



Neerlandia Eagle Express Newsletter February, 2020

Principal's Message

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."
1 John 4:7-8* *Don't grumble about trying to write newsletters (I truly only grumble about it once/month).*

When I said something on the weekend about writing the newsletter, my oldest child said "oh that's easy, it's February. Write about Valentine's Day!" I told her that wouldn't make sense as Valentine's Day has very little to do with education. I continued to wait for a thought from God that might inspire me to know what to write... nothing came... but I did keep thinking of my daughter's words. After I quit telling myself, "that's ridiculous", I began thinking, "what's the significance of love?" Turns out, quite a lot actually. I'm not going to talk at all about romantic love. That's not really an educational topic. However, I will talk about the love of Christ being alive in our school. Most days, this is the easiest job I've had to date and the reason is because of the amazing teachers and support staff I work with. I thoroughly enjoy working with these people because they genuinely love your children each and every day. If a staff member ever seeks guidance for how to help a student they may be struggling with, the direct or hidden message that another staff member gives is simple - love the child. Yes, there's educational terms and pedagogy that are discussed in detail, but love always comes out in the discussion. When a person gets to show up and work in a building and community where God's love is at the forefront of everything we do, I guess it's easy to say that I *love* my job. This love from the staff is the reason I can proudly say we work in a Christian school - God is love, and the staff know God and demonstrate it through their love for your children.

Brett Seatter

School Wide News:

Parent Meetings to be held on Mar. 5 (evening) & Mar. 6 (morning only)



Progress reports will be sent home with students on **Wed., Mar. 18.**

More information will be sent home later this month.

Thanks ☆

We received a thank you letter from the community of La Ronge, Saskatchewan.

This is the community that we send our L.A.M.P. donations to in December.

Here is some highlights from the letter:

"Thank you for your very generous donation of food supplies to our Food Bank that was held on Dec. 31/2019.

The goods your students provided were of great help in supplying some of our elders and community members who were running out of food. Thank you all for your help!

Signed by Eunice Hamilton, Morin Lake Reserve #217

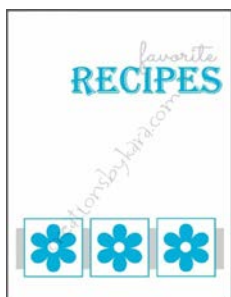
LOOKING AHEAD

We will be having a **Kindergarten Registration evening** as well as an **Open House** on **Thurs., April 2, 7:00 pm.** We invite any new families that might be interested in attending NPCS for the **2020-2021** school year.

We will also have our **Preschool Class Registration** the same evening for any children age 4 that will be eligible to attend for next year as well.

The following week, April 6-10 we will be hosting Christian Education Week with special events planned and we will be hosting an **Easter Play/Concert** on the evening of **Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm** in the Neerlandia Christian Reformed Church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend!

SCHOOL COOKBOOKS



We have had a few requests in the past in regards to our **Learning to Serve II Cookbook**. We did have a few of these re-printed and are available in the office at a cost of **\$22.50**.

(these are at a higher price because of the reprinting costs, we are selling at cost price)

We also still have some **Learning to Serve III** Cookbooks available for **\$12.50**.

First come – First Serve! Available in the office.

Upcoming Events

Musical Time Machine Concert

Our **Grade 3-6 students** have the opportunity to attend the concert **Musical Time Machine** put on by the *Edmonton Symphony Orchestra* on **Wed., Feb. 5**. They will be travelling via 2 busses and they need to leave as soon as the busses arrive in the morning – **8:15 am**. **We will not be able to wait for anyone and there will be no pick-ups in Barrhead**. Students will watch the performance at 10:30 am, walk to Citadel Theatre to eat their bagged lunches and hope to return to NPCCS by 2:30 – 2:45 pm.

Winter Walk Day is also scheduled for Feb. 5, however, most of our students are away that day so we will have to reschedule this event. Gr. 3-6 students are at the Winspear Centre & the Jr. High students are going to Misty Ridge Ski Hill.



Show your support for Pink Shirt Day

Anti-bullying PINK SHIRT DAY

We encourage all students to wear pink on Wed., Feb. 26 to support anti-bullying in our school and community.

SKIING -JR HIGH



replaces the days we had to cancel previously).

We hope to take all of our **Jr. High students** to **Misty Ridge Ski Hill** on **Wed., Feb. 5**. Please make sure all the permission forms and fees have been paid no later than Tues., Feb. 4. (some of you might have already paid because this date

Gr. 9 Jasper Ski trip is scheduled for **Mar. 10-12, 2020**. Forms have gone home and fees can be paid online (or send cheques/cash) the week prior to this trip.

Sports

BASKETBALL:



There are quite a few Basketball tournaments scheduled for Feb. & Mar. Here is a list (doesn't include games – players have schedules)

- Feb. 4 – Elem. Basketball at Swan Hills (all day)
- Feb. 19 - Gr. 8/9 Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament at BCHS (all day event)
- Feb. 26 - Gr. 7 Boys Basketball Tournament at Westlock Spirit Centre (all day event)
- Feb. 27 – Elementary Basketball tournament at Barrhead
- Feb. 28/29 – Gr. 8/9 Boys & Girls Basketball tournament at Gibbons
- Gr. 8/9 Boys & Girls Basketball Zone playoffs are scheduled in Slave Lake for Mar. 6 & 7

FUNDRAISERS

Our Gr. 7 class will be hosting a fundraiser to raise money for the annual Jasper trip that is held in June. We are also asking that Gr. 6 students participate to help out with funds for next year. This is a **Stawnichy's Ukrainian Sausage Sale**. Order forms have gone home with the Gr. 6&7 students. Deadline for orders is Feb. 11, 2020.

