!!

## LIBRARY NEWS



### October Library Hours

#### **Monday-Thursday**

9:00-4:30PM

#### **Wednesday Evenings**

7:00-9:00PM

#### **Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-4:30

**Library Closed** 0 October 8 for Thanksgiving



### **Chocolate Bar Fundraiser:**

Our chocolate bar fundraiser is all wrapped up. Thank you for your amazing support of our chocolate bars. Our students **sold all 200 cases** in September. Our top sellers were: Alexa VanBeek, Nathan and Nicole Batty, Moses Raju, Braden Elgersma and Kyle DeVries.



We will be hosting an author visit on Wed., October 17<sup>th</sup>. Alison Hughes is an author from Edmonton and writes for children of all ages.

Here is the schedule for the morning:

9:00-9:45: Gr. 1-2 (Valuing Yourself and Your World!)

10:00-10:45: Gr. 3-4 (Everyone's a Writer!)

11:00-11:45: Gr. 5-6 (Writing Survival Stories)

Public patrons are also welcome to attend.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 3 – first Pre School Day, AM & PM classes

Oct. 3 & 4: Evening Parent Meetings (see schedule)

Oct. 5 – PHPS Day, **no school**

Oct. 8 – Thanksgiving Day, **no school**

Oct. 9 – **Thanksgiving Assembly- 3:10**

Drive Away Hunger weigh-in (2:00 – 3:00)

Oct. 11 -Fire Safety presentations (TBA)

Open House at the Fire Hall (5-8)

Oct. 16 – Smart Photo **PICTURE DAY** (A.M.)

- **PIZZA LUNCH**, sponsored by Jr. High Band

Oct. 16 – AB Health Services **FLU CLINIC**, Foyer 4:30-7:30pm

Oct. 17 – **Author Visit**; Alison Hughes (see schedule)

Oct. 18/19 – several teachers to attend PCCE convention

Oct. 19 – PD Day, **no school** day

Oct. 24– Early dismissal, 2:45 pm

Oct. 26 – Alternate Day, **no school**

Oct. 31 – Crazy Hair Day

