



2 Corinthians 12:19 "My grace is sufficient for you"

Our lives can get overwhelming, daunting, and hard. We can easily get discouraged, frustrated, and burned out by circumstances or relationships that are beyond our control.

In those seasons where we are feeling hopeless and helpless, the best thing we can do is turn away from the challenges and turn toward Christ. When we remember that God is in control and our lives are not our own, we remember we have a Savior who gives us strength when we are weak and who comforts us in all our times of need. We love and serve a good, gracious Father, and we are undeserving of the love, grace, and mercy he so freely lavishes on us. What else could we do but give him endless thanks and praise in return?

He has given us so much to be grateful for in every season -- life, salvation, loved ones, tiny blessings in our busy days, kind words from strangers, sunshine... the list goes on.

Our family lost my 94-year-old grandma this last weekend due to complications from a major heart attack the week before. Overall, we are ok because we know she is now celebrating with Jesus and no longer suffering. Nevertheless, it is still so hard to lose someone who we loved so deeply. It really hits us to realize she is gone from this earth forever. In my moments of struggle, I truly need to turn to Jesus for strength. I think of the verse from 2 Corinthians 12:19 "My grace is sufficient for you"... although I used to think this applied to other situations, it is constantly in my head this week, repeatedly "My grace is sufficient for you".

Whatever struggle you may be going through this season, please remember His promises and that He is always with you. **May His grace be sufficient for you.**

Sincerely,
Brett Seatter, Principal

Neerlandia

Eagle Express

Newsletter

October 1, 2019

School Wide News:

Goal Setting Parent Meetings

Oct. 3 & 4 : These meetings are scheduled for this Thurs., Oct. 3 (4:15 – 7:00 PM) and Fri., Oct. 4 morning only (9:00 – 12:15 pm).

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

We will not be sending home phone directories this year. The reason is that it is getting harder and harder to protect the personal information of our families.



Monthly Newsletters

If you want to continue to receive a 'printed' copy of each month's newsletter, please let the office know (a few of you have). Otherwise they will be posted on the webpage each month.

PICTURE DAY



Smart Photography will be here on the morning of **Tuesday, Oct. 15**, to take individual pictures (day after

Thanksgiving Day holiday).

Picture Background forms to be sent home with each student very soon and these 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

Thursday, Oct. 10 3:05 pm Assembly



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

From **2:20 – 2:55 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.

All items are donated to the **Barrhead Food Bank.**



Fire Prevention OPEN HOUSE will take place on **Thursday, Oct. 10th** 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 **Tues., Oct. 1.**

TERRY FOX RUN

Even though the weather wasn't the greatest it was great to see so many people out to join us for the annual Terry Fox Run last Thurs., Sept. 26.



Thanks to the Covenant Canadian Reformed School for hosting the event this year.

Our total amount raised is close to \$1300.00 via cheques & cash. If you still want to donate you can do so online at www.terryfox.ca/NeerlandiaPublicChristian

Sports

Elementary Soccer: Grade 4-6 soccer is continuing every Tues. & Thurs. from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., until Tues., Oct. 8.

We will be wrapping up the season with a Soccer Tournament at Fort Assiniboine (starts at 9:30 am). All the players that came after school will be going along to the tournament. Field trip forms and notes will be going home with Soccer players this week.

Thanks to everyone that has come out for some fun!

Grade 6 Soccer – we have made tentative plans to take our grade 6 students to the Sunny Bend Colony on Monday, Oct. 7 for some soccer fun! Field trip forms will be coming home soon.

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; Bonita Raju, Roberta Lawrence & Jocelyn Fisher for Girls A team and Renee Rentz who coaches the Girls B. Howard Gelderman is coaching the Boys A & B.



Assisting Mr. Gelderman is Simone & Murray Tuininga, Jennifer Schuurman & Janelle De Vries. Thank you, volunteers.

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.

Thanks to all of you that have completed the volunteer & driver forms. If you haven't done so, please consider doing this so you can help out in different areas of the school & extra-curricular activities.

NPCSC/NCES NEWS

Our September 23 school council and NCES meetings were cancelled due to the favorable harvest weather. You are welcome to join our next meeting on October 21, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the school.

