



## Principal's Message

Last year I wrote about the work our teachers and students did at the end of September to recognize Truth and Reconciliation week in Canada and Orange Shirt Day. I'm going to write about it again this year because it's important work and we are far from done. I have had people ask me, "how long do we need to work through this stuff?" and my answer is simply, "if it took decades or centuries to get into this mess, it's likely going to take decades or centuries to get out of this mess."

I was fortunate enough to be part of the Christian School Leaders Conference in Winnipeg last week. The theme or title of the conference was "At the Table". A main portion of the conference was going through the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, then working through scriptures and Jesus' teachings to see what the Bible has to say about who we as Christians have allowed or not allowed at the table. Although Christians have not always been on the right side of history with different groups, especially the Indigenous people in Canada, we can be on the right side of history moving forward. TRC Commissioner Murray Sinclair (Ojibway) stated that "education is the key to reconciliation," adding, "education got us into this mess, and education will get us out of this mess".

As a Christian school, it's an honour to acknowledge our role in reconciliation and educate ourselves so that this never happens again. May we follow the example of Christ and be comfortable with everyone at the table - it's His table, after all.

*Brett Seatter, Principal*

# Neerlandia Eagle Express Newsletter

## October 2022

## School Wide News:

### School Forms

Our school division is continuing to use an online system called SchoolEngage to collect and process student enrolment information and annual demographic updates. All families **are required to fill out forms online** through your PowerSchool account. Thanks to everyone who have completed these forms.

We still have some student's forms that have not been completed. If you are having problems with this form, please contact the office. Also, if you are coming in for parent meetings please stop by the office and we can try and help.

Instructions:

**Login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal** to complete this form. Note: this will not work on the PowerSchool app. You must log in from a browser.

- <https://powerschool.pembinahills.ca/public/home.html>
- Click on Registration and Demographic Updates in your main menu. Please take the time to complete this form a.s.a.p.

## Parent Meetings

**NPCS Parent Meetings – Gr. 1-9 parents** can schedule a 15 min. meeting for each child with **homeroom teachers** on either **Thursday, Oct. 6** (4:30-7:30) OR **Wednesday, Oct. 12** (4:30-7:30). These are in-person meetings or if parents can't make it in, they can choose a phone call.

Several parents have signed up but there is **still opportunity to book on Wed., Oct. 12** if you haven't booked yet.

Go to the web site <http://npcs.parentteacherconferences.net/> and click on the "REGISTER" menu tab and **create an account**. Then login and add your students to the system. (names and passwords have been erased from previous year)

## PICTURE DAY



**Smart Photography** will be here on the morning of **Tuesday, Oct. 11**, to take individual pictures.

**All order forms** will be again be done online – no paper forms. **Pictures will be taken in the Foyer.**

- After a week or two you can view pictures online at [SmartOrders.ca](http://SmartOrders.ca)

**Ordering information form will be sent home with students on picture day.**

- **Retake Day** - we have schedule RETAKES to be taken on Wednesday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. We chose a Wednesday so that our Kindergarten **Mon/Wed students** can have their picture taken on that day unless parents want to bring them in on Oct. 11 at 10:10- 10:25. Preschoolers will also have an opportunity on Retake Day – we will begin at 8:30 am.

## Donations to Food Bank

**Thanks to everyone who brought in food donations.**

These will be taken to the Barrhead Food Bank.

Staff members will deliver to FCSS.

**Thanks for your support!**

### TERRY FOX RUN

All of the students participated in the Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, Sept. 20th

Thanks to the volunteers that helped with set-up and running this event.

Our total amount raised was **\$710**. Thanks for your donations!



## SPORTS

**Elementary Soccer:** Grade 4-6 soccer will be wrapping up soon – depends on the weather. Thanks to all who participated and a big thank you to Mrs. Lisa Seatter & Mrs. Sonja De Waal for running this program.

**Jr. High Volleyball** – practices can continue for our volleyball teams. Our teams have already played in some tournaments and have placed very well (Gr. 8/9 girls have already won gold & silver medals). Lots more games & tournaments ahead of us – coaches will keep players & parents posted on updated news.

**Cross Country Runners** – our Elem. & Jr. High runners competed in a Divisional event at Westlock Golf Course on Sept. 22. They represented our school very well.

Our Jr. High runners went to Cross Country Zones in Enoch on Wed., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. They ran very well and we did have some students finish in the top 3 of their categories. Don't have final details from this event.

## Neerlandia Christian Education Society (NCES) News

We had our meeting on September 19th, and welcomed a speaker from the Prairie Center for Christian Education prior to the meeting. We were advised to develop short and long term goals for the society and would welcome suggestions through survey monkey, which has been posted on Facebook.

The zipline has been installed!! We are planning on a celebration ceremony on October 27th immediately after school. Please plan to attend. :)

We are hoping to have support for the Ice Melt fundraiser (forms sent home) and are looking forward to hosting a hotdog lunch on Oct 18th.

Thank you for all your support,  
NCES board members

## LIBRARY NEWS

### October Library hours

**Monday-Thursday**

9:00AM-4:30PM

**Wednesday Evenings**

7:00-9:00PM

**Open Friday, October 14**

9:00AM-4:30PM

**Library Closed for Thanksgiving, Monday,  
October 10**

We have a new class schedule this year. There are no classes in the library from 9:00AM-1:10PM and 3:40PM-4:30PM. These are great times for the public to come to the library.

**Rhyme Time** will begin October 19 and will run for 8 weeks from 10:15 - 11:00 AM. It is designed for 3-year olds but all children are welcome.

**Book Club** will meet on October 25th at 7:30. An evening to discuss your favourite reads over the summer. Everyone is welcome.



**Chocolate Bar Sales** are just wrapping up. Thank You to everyone who bought or sold them. It is always a fantastic fundraiser for our library.

*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 6 – Gr. 5/6 soccer players at Ft. Assiniboine (all day)
- Oct. 6 – Parent Meetings – have to pre-book times (4:30-7:30)
- Oct. 6– deadline for bringing food for Barrhead Food Bank
- Oct. 7 – PD Day for Staff, no classes
- Oct. 10 – Monday: Thanksgiving Day, no school
- Oct 11 – Picture Day \*individual pictures to be taken in AM**
- Oct. 12 – Parent Meetings – have to pre-book times (4:30 – 7:30)
- Oct. 12 & 13: Safely on Board for K, Gr. 2 & 4 classes
- Oct. 17 – (6:30 pm) NPCSC/NCES monthly meeting
- Oct. 18 – NCES Hotdog lunch (pre-orders only)
- Oct. 20/21 – Christian Teachers Convention (some teachers attending)
- Thurs., Oct. 20 – regular school day
- Oct. 21 – **Alternate Day**, no classes
- Oct. 27 – Wacky Hair Day
- Oct. 28 – Teacher Day, **No classes**