



# Neerlandia

## *Eagle Express*

### Newsletter

### June 2021

As we enter June and wrap up another school year, I want to sincerely thank all of you for your amazing support during this year. The staff, students, and parents have all been incredible to work with through all the changes and situations. As the school year ends and we prepare for next year, there are several notable changes that have taken place recently and for next year. I will take this opportunity to go through all of these.

At the end of March, Mrs. Rentz had her first child, Carter, and he came a little sooner than originally expected! Mrs. Rentz is enjoying her maternity leave and spending time raising her beautiful son, Carter!

In May, we received the unfortunate news that Mrs. Lynn Vold, who taught grade 4 and grade 1 here for nearly 30 years, sadly passed away after a four-year battle with cancer. Her family remains on our hearts and in our prayers. We miss her.

For next year, our school enrollment is projected to increase again and we are getting Full! One of our prayers as a staff was to get a new modular for an extra classroom to help alleviate some of the student numbers - we found out at the very end of May that we are indeed getting a new modular in the Fall!! This is great news for our school and we are praising God for his provision in this.

Hope everyone has a very relaxing summer break!

Brett Seatter

We have some staffing updates for who will be teaching each grade:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Kindergarten	Mrs. Olthuis
Kindergarten	Mrs. K. Wierenga
1	Miss Loewen (temp for Mrs. Rentz)
1	Mrs. Henschel
2	Mrs. L. Strydhorst
2	Mrs. Kerry Vanderwekken (temp for Mrs. Mast on Mat leave) [new]
3	Mr. Enns and Mrs. Lee
4	Mrs. Sybesma
5	Mr. B. Wierenga
5 & JH	Mrs. Amanda Smith [new]
6 & JH	Mrs. De Waal
JH & 6	Mrs. Wruk
JH	Mr. Gelderman
JH	Mr. T. Wierenga
Music/Band	Mrs. Ferster
Principal	Mr. Seatter

All of our support staff will remain on staff next year.

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

### *In Memory of Mrs. Vold*

One of Mrs. Vold's favourite thing to do was to make and fly kites with her gr. 1 students. In memory and honour of her we plan on our Gr. 3-9 students to make kites and fly them - we will try for **Mon., June 21** (weather permitting).

We will also be putting up a Music Weather Vane by the Front entrance as a tribute to Mrs. Vold.

The ATA also contributed money towards purchasing books for the Gr. 1 classroom in her memory.

### *School Supply Lists for 2021-2022*

Each year we offer a School Start Supply List program. We have sent home notes & supply lists with each student (Gr.K-6). Jr. High lists are also available on school webpage. This is not a mandatory program – we will be sending home regular supply lists (shop on your own) with report cards. These lists will also be posted on the NPCSC webpage before end of June.

### *LIST OF ALTERNATE DAYS 2021-2022*

We will also attach to this newsletter a list of our Alternate Days & School Breaks, etc. for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note that students will be starting on different days (staggered entry) dependent on their Grade. All of our Gr. 1,3,5,7 & 9 students will begin on Tues., Aug. 31 and all of our Gr. 2,4,6 & 8 students will begin on Wed., Sept. 1. Our Tues./Thurs. Kindergarten class will begin on Aug. 31 & Mon./Wed. Kindergarten class will begin on Wed., Sept. 1. (small groups – letter to be sent home with details from Kindergarten teachers)

### *FORMS & FEES*

This year we did not have very many forms for parents to complete such as field trip forms, etc. For the 2021-2022 school year, Pembina Hills will be implementing a new program call School Engage to handle online registrations, demographic verifications and other important forms.

We will also continue to use Rycor alongside this program, both are accessible via the Parent

PowerSchool portal. Rycor is our online payment & forms program that we used this past year.

The most important message is that parents will need to have access to their PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you haven't already got this set up, please aim to do so for the beginning of the 21/22 school year as **all forms will be online**. Parents need their User Name & password and if you have tried to access and it doesn't work, please give us a call.

List of possible school fees will also be posted on NPCSC webpage.

In the past we had offered NIV Adventure Bibles for sale but these will be provided free to all Grade 2 students and new families for the 2021-2022 school year. These will be gifts from our Parent Council (NCES).

## TRANSPORTATION FORMS

Instructions for registering for transportation in the upcoming school year is found on the Pembina Hills website under Transportation -> Register to Ride. For the upcoming school year 2021-2022 they will not be accepting paper forms, **all registration will be done online**. (the sooner you register the better, deadline is Aug. 15)

**School Messenger:** We will share step by step instructions on how to register your children for the bus in the new school year. We will be sending this out Thurs., June 3.

For any new parents/students to the division, you need to go to the "New to Pembina Hills" section. This will also include Kindergarten students starting in Sept. and they need to complete either Out-of-Boundary students

**Note:** see the NPCSC/NCES news below in regards to receiving reimbursement for bus fees for out-of-boundary students for 2021-2022 school year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *FITSET NINJA*

Monday, June 7 – we have booked Fitset Nija, a company that offers a School Mobile course that will be held outside and will be offered to all K-Gr. Students (schedule has been made for each grade). It is an obstacle course set up for all age groups.

