



Neerlandia

Eagle Express

Newsletter

MARCH, 2019

Principal's Message

This is a year of "firsts" for me. Every month there's something different happening. Whether it's a traditional holiday like Christmas or Thanksgiving, or if it's a sports event or music festival, I'm constantly having to figure out what the school normally does for these types of things. Sometimes we have to make adjustments or improvements on how things have been done previously. It has been enjoyable but also challenging and keeps me constantly guessing and working on new projects.

Something that I suspected before coming here but has definitely been confirmed is the incredible support of the parents and community for this school. About 10 years ago while building our house, my dad and I came to Neerlandia quite often to pick up tools and building supplies. We were astounded at the friendliness of anyone we interacted with in the community. One day during a lunch break we were talking about what makes Neerlandia so special and we came to the conclusion that God's love within the people has to be the difference between this small community and all the other small communities we've interacted with.

With the NCES fundraiser happening at the end of this week, I'm blown away by the support and work that so many people are putting in to make this a success. I see the endless hours the volunteers are putting in, especially the NCES parent council members, and the large amount of donated items that are ready to be auctioned.

I am genuinely humbled and honoured that God has allowed me to work in such an incredible community and school. Your support ensures we have access to new resources, supplies (new tools this year), musical instruments, playgrounds and support of PCCE Christian workshops and materials. NCES also supplements bus fees for those families that live outside of our boundaries. All these things make this school strong and viable for years to come.

My prayer is that we as parents and staff never grow complacent in the quality of schooling and community support we receive. I pray we are always grateful for the support and the many blessings God pours on this school, much of which comes from your hands doing the work to make this viable.

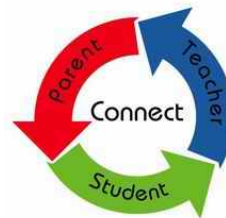
Thank you for supporting our school and the NCES. It is truly appreciated and will not be taken for granted. My commitment is to lead this staff & students in a way that honours the time and finances you have contributed to make this school an impressive place to work, learn, and worship together.

Brett Seatter
Principal

School Wide News

Progress Reports & Conferences

Mar. 14 (evening) or Mar. 15 (morning)



Progress reports will be sent home with Gr. 1-6 students on **Thurs., Mar. 7.**

Parent Meetings:

Kindergarten will have 45 min. small group meetings scheduled.

Grade 1&2: We will schedule

each child for a 15 min. conference and these are student-led conferences but will allow time for discussion as well. **Grade 3-5:** These will be **student-led conferences** but there will not be a scheduled time for parents & students, just **drop-in and visit** any of these classrooms.

Grade 6-9: These meetings will be by **Request Only** – that means either one or more of the **Jr. High teachers** would like to meet with the parents OR **parents have requested a time** to meet with one or more of the Jr. High teachers.

Jr. High teachers will be set up in the gym so drop-in visits will also be welcome – perhaps you just want a 5 min. chat rather than a 15 min. interview.

* Gym will be Off Limits for other activities.

We will send home notes with the youngest child of each family that include schedules, etc. on **Tues., March 5.**

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION EVENING



Thursday, April 4

OPEN HOUSE:

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Kindergarten Registration for 2019/2020 – 7:30

pm in Kindergarten room. If you have a child that will be turning five years old before Dec. 31, 2019 they are eligible for Kindergarten.

Neerlandia Pre-school Registration

The Neerlandia Christian Education Society (NCES) operates the pre-school program out of the Kindergarten classroom at Neerlandia Public Christian School.

Registration will take place on April 4 between

7:00 – 8:00 PM in the **Foyer.**

If you are unable to attend, there will be registration packages available at the Neerlandia Public Christian School's office after April 4. Registration will be open until June 15th, 2019.

In order to attend children must turn four before December 31st, 2019 and be toilet trained. The program runs for 26 sessions on Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30am, from October to April.

For more information, please call Jill Olthuis at 780 674 6748 or text 780 305 9046.

If you know of any new families that might be interested in NPCS, please invite them to our Open House & Registration Evening!

100th Day Dress Up

We will be celebrating 100 days of school at NPCS on

Thursday., **Mar. 7.** Students are encouraged to dress up like 100-year-old citizens. Some classes might have their own 100 Day events planned for the day as well.



Notes from the Music Room...



BARRHEAD ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL:

Grade 4 students will be going to the Music Festival on **Tues., Mar. 12.** They will be performing at 10:15 a.m.

Jr. High Band Students will also be performing at 11:10 a.m.

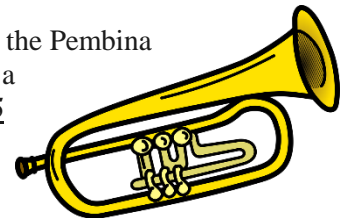
We will be taking the Gr. 4 and the Band students together on one bus. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 pm.

BAND CONCERTS

We will be joining together with the Pembina North School Band and offering a

Concert here at NPCS at 11:15

a.m. on **Tues., Mar. 19.** This will be held in the gym.



Then in the afternoon our Band students will be travelling to Pembina North School (Dapp) to do a concert there (probably at 1:15 pm). Students will be taking a bus and will be back by 2:30 pm.

In the evening of **Mar. 19th** our Band will host their **FINAL CONCERT at 7:00 pm in the gym.** There will be refreshments served afterwards and a free will offering for the Band program. Please join us!

