

**IN HIS HEART
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BUT THE LORD
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PROVERBS 16:9

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but the Lord determines our steps.*

Principal's Message:

Spring is an incredibly busy time of year for many of us. Farmers are getting ready to start seeding, teachers are finishing all of their units and preparing students for final projects or exams. It is the time of year where we begin making plans for next school year; budgeting, hiring, and setting up timetables.

All of the hustle and bustle that is going on at this time of year can become a great distraction from what is really important in life. After just celebrating Easter, we are once again reminded that God has a bigger plan for each one of us.

My prayer is that God will guide our plans here at school so that we are honouring Him in our work with our students and each other. It can be easy to think I have all sorts of plans and ideas for what we should do and what should happen in the school, but I need to remind myself each morning that this work is for Him and we need to listen and hear His voice as we make plans.

As we make hiring decisions for next year, please pray for us that God will give us wisdom that we will hear Him and obey Him, and He will provide the right people for our school.

*Brett Seatter
Principal*

Staffing Update

In April, we had Mrs. Geraldine Wierenga leave us. She will be greatly missed as she was able to do whatever challenges and jobs put before her. Mrs. Simone Tuininga has taken over her position. Welcome to the team, Simone!

We were also very privileged to have two student-teachers join us over the past several weeks. We totally enjoyed having Hannah Raju & Rhonda Loewen here with us. We wish them the best in their future endeavours.

Forms – download from webpage:

www.neerlandiaschool.ca

FIELD TRIP FORMS

Field trip forms for **all school field trips** are posted online (usually posted when hard copies go home). Go to middle of front page - select the Permission icon.



TRANSPORTATION FORMS

Several of our families that live outside of the transportation boundaries should have received a letter from the Transportation Dept. You are asked to download the form F5-01B Requested School form (you don't have to do the F5-01A) if it is a Renewal. You can find this form in our Registration folder on our webpage. Money needs to be sent back along with forms (you can bring to school office or go directly to Pembina Hills office).

*Note: Our **NCES (Parent Council)** will reimburse some of the transportation fees – they will be sending home a letter in regards to this.

VOLUNTEER FORMS

Volunteers provide assistance to the school in achieving educational objectives by providing non-educational services, e.g. supervision of field trips, driving, and chaperones.

Volunteers are required to provide a Criminal Record Check and Intervention Record Check prior to their volunteer experience.

You can get Criminal Record checks at the RCMP office on Thursdays only and the Intervention Record checks need to be done at the Social Services office.

Teachers will hand out Volunteer Forms F4-6o (or you can download from our webpage). These should be completed and handed into the homeroom teachers or the office.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Kindergarten Field Trips

Our Kindergarten class will be going to Barrhead for a field study on Thurs., May 9. This will include a visit to Shepherd's Care and Slomp Dairy. They will also be going on a trip to Edmonton Valley Zoo on June 13. Field trip form has been sent home which includes both trips. No fees will be charged as these were collected at the beginning of the year.

Gr 1-3 Telus World of Science

Our Gr. 1, 2 & 3 students will be going to Edmonton on Thurs., May 30. Notes and details will be going home with the students soon.

Gr 6 Camp YoWaChAs Field Study

Our Gr. 6 students will go to Outdoor Camp at Camp YoWaChAs (near Fallis, AB) on Tues., May 21. They will be leaving before busses in the morning (7:30 am). Notes & field trip forms will go home with students soon.

Gr 7 Jasper Trip

Our Gr. 7 students will be going on their trip to Jasper on May 28-30. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Wruk, Mrs. De Waal & Mrs. Henschel. Students can make payments online or send cheqs/cash for \$150. for this trip.

Gr 4 Swim Lessons

Our Gr. 4 students will have 10 swim lessons at the Barrhead Swimming Pool during the first couple of weeks of May. The first lesson will take place on Mon., May 6 and continue until Wed., May 22

Special Dress-up Days

In support of Mental Health, we encouraged all Gr. 1-9 students to wear a Hat on Thursday, May 2.