All students that want to participate must complete the **WAIVER FORM and return no later than Mon. (by 8:30 am)** – hopefully most of these forms have been returned.

### ***NPCS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS***

Some of our students will be receiving Citizenship awards on **Monday, June 14 at 8:30 am**. This will be done via a Google Meet with Jennifer Tuininga, Trustee. Students have not been told beforehand but we will post pictures and information on the webpage once the presentations have been made (video links will be shared with families of the winners – they will be contacted beforehand)

### ***JR HIGH AWARD PRESENTATIONS***

Our Jr. High students will receive various awards on **Thurs., June 17**. The presentations will begin at 11:00 am in the gym. This will be shared via You Tube link.

There will be academic, athletic & music/art awards presented to our Gr. 7-9 students.

We also just received awards/cheques for **Remembrance Day contest** winners that went on to the next level – Jr. High ones will be presented at Awards assembly. \*Elem. Remembrance Day winners will be presented to Gr. 5/6 students in their classroom.

### ***GR 9 GRADUATION***



Our Gr. 9 students will be celebrating their Gr. 9 graduation on **Thursday, June 17**.

More information will be shared with Gr. 9 students and parents.

The Grade 9 Grad class has decided to bring in a Food Truck for their banquet (at noon).

As a Grad gift, they have also decided to bring in an **Ice Cream Truck** for the whole school on the last day of classes – each student will receive an ice cream treat on **Thurs., June 24**.

### ***Special Dress-up Days***



Our final dress-up day for the year will be on the last student day, **June 24**. We're asking students to **wear RED** in honour of Canada Day

### ***JR HIGH EXAM SCHEDULE***

Our Jr. High students will be writing their final exams on June 22 & 23. Students have had these options explained to them and will be provided with a schedule.

### **Neerlandia Christian Education Society (NCES) News**

The NCES board met on May 17<sup>th</sup> and we held our AGM on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Here are the highlights of our meetings:

- Thank you to everyone who supported our hot lunches throughout the year!! Due to the possibility of COVID shutting down some in-person classes, we have decided **not to run a June hot lunch**. We hope to resume hot lunches in the fall when the new school year resumes.
- **Preschool!** Our pre-school registration has been very successful. We have one spot available, so if you are considering registering your child, please do so as soon as possible. You can get registration packages from [kympetersphotography@gmail.com](mailto:kympetersphotography@gmail.com). We will be interviewing for a preschool program assistant and substitute teacher positions in June.
- **Skipping Ropes and Balls.** NCES purchased a number of skipping ropes and balls for the students to use at recess.
- For the 2021-22 school year, **NCES approved a \$10/student** contribution to reduce the fees that parents will need to pay **for field trips next school year**.
- **Bussing Reimbursement for Out-of-Boundary Families.** If you are an out-of-boundary family, NCES will reimburse \$150 per grade 1-9 student and \$75 per kindergarten student. To receive this re-imbusement, once you have paid your bussing fees to PHPS, send us a copy of your receipt by scanning and emailing it to [amandabatty1@gmail.com](mailto:amandabatty1@gmail.com) or texting a picture of it to Amanda Batty (780-305-6118). Please **DO NOT** drop off applications at the school due to COVID.

- **Grade 9 Students.** NCES purchased bibles for the graduating grade 9 students. NCES also provides a \$100 award to the Leader of the Band (selected by Mrs. Hellinga) and the Art Award (selected by Mr. Gelderman).
- **The NPCSC and NCES AGMs** were held May 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - We would like to thank Katherine Nanninga for her 3 years of service on the board. Katherine served as vice chair and in the role of correspondence during her time on the board. She was always willing to lead us in meaningful opening devotions and closing prayers. We are grateful for Katherine's service to NPCSC and NCES boards.
  - Nicole Wierenga was elected to serve on the NPCSC and NCES boards starting in June. Sheri Strydhorst was nominated for a second - 3 year term. Welcome Nicole, we look forward to working with you!
- You are welcome to join our next NCES board meeting scheduled for June 14, 2021.

*On behalf of the 2020-21 NCES board: Sheri Strydhorst, Charlene Fleming, Annemiek Elzinga, Amanda Batty, Katherine Nanninga, Kym Peters, Laura Braucht and Geraldine Wierenga*

## PHSD BOARD NEWS

### Pembina Hills Budget and Education Plan

The Board approved the 2021-2022 operating budget with revenues of \$63.9 million and expenses of \$64.8 million. We are anticipating that students will return to school this fall without additional public health protocols and measures.

