



**Neerlandia
Eagle Express
Newsletter
APRIL, 2023**

April is a very exciting month for our school as we are celebrating Easter at the beginning of the month and Christian Education Week at the end of the month. My hope and prayer is that we never take the Christian programming for granted in this community. It is a unique opportunity to be able to integrate God, our faith, the Bible, and Christian concepts into all subject areas here at NPCS. When visitors come to our school, they can tell it's a different place and that the Christian theme is displayed in the hallways, classrooms, and lived out amongst the students and staff.

Reading through our annual survey results, it is evident that most parents recognize the amazing school we have as we're able to have some of the highest quality teaching, music, athletics, supports for inclusion, and most importantly - our Christian education.

If you know of families or friends who are considering having their children attend NPCS, please encourage them to do so as we want to provide this programming for as many families as possible. Our school has room for growth in terms of our space and capacity. Providing alternative Christian programming is a privilege and we would love to serve as many students and families in our community as we are able.

Brett Seatter,
Principal

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION 2023-2024

All registration forms must be completed online (no paper copies). You can go to our website: neerlandiaschool.ca OR Pembina Hills website to register as a NEW family.

If you already have students in the district you can add them to your PowerSchool portal – please **DO NOT CREATE a new account if your child has already attended Early Learning or other grades within Pembina Hills.**

Transportation forms are also completed online but you must do the Registration form first before the transportation forms become available for new families. Transportation forms (F5-01A Requested school – needs to be completed by Principals of each school if this is not your designated school). Then the F5-01B School outside of boundaries forms will become available. If you are in our boundaries you will complete the Rural transportation form (F5-100). In order to provide bussing for all students, the forms for students outside the boundaries must be completed in advance for each school year.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE 2023-2024



We will have an **Open House** on **Wednesday, April 26** in our **Kindergarten classroom**. This will take place between **4:00 – 5:00 pm**. This would be for any new students and parents that want to check out the room and rest of school (if they are new). As mentioned above all registrations must be completed online, however, if you are having a problem doing the online registration we can help you out in the office.

You need to do the registration on a laptop (not a phone). If you are coming to the school, please bring along the **child's birth certificate** if you didn't attach it online.

If you can't make it that day but still want to visit, please feel free to contact us (780-674-5581) or send an email to Debbie.Fisher@pembinahills.ca

Although there are no hard deadlines in place for registering new students, we would like to have registrations completed, or at least have parents let us know their intentions by the **first week of May**. This helps us in making plans for the upcoming school year. Enrollment numbers are important when the decision is being made to have one or two Kindergarten classes, etc. It is also important for accommodating them on our buses.

PRESCHOOL (N-PREP) OPEN HOUSE



If you have a four year old child that you would like to send to our **Neerlandia Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year** you are invited to attend an **Open House** on **April 12** from **9:30 am - 11:00 am** at the **Neerlandia Christian Reformed Church basement**. Registration for this program is also available online (check webpage)

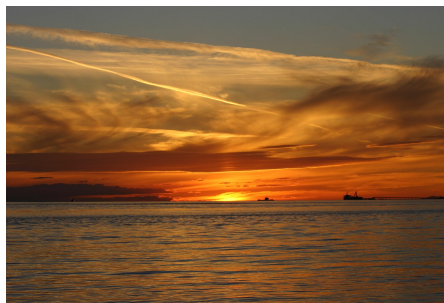
For further information please call Sharon Lyons 780-349-0269

Easter Assembly – Thurs., April 6 at 2:45 pm



We will have several classes and the Jr. High Band participating in our Easter Assembly that will be held on Thursday, April 6 at 2:45 p.m. This will be open to parents & community members to join us in the gym.

Christian Education Week



We are busy making plans for our Christian Education Week, April 24-27.

The theme is **The Creator in You**.

The students will be discovering that one way that we can reflect God's glory is through our own creativity, bringing joy to God and to others.

The oceans, the sky and land are all created by God. We stand in awe at this masterpiece and wonder at the beauty before us. As image bearers, we have the capacity to be creators and we reflect the character of God in our creative work. When we study creation, we see that God made the heavens, earth and the deep.

Our hope (learning target) is that we learn more deeply to walk humbly in awe of His wonder and be inspired to develop our own capacity to be a creator.

As part of the celebration:

We will start the week with a Jr. High Band concert on **Mon. afternoon, April 24 at 2:45 pm** in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be hosting a **Grandparents/Special Guest Tea**. The tea will take place on **Wednesday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the morning**. **All seniors are welcome!**

FUNDRAISERS

Thanks to everyone that supported our **Purdy's chocolate** fundraiser. We raised just over **\$1,000.00** for our Music program.