Sports

BASKETBALL:

Basketball season is wrapping up for the year.

There will be no more practices but both Boys & Girls teams will likely have a wrap-up party over the next week or so.

Thanks again to our volunteer coaches; Mrs. De Waal & Mr. Seatter (girls) and Mr. Wierenga and Arjan Koekkoek(boys). Also to all the people that helped with reffing and driving to games, etc.



Elementary Basketball (Gr. 4-6) also finished the season with a fun tournament in Westlock last Thurs., Feb. 28. Thanks to Mr. Ferster (gr. 3 teacher) & Miranda Strydhorst for helping with this program.

These after-school programs could not run without our volunteers! Thank you!

BADMINTON TO START:

Jr. High Badminton Practices will begin on Mon., Mar. 11.



Schedule will be announced soon. All practices will be after school from 3:50 – 5:15 pm

FUNDRAISERS

The Grade 9 students are **selling Little Caesar Pizza Kits** as a fundraiser for their **Gr. 9 Graduation**. Sales will be wrapping up over the next day or so. If you would like to place an order and were not asked, you can go to <http://www.pizzakit.ca/> Click on: "Products" then "Shop" Select "Ship Order to the Group" The fundraiser ID #365015.

The pizza kits will be delivered to NPCSC at approximately 1:30 pm on March 21 – you must pick up your order or arrange for someone else to pick up on this afternoon.

SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER:



Our **Gr. 1 class** will be **selling plants** from **De Herdt's Gardens** starting mid-March and **ending April 11.**

There will be hanging baskets and patio planters. Watch for order forms. The orders will be ready in early/ mid-May and will be delivered to NPCSC. We usually plan on having them arrive in time for Mother's Day.

NPCSC/NCES REPORT

The NCES Fundraiser is approaching quickly. The event will be held Friday, March 8th at the Neerlandia CRC with the theme of "Building His Kingdom". We are raising funds for playground equipment, wood working tools and bussing.

We thank everyone who has bought tickets, donated to the silent/live auction and volunteered their time and talents.

The community support has been overwhelming. A few last minute tickets are still available, please contact Charlene Nanninga at 780-674-5732. We hope to see you there.

Sheri Strydhorst,
Chairperson

NCES Chicken Nugget Lunch

The **NCES (Parent Council)** will be offering their annual **chicken nugget lunch on Thurs., Mar. 21** (last day before Spring Break).

Order forms will go home to students a week prior to this sale and need to be returned by Mar. 14.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

School Board News

Board sets transportation fees for 2019-20

For the fourth consecutive year, transportation fees will not be increasing.

- In-town transportation fees will remain at \$350 per year
- Rural transportation fees for students leaving their attendance area will be \$450 per year
- The fee for alternate bus stops will remain at \$50 per student per year

Alternate school year calendars approved

The 2019-20 NPCSC calendar was approved by the Board and is available to view and download at www.pgpschools.ca/school-calendars.

Nominate a student for a citizenship award! Student citizenship awards are now ongoing for Kindergarten – Grade 12 students. Please consider nominating a deserving student today for this special award!

Nomination criteria and forms are available online at www.phpschools.ca under the 'Schools and Programs' tab on the home page.

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LIBRARY NEWS

March Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM-4:30PM

Wednesday Evenings

7:00-9:00PM



Library will be closed for Spring Break
March 22-March 31

Library will be open 1 day during Spring Break
Thursday, March 28
9:00AM-4:30PM



Mar. 5 – Parent Meeting Notes & schedule to go home

Mar. 7 – Progress Reports to go home with Gr. 1-6
& updates for Jr. High students in PowerSchool

Mar. 7 – celebrate 100 days of school, dress up for fun

Mar. 7 – deadline for Little Caesar Pizza orders

Mar. 8 – **PD DAY, no classes**

Mar. 11 – Badminton to start, groups to be announced

Mar. 12 – Music Festival; Gr. 4 students at 10:15 & Jr. High Band at 11:10, ride a bus together to Barrhead

Mar. 14 (evening) – Parent Meetings (see schedules)

Mar. 15 (morning) – Parent Meetings

Mar. 18 - Tri. #3 classes begin for Jr. High students

Mar. 19 – Jr. High Band concert with Pembina North Band, 11:15 in gym

Mar. 19 - **Final Band Concert in evening at 7:00 pm**

Mar. 20 - Early dismissal at 2:45 pm

Mar. 21 – NCES Chicken Nugget Lunch (orders return by Mar. 14)

Mar. 21 – Pizza kits to arrive, pick up after 1:30 pm

Mar. 22 - **Alternate Days, no classes**

Mar. 25 –29: SPRING BREAK

April 1 – First day back after Break

Looking ahead – April

April 4 – OPEN HOUSE (starts at 7:00 pm) & Kindergarten Registration for 19/20 year in K room at 7:30 pm + Preschool Registration for 19/20 year in Foyer (7-8)

April 3 – Science in Motion here at NPCCS

April 11 – Class Photos & Kindergarten Grad pictures, AM

April 15-18: Christian Education Week celebrations includes Easter Assembly at 3:00 pm on April 18

April 18 – Bach to Beatles here for AM performance

April 26 – NPCCS Movie Night