The Three-Year Education Plan for 2021-2024 which highlights strategies to improve student learning and results over a rolling three year plan was also approved at the May 26th board meeting. The Education Plan is reviewed and revised annually. It describes the Pembina Hills context, the planning process including stakeholder engagement, plus the priorities, outcomes and strategies. It is located on the division website at [www.pembinahills.ca/assurance-reporting/](http://www.pembinahills.ca/assurance-reporting/).

### Run for School Trustee!

Trustee elections are this fall  
October 18th I recall

Submit your name as it's time to run  
Four months away, the race has begun!

Candidate packages are available online or at Regional Office in Barrhead.

Please join us by livestream for a school board meeting on Wednesday, June 9th or June 23rd starting at 9:00 a.m. at [www.pembinahills.ca](http://www.pembinahills.ca)

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## LIBRARY NEWS



### JUNE LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday-Thursday**

9:00am-4:30pm

Curbside pick up only! Please call the library before 1:10PM or after 3:40PM if you want us to set out books for you.

### Student Library Books

The last day for students to pick out books is Thursday, June 10. Books must be returned by **Thursday, June 17** or fees will be charged.

### Summer Library Hours

Thursday, July 1- Library closed for Canada Day holiday.

We will be open every Thursday from 9:00AM -4:30PM starting July 8. We hope to be open to the public soon(hopefully June 10) and to be able to hold summer programming for children.

Check our website at [http:// www.neerlandialibrary.ab.ca](http://www.neerlandialibrary.ab.ca) or our **Facebook page** for our latest news.



*June 4 – **Alternate Day***

*June 7 – Fitset Ninja event*

*June 10 – Class Picture Day & Kindergarten Grad pics*

*June 10 – last day for students to check out Library books*

*June 11– **Alternate Day***

*June 14 – 8:30 am: Citizenship awards, Jennifer Tuininga to present via Google Meet*

*June 17 – Jr. High awards, 11:00 am*

*June 17 - Gr 9 Graduation Program - PM*

*June 17 – Student Library books need to be returned*

*June 18 - **Alternate Day***

*June 21 – **Kite flying (if wind is good)***

*June 22/23 – Jr. High Final exams*

*June 24 – Wear RED for Canada Day*

*June 24 – **last day of classes**, elementary students to take home report cards*

*June 24 – **ICE CREAM TRUCK** – treats will be provided for all K-Gr. 9 students on the last day (gift from Gr. 9s)*

*June 25 - Jr. High Report cards to be mailed out (unless they are ready to go on June 24 – TBD)*

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!**

**See below - attached Calendar for**

**2021-2022 School Year**

NPCS Calendar 2021/2022

August 30: Staff Day

Aug. 31 – First day for Gr. 1,3,5,7 & 9  
and Tue./Thurs Kindergarten groups

Sept. 1 – First day for Gr. 2,4,6 & 8  
and Mon./Wed. Kindergarten groups

Sept. 6 – *Labor Day holiday*

Sept. 17 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Sept. 23 – Terry Fox Day (tentative)  
part of instructional day

Sept. 24 – Teacher Day (no classes)

Oct. 1 – PD Day, no classes

Oct. 8 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Oct. 11 - *Thanksgiving Day Holiday*

Oct. 12 – *Bus safety for Tue/Th Kinders & Gr. 2 students*

Oct. 13 – *Bus safety for Mon/Wed. Kinders & Gr. 4 students*

Oct. 14 – *Individual Picture Day*

Oct. 21 & 22: Christian Teachers Conv. *-no classes*

Oct. 29 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Nov. 5 – *Alternate Day, no classes*

Nov. 11 (*Thursday*)*Remembrance Day*

Nov. 12- *Pembina Hills no school day*

Nov. 19 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Nov. 26 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Dec. 03 – *St. Nick Day, p.m.(Fri.)*

Dec. 10 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Dec. 17 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

*Dec. 18, 2021– Jan. 2, 2022 – Christmas Break*

Jan. 3, 2022 – first day back in New Year

Jan. 7 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Jan. 14 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Jan. 28 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Jan. 31: Monday, PD Day (no classes)

Feb. 10 & 11– Teachers' Convention Days

Feb. 18 – Teacher Day (no classes)

Feb. 21 - *Family Day Holiday*

Mar. 4: Teacher Day (no classes)

Mar. 11 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

Mar. 18: PD Day (no classes)

Mar. 25 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

*Mar. 26- April 3, 2022: Spring Break*

April 4 – first day back after Spring Break

April 8 – Teacher Day (no classes)

April 15 – Good Friday

April 18 – Easter Monday

April 29 - PD Day (no classes)

May 6 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

May 13 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

May 20- *Alternate Day, no classes*

May 23- *Victoria Day Holiday*

June 3 - *Alternate Day, no classes*

June 17 - *Alternate Day, no classes*  
- *Grade 9 Grad (tentative)*

June 20 - 27 (Jr. High exams  
schedule TBA)

June 24 – *Alternate Day, no classes*

Tues., June 28 – Last Day for Students