Gr. 4 Spring Plant fundraiser – lots of orders came in for hanging baskets, etc. These orders will arrive after the May long weekend. We will let you know exact dates & times at a later date.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT NPCS!



On **Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm** the Gr. 9 class will be hosting a Movie Night. This is to take place in the gym. The movie is called 'Rio' and the admission is 'donations only'. There will be concession available with various snacks, popcorn and drinks to buy.

Please do not bring outside food or drink. Bring along your own blanket & pillows. Gym mats and chairs will also be available. This is a fundraiser for Grade 9 Graduation (June 16). See you there!

Sports

BADMINTON:

Schedule: (each day from 3:45 - 5:15 pm)

Gr. 9 - Mon.

Gr. 8 - Tues.

Gr. 7 - Wed.

Thurs. - everyone (optional)

*Players - please hand in permission forms & fees (\$20 per player, can pay online) if you haven't already done so.



We have three tournaments:

Apr. 6: 3:30 - 5:45 (Gr. 7/8 at Neerlandia CCRS and Gr. 9 will be here)

Apr. 12: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm tournament at BCHS. We will take a bus in the morning but might not return in time for afternoon busses.

April 20: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Pembina Hills Divisional tournament at the Westlock Spirit Centre.

Badminton ends in April. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Trenton Wierenga or Mr. Howard Gelderman.

NCES/ NPCSC News

NCES had a meeting on March 20th. We focussed on preparing for the AGM and also organized auction item pickup, and matching those who donated items with the successful bidder. We wanted to thank our school community for their tremendous support.

Our fundraiser auction brought in a little over \$20,000!

NCES will be hosting a **hot lunch (chicken strips/chocolate milk)** for students on **Wed., Apr. 19**. Order forms need to be returned by **April 6**. You can pay using **e-transfers to NCES**. If you are able to help with this fundraiser, please contact Charlene Fleming.

Amanda Batty, on behalf of NCES

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Have YOUR say in the future of Public Education in Alberta.

VOTE

Pembina Hills SCHOOL DIVISION

Have you heard?

The provincial election is on May 29, 2023.

Ask your local party candidate:

- How will education funding continue to meet the ever-changing needs of students?
- What is on your party's platform regarding student transportation?
- How will your party provide support to staff to implement the proposed curriculum?
- How does your party propose to offer ongoing support for the mental health of staff and students?

Visit public-schools.ab.ca/2023-election-readiness/ for more information on supporting Public Education in Alberta.

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LIBRARY NEWS

April Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM-4:30PM

Library will be closed April 7 for Good Friday and April 10 for Easter Monday.



Book club-Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30PM. Everyone is welcome!

Scholastic Book Fair coming in May!



- Apr. 6 – 2:45 pm. **Easter assembly** (in gym) – Parents & guests are welcome to join us.
- Apr. 6: Badminton tournament here & CCRS (3:30-5:45)
- Apr. 6: hand in Chicken Strip lunch order forms
- Apr. 7: **Good Friday (no classes)**
- Apr. 10: **Easter Monday (no classes)**
- Apr. 11: Gr. 8 chicken catching
- Apr. 12: Preschool 23/24 **OPEN HOUSE** at CRC basement
- Apr. 12: Badminton tournament t BCHS
- Apr. 13 (am) Gr. 3 students to visit Hillcrest Seniors Home
- Apr. 13: (am) Band students to play for Seniors at CRC
- Apr. 14: Alternate Day, no classes (ORIGINALLY this was a regular school day but it has been CHANGED!**
- Apr. 17: NCES meeting (7:30 pm)
- Apr. 19: **NCES chicken strip lunch**
- Apr. 20: Badminton Divisional tournament at Westlock Spirit Centre
- Apr. 20: **Movie Night in the gym (Gr. 9 Grad fundraiser)**
- Apr. 21: PD Day for Staff, **no classes**
- April 24-27: Christian Education Week celebrations
- Apr. 24: Jr. High Band concert, 2:45 pm in gym
- Apr. 26: 10:00 am: **Grandparents Tea**
- April 26: **Kindergarten Open House (4:00 - 5:00)**
- April 27: **Kindergarten Grad photos & K-9 Class pictures**
- Apr. 28 - Staff PD Day, **no classes**
- May 1-4 & 8-11 (12:30 - 2:30 pm) Gr. 4 swimming lessons
- permission forms to go home mid-April