NCES hotdog sale – notes to go home with students on Mon., Feb. 3 and need to be returned no later than Tues., Feb. 11 for the hotdog lunch to take place on **Feb. 13**.



PARENT COUNCIL/NCES NEWS

AGM. Our NCES year-end has officially moved to June 30th to coincide with the school year end. As such, our next NPCSC and NCES AGM will be held Tuesday, May 19th. We are looking for three new board members. Please consider this opportunity to actively participate in our school community. If you are interested in learning more about the NPCSC and NCES boards, please consider attending our February 10th meeting at 7:30pm.

Hot Lunches. Thank you to everyone who supported our hot dog lunch on January 16th. Despite the complications from the cold weather, the fundraiser earned approximately \$375 that goes towards NCES costs such as bussing, instruments for the band, playground equipment and student awards. A huge thanks to Annemiek Elzinga, Janice Wierenga, Charlene Fleming and some of the Grade 8 students. Our next hot lunch fundraiser will be **February 13**. We are **looking for 3 parent/grandparent** volunteers to help cook hot dogs and serve the lunch. If you are available to help on Thursday, February 13th, please contact Kym Peters at kympetersphotography@gmail.com.

Easter Play. NPCSC staff selected the Easter play, "It's all because of Jesus" which will be performed by our students on April 8th. The NPCSC board reviewed and approved the play. We want to thank the teachers and students for the time and effort they will be putting into this performance.

Preschool teacher. The Neerlandia Christian Education Society requires a pre-school teacher to prepare, coordinate and teach the weekly 3-hr pre-school classes from October 2020 to April 2021 at the Neerlandia Public Christian School. Interested applicants must be available to teach one to two days per week (Monday and/or Wednesday).

Qualifications include:

- Successful applicants must hold a provincial Child Development Supervisor (previously Level 3) certificate issued by the Alberta Government. The training standards for certification are legislated under Part 3 of the Alberta Child Care Licensing Regulation. <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-staff-certification.aspx>.
- First aid training is mandatory.
- All successful applicants must submit a current RCMP Criminal Record Check.

Duties include:

- Working as a team and being flexible and adaptable to meet the diverse needs of the class.
- Assisting students with projects, supervising students, and maintaining a safe environment.
- Adhering to all policies and procedures as laid out in the childcare licensing regulations. Details are provided in the pre-school inspection report (Schedule 5 of the Child Care Licensing Regulation).
- Preparing daily plans and play opportunities for the children. The online resource "Play, Participation and Possibilities" is recommended. <https://education.alberta.ca/media/482257/play-participation-and-possibilities-reduced.pdf>
- As a Christian pre-school, the successful applicant must include Christian content in the daily plans and play opportunities.
- Additional tasks that need to be fulfilled include holding pre-school registration in the spring (April 2, 2020) for the upcoming school year, and renewing the license every three years.

Pay will depend on experience and education.

To apply, please contact Sheri Strydhorst at sheri.strydhorst@gmail.com or 780-674-2167. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, February 10th by 12 noon.

PHSD Board News

Ward Review The Pembina Hills Board of Trustees is looking for input from the public as they review the division's electoral wards. This may impact the number of trustees on the board and the area that each trustee represents. The review will take into account factors such as population, school attendance areas, and historical data. Please provide your feedback on the review through a short online survey by February 10th. <https://www.phpschools.ca/school-board/electoral-ward-review/>

Division Citizenship Awards The school board's mission is to deliver an excellent education to our students so they become ethical and responsible citizens. The board therefore recognizes students who make positive contributions to their school and community throughout the school year. A student can be nominated by a staff member, community member, or other student. <https://www.phpschools.ca/schools-programs/student-citizenship-awards/>

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LIBRARY NEWS

FEBRUARY LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM-4:30PM

Wednesday Evening

7:00-9:00PM

All Day Friday, Feb.21

9:00AM-4:30PM

Library Closed Monday, February 17 for Family Day Holiday

Library will be open 1 day during Teacher's Convention-
February 6 9:00AM-4:30PM



February is Library Lover's Month. To celebrate we are putting together a "Blind Date with a Book" activity for students grade 4 and up as well as adults (to begin on Feb. 10). Pick one of our **gift wrapped books** and check it out. Unwrap and read your book at home.

Return to library and fill in a short review and receive a valentine or chocolate kiss. All reviews will be entered in a draw for a \$25.00 Chapters gift card.



Rhyme Time

continues every Wednesday
from 10:15-11:00AM

Lego Contest 2020

Thank you to all who participated in our Lego contest! We had 24 entries.



Winners were:

Family: Anna, Sophia and Morgan Wiart
6 and under-Sloan Wierenga
7-9 years- Mia Schuurman
10-13 years- Alexa Van Beek

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 4 – Elementary Basketball in Swan Hills (all day)
Feb. 4 – Running Team practice at Agrena (4:15-5:30)
Feb. 5 – Gr. 3-6 students to go to the Winspear Centre
Feb. 5 – Gr. 7-9 students to go to Misty Ridge Ski Hill
Feb. 6 & 7: Teachers' Convention (no classes)
Feb. 10 – Elementary Basketball, Ft. Assin. here 2:00 pm
Feb. 10 – NPCSC/NCES meeting, 7:30 pm
Feb. 13 – send note/schedule home about March Parent Meetings
Feb. 13 – Hotdog lunch
Feb. 14: Alternate Day, no classes (Valentine's Day)
Feb. 17: Family Day holiday
Feb. 19: Basketball Tournament at BCHS (8/9)
- Running team at Butterdome (PM)
Feb. 26: Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying)
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