On Friday, May 24, we encourage students to dress up for Hawaiian Day. Just for fun!

FUNDRAISERS

Our Gr. 9 class will be hosting a hot lunch on Thurs., May 16. Order forms and details to come home next week.

Plants will arrive on May 9th
– PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ORDERS at NPCS!



Several people ordered hanging baskets & patio planters from our Gr. 1 Plant Fundraiser.

The orders will be delivered to NPCS on Thurs., May 9. We ask that everyone that placed an order arrange to pick up during the afternoon, as there will be no one here on Friday, May 10 and these will be placed OUTSIDE the school so we don't want any disappearing over the weekend.

Thanks to everyone that supported this fundraiser!

Sports

BADMINTON has ended!

We had **many, many students** receive medals at the tournaments they attended (too many to mention). Congratulations to all that represented our school so well.



We are proud to hang up the Pembina Hills Divisional Banner in our gym that was accomplished by having the highest total score based on number of medals received to put us in First Place (played against 7 other schools).

Also a big **THANK YOU** to our coaches, Mr. T Wierenga, Mr. B Wierenga & Mr. Gelderman and for parents that drove students to the tournaments.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Student Transportation: Our school buses travel around the world every 3.88 days

- Each school day our buses travel 10,331 km, transporting 2,639 students.
- Students live an average of 17 km from the school they attend.
- Almost 14% of our students have a one-way bus ride over one hour.
- The average one-way bus ride is 34 minutes – the same as the provincial average.

Parent Resource on Media Use – Center on Media and Child Health

- www.cmch.tv created by Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School
- The website includes a 'Parents' section that includes tip sheets and Q and A's on the health effects of media and guidelines for media use.

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LIBRARY NEWS

May Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00AM-4:30PM
Wednesday Evenings
7:00-9:00PM
Friday, May 24
9:00AM-4:30PM

Library will be closed Monday, May 20

for **Victoria Day Holiday**

Scholastic

DINO-MITE BOOK FAIR

May 22-24



Come and support the Neerlandia Library by attending our annual book fair. Proceeds go toward purchasing new books for the library.



May 1 & 2: Gr. 8 Cool Camp at Camp Nakamun

May 2: Farm Safety, K – gr. 6 (scheduled times)

May 2: Wear a Hat Day (support Mental Health)

May 3: **Alternate Day**

May 4: Highway Clean-up (Gr. 8)

May 6 – 22 Gr. 4 Lessons at Barrhead Pool (2-3)

May 7 – PAT Exam (Gr. 6 ELA (Part A)

May 8 – PAT Exam (Gr. 9 ELA (Part A)

May 9 – Kindergarten Field Study - Barrhead

May 9 – Pick up Plants here at NPCS in the afternoon

May 9 – Gr 9 PARTY program at BCH

May 10 - **Alternate Day**

May 13-16: Gr. 8 Frontier Lodge trip

May 16 – Gr. 9 Hot Lunch

May 17 - **Alternate Day**

May 20 – Victoria Day holiday

May 21 – Gr. 6 Camp YoWaChAs trip

May 22-24: **Scholastic Book Fair**

May 23 – Body Image (7-9) – Emily Wierenga

May 24 – Hawaiian Day

May 24 – Empathy program (gr. 1-3) AM

May 28-30: Gr. 7 Jasper Trip

May 30: Gr. 1-3 St. Telus World of Science trip

May 31: **Alternate Day**

Looking ahead to June:

June 7 – PHSSAM (Gr. 4-6 trackmeet) at Dunstable

June 13 – Kindergarten Zoo trip

June 14– **Gr 9 Graduation**, 7:00 pm

June 17 – 20: Gr. 6 PATs

June 20 – Jr. High Awards (2:30 pm)

June 24 - 27– Jr. High Final exams & PATS

June 27 – last day of classes