



Neerlandia
Eagle Express
Newsletter
Sept. 3, 2019

Welcome everyone! We are so excited for this upcoming school year. God has truly blessed us as we have significantly increased in our student enrollment numbers this year. We have approximately 20 more students than last year. We have eight new staff members on our team this year due to some retirements and transfer and to help with our increased student population. After our opening staff day together, we are excited about the positivity and enthusiasm this staff has for our upcoming year. It is our goal as a staff to provide the highest quality of education for your child, integrating the Bible into **all** curriculum we teach, sharing Christ's love in **all** we do.

If you're new to our school this year, welcome. We are honoured to have you here and join this Christian school community. We trust you'll find this is truly an amazing school to learn and grow in. Please feel free to come to our office anytime to meet, chat, and get to know one another.

Brett Seatter

School Wide News:

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

Thanks to everyone who came out this morning to help us celebrate the start of another new school year.



A BIG thank you to the Coutts River Logging crew for cooking and to our NCES (Parent Council), Jennifer Tuininga

(Trustee), staff members & volunteers for setting up, preparing & serving this delicious breakfast.

Welcome to New Families

We are very excited that we have new students joining our school community for this school year. They are:

Student's Names, Grade & Parent/Guardian's Names

Zoey (gr. 3) & Noah (K) Sotnikow – Davis & Shawna

Hunter Landry (gr. 1) - Lynda Cheston – mom

Paige (gr. 1) & Sophie (gr. 3) Fleming – Evan & Charlene

Jase (1), Wyatt (gr. 3) & Kierra (gr. 5) Maron -

Kimberly Maron (mom)

Tishawn Mendez (gr. 7) – Ricardo & Yanique Valentine (guardians)

Anika (gr. 5), Elliot (gr. 6) & Gabriel (7) Vanderleest

Bryan & Cathy

Madison Jackson (gr. 6) – Karleigh Jackson (mom)

Amaya (gr. 6) & Xavier (gr. 8) Seatter - Brett & Kendra

We also have several new children (28) joining us in the Kindergarten class and several of these are new families to our school & community.

We will also have 21 children joining us for our Preschool program on Wednesdays, beginning on Oct. 9. Thanks again to Jill Olthuis for continuing as our preschool teacher and we welcome Ramona De Vries as the new Preschool Assistant.

Thanks to our Janitors!

We again say a BIG THANK YOU to Van Beeks and their crew for the great job they do in cleaning our schools throughout the year and the extra cleaning over the summer. Let's help keep our school looking great!

Staffing News

We are happy to announce that we have several new staff members for the 2019/2020 school year.

We hope that they all will feel at home and part of our school community.

Laura Mast (gr. 3)

Jesse Enns (part-time gr. 4)

Jill Olthuis (part-time Kindergarten)

Bonita Raju (part-time gr. 2)

Program Assistants:

Lisa Seatter – full-time

Roberta Lawrence – full-time

Miranda Strydhorst – Kindergarten (Tue./Thurs.)

Char (Matt) Nanninga – part-time Kindergarten

We ask that you continue to pray for healing for Mrs. Vold who is still on a medical leave.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

We have several staff members this year so we will probably fill all the available parking spaces. We still have a couple of designated Library Patron & Handicap parking reserved.

We are asking **PARENTS & GUESTS** to please park in the **drive-around area** by the school and **not in the parking lot** during the school day.

FORMS! FORMS!! FORMS!!!

We will be sending home a **Family Package (brown envelope)** for all Grade 1-9 students that include:

Eagle Express Newsletter and forms mentioned below:
Student Demographic Verification & Section 23 & FNMI declaration is on the back of the demographic page – required

Signature on both sides.

Technology User Agreement form F5-01

Permission & Acknowledgment of Risk form F6-08A

Field trips (within walking distance) form F6-03

Please **sign these forms (both sides of paper)** where required) and return to school a.s.a.p. – **total of 5 signatures per student**

***Note:** Kindergarten students & New students have already completed some of the above forms so they **DO NOT** have to complete again.

VOLUNTEER FORMS

Volunteers provide assistance to the school in achieving educational objectives by providing non-educational services, e.g. playground supervision, 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. These checks do not expire but you are responsible to let us know if anything changes.

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.

Volunteer Forms F4-60 can be picked up from the office (or you can download from our webpage). These should be completed and handed into the homeroom teachers or the office before you can volunteer in the school.

Driver's forms: If you help out by driving students to extra-curricular activities such as sporting events we need a Driver's form filled out each year. The amount of liability insurance is at \$2 million so please check with your insurance company to make sure you have this coverage before filling out driver's form. We have copies of the 4-61 Driver's forms in the office or you can download from our webpage and also the Volunteer form 4-60 (Parents Tab – take home notes)

SCHOOL START/END TIME CHANGE!

We will be starting our classes at 8:25 am and ending our day at 3:40 pm (5 min. earlier than last year).