We have received payment of many NCES family and associate membership fees. A HUGE thank you to all who have contributed to NCES! 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.

NCES memberships: You can pay by: Cheque – made payable to NCES and dropped off at school or E-transfer – NRschoolcouncil@pshschools.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.

Thank you for your support of the NCES.

*Sheri Strydhorst,
Chair - NCES*

School Board News

Legal Name Change Brought Opportunity to Synchronize Names

Recently the province changed our division's legal name from "Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7" to "Pembina Hills School Division". Trustees passed a motion to change the division's communication name "Pembina Hills Public Schools" to the new legal name "Pembina Hills School Division" with an objective of removing confusion caused by having two names. Our communication and legal names are now in sync. Our branded items will be changed over as they are replaced.

The Board adopted the following areas of focus for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Align policies and procedures with the new Education Act
- Secure a service agreement for Alberta Distance Learning Centre

- Consider the reality of shrinking reserves and declining enrolment as we await the provincial budget
- Review of the number of trustees on the board

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FUNDRAISERS

Our Gr. 3-6 Music students will be hosting a **Hot Lunch – PIZZA fundraiser** on

Tues., Oct. 22.

Pre-order forms will go home on Oct. 10

and need to be returned by Oct. 17 for this

pizza lunch. Funds raised will help to pay for a trip to the Winspear in February 2020 (Date TBA)



LIBRARY NEWS

October Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday Evenings

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

All Day Friday October 18

9:00AM - 4:30 PM

Closed for Thanksgiving Day,
Monday October 14

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser-Thank you to everyone who participated in our chocolate bar fundraiser. It was a huge success!

Rhyme Time begins Wednesday, October 16. It runs Wednesday mornings from 10:15-11:00AM. There will not be a class on November 13th but will run until December 11. It's a program designed for parents with 2-4 year olds but everyone is welcome!



Sigmund Brower is coming Tuesday morning, October 29th. He will be here in the morning to do a large group presentation in the gym and then a couple of classroom sessions.

We will post the details on our facebook page and on our website soon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 1 – Fire Safety (2:30 – 3:30 pm) for Elementary
- Oct. 3 – ~~Safely on Board~~ – ~~postponed until Oct. 15~~
- Oct. 3 & 4: Parent Meetings (see schedule)
- Oct. 4: No classes for students
- Oct. 7: Gr. 6 Soccer at Colony
- Oct. 8 – Volleyball (gr. 8/9) at RF Staples (Westlock) after school
- Oct. 9 – **Preschool classes begin**
- Oct. 9 - Jr. High Cross Country at Athabasca
- Oct. 9 – Volleyball (Gr. 7/8) teams at RF Staples (Westlock), possibly leave at 2:15 pm
- Oct. 10 – **Thanksgiving Assembly- 3:05**
- Drive Away Hunger weigh – in (2:20 – 2:55) in foyer
 - Elem. Soccer Team (gr. 4-6) at Ft. Assinboine
 - Open House at the Fire Hall (5:00 – 8:00 pm)
- Oct. 11 – Alternate Day, no classes
- Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving Day, **no school**
- Oct. 15 – Smart Photo **PICTURE DAY** (A.M.)
- Safely on Board Bus Safety (K, Gr. 2, 4 & 6)
- Oct. 16 – Rhyme Time begins in Library
- Oct. 17 - Volleyball (Gr. 7/8) Boys only St. Mary at NPCS
- Oct. 22 – Pizza lunch *hosted by Gr. 3-6 Music classes
- Oct. 23 – Volleyball (7/8/9) Girls only - Ft. Assin. at NPCS
- Oct. 24 & 25- NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 24 & 25 – several teachers to attend PCCE convention
- Oct. 26 – Sat., Gr. 7/8 Volleyball tournament at BCH
- Oct. 29 – **Author Visit**; Sigmund Brouwer
- Oct. 31 – Crazy Hair Day
- Jr. Band Bake Sale
 - Jr. Band students go to Camp Nakamun for Band Camp on Oct. 31 & Nov. 1