Bell Schedule

Morning Warning Bell: 8:20 am

Classes begin: 8:25 am

Morning Recess: 10:10 – 10:25 am

Lunch Break: 11:55 – 12:10– students have time to eat

12:10– 12:40 - elementary students to go outside

Afternoon Recess: 2:10 – 2:25 pm

Dismissal Time: 3:40 pm

Busses leave at approx. 3:45 pm

School Board News-Transportation Facts

Welcome back everyone! As it is school bus season again, I thought I would provide some facts about our local bus routes in the Neerlandia area. Pembina Hills Public Schools (PHPS) provides contract transportation services for Covenant Canadian Reformed School. As Covenant is a private school, and not part of our division, they pay the full cost of the busing services provided within their agreement. As many NPCS and Covenant students live on the same roads our busing routes become intertwined and we can provide shorter ride times and cost savings. However, it is important to remember that NPCS families have attendance boundaries that affect what bus route their student is placed on. Pembina Hills is only responsible for busing students from their home to their designated school, within the attendance area they reside in. There are a number of NPCS families who live outside the Neerlandia attendance area that have benefited from our joint transportation agreement with Covenant school, but should that change they are not guaranteed busing. You can find an [interactive map](#) of the attendance areas on the PHPS website at <https://www.phpschools.ca/our-division/attendance-areas/>. If families are outside of the NPCS attendance area they can still access transportation through the Barrhead express bus, or by driving into the Neerlandia attendance area to an existing stop (at no out of area expense) provided there is room on the bus.

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NCES NEWS

We hope you had a chance to participate in the NCES Pancake Breakfast where we welcome back returning students and offer a very warm welcome to the new students. We would encourage all families to consider becoming members of the NCES for the 2019-20 school year. Your membership of \$300/family goes to support things like: the Neerlandia Christian pre-school program; instruments for band; power tools for the woodworking class; Christian curriculum material; bussing reimbursement for out of boundary families; gifts for the student art award and leader of the band award; bibles for grade nine graduates. You can pay by: Cheque – made payable to NCES and dropped off at school or E-transfer – NRschoolcouncil@phpschools.ca.

At our AGM on November 18, we will be looking for 2 new board members. If you are interested, please talk to any NCES board member and we would be happy to tell you more about what is involved.

We wish all our students and families a great 2019-20 school year!

Sheri Strydhorst, Chair - NCES

FEES!



We **WILL NOT** be collecting instructional fees including CTF & agenda fees at the beginning of the 2019 2020 school year.

However, we do have some **OPTIONAL items** that can be purchased online or by cheque (made out to Neerlandia Public Christian School or cash.

Resale Items available are:

Children's Adventure Bibles - \$32.00 (Gr. 2 – Gr. 9)

- Not required for K & Gr. 1 students

Recorders - \$8.00 each (Gr. 3-6 students)

Book Bags (Kanga Pouches) - \$10. (required for **Grade 1 students** and new students). All other elem. students should have their bags from previous years. We will have a few spare ones left over if your child needs a replacement bag – please come to the office.

If you are new and have not used the online payment method before there is information available on our school's webpage <http://www.neerlandiaschool.ca> or <http://www.npcs.ca> or Pembina Hill's webpage if you need to get started.

There will be field trip & sports team fees charged as they arise throughout the year same as before. Some classes do a fair bit of fundraising to try and keep the costs down. This list will be posted on our webpage.

CONCESSIONS

Our Jr. High Student Council will again run a Concession Stand and will be selling some lunch & snack items to **Jr. High students only** during lunch hours. We will continue to offer hot lunches to all students hopefully once per month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOME GROUPS:

Theme: *Cultivate the Stories that shape us*

We will be doing Home Group activities again this year. We combine K – Gr. 9 students to do some activities. Our first Home Group activity will take place this Friday, Sept. 6 (2:20 – 3:40) and will have the Gr. 9 students as leaders. This takes place outdoors.



TERRY FOX RUN:

We hope everyone marks **Thursday, Sept. 26** on their calendars, that being the date of this year's annual TERRY FOX

Covenant Canadian Reformed

School will be hosting the event this year. Our students will be starting from the CCRS and following a different route from last year when we hosted.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

SPORTS

Our Jr. High Volleyball season will be starting soon. Watch for more details.

We will also be having some Jr. High Cross Country & Running events over the next month or so.

ELEMENTARY SOCCER: We will be having a Gr. 4-6 Soccer team this year. The volunteer coaches are Miranda Strydhorst & Lisa Seatter (both new Program Assistants). We will run this program for approximately 6 weeks (weather permitting). Practices will be right after school (3:40 – 4:40) starting on Sept. 10.

Permission forms will go home with gr. 4-6 students soon.

LIBRARY NEWS

September Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM-4:30PM

Wednesday Evenings

7:00-9:00PM

All Day Friday, September 6

9:00AM-4:30PM

Note to Parents: Please check your child's schedule and help them to remember to return their books on their library day. If your child still has an outstanding book from last year we ask that you return or pay for it as soon as possible. We do not charge fines but ask that damaged and lost books be paid for immediately so that your child can continue to check out books.

Library Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

Yes, it is that time of year again!! Chocolate bar fundraiser notes go out today. This year we are only selling the Variety Pack (24 Milk-almond bars, 12 Crisp bars, 12 Milk Chocolate bars, 6 Caramel and 6 Dark Chocolate bars). Bars are still \$1.00/each. Students in grades 4-9 can start picking up orders Sept. 4 and 5.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 3 – Opening Breakfast & first day of classes (Gr. 1-9)

Sept. 6 – Home Group Activity (2:20 – 3:40)

Sept. 13- **Alternate Day, no classes**

Sept. 20- **PD Day, no classes**

Sept. 26 Terry Fox Run – at Covenant School (Time to be announced)

Sept. 27 - **Alternate Day, no classes**

Looking ahead:

Oct. 3 – Safely on Board (gr. 2,4 & 6)

Oct. 4 – Parent Meetings, (9:00 – 3:30)

Oct. 15 – Student Picture Day