



**Neerlandia
Eagle Express
Newsletter
June 2023**

As we enter the final stretch for the school year, I'm amazed at how faithful God has been for our school as we dealt with a number of unexpected situations throughout the year. We had an abnormal amount of staff medical leaves, yet God provided an amazing replacement for each situation. He has proved to be faithful in providing for us over and over again.

I'm once again very proud of the work our staff did this year to provide a high quality Christian education program. I am truly thankful for the commitment our staff has to using their gifts and talents to serve the school community and to implement different programs, sports, etc. to make this a wonderful place for students to grow and learn.

June will be a busy month with all the field trips, final exams, a Band concert, an awards ceremony, a retirement farewell, moving classrooms around for next year, as well as our regular curriculum and learning in each grade. We look forward to a fun finish to a great school year!

Here is the staffing update for who will be teaching each grade next year:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Kindergarten	Mrs. Olthuis & Mrs. K. Wierenga
1	Mrs. Henschel

1	Temporary teacher filling in for Mrs. Rentz: Miss Natalie Borzel (new from Drayton Valley Christian School)
2	Mrs. L. Strydhorst
2	Mrs. Jill Rauscher (transfer from Eleanor Hall School)
3	Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Thompson
4	Mrs. Sybesma
5	Temporary teacher for Mrs. Mast (until Christmas): Mrs. Kerry Vanderwekken
6	Mrs. De Waal
JH LA & SS	Mrs. Wruk
JH Science,	Mrs. Smith
JH LA & SS, Elementary PE	Mr. B. Wierenga
JH Math/PE	Mr. T. Wierenga
Music/Band	Mrs. Ferster
Principal	Mr. Seatter

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

School Supply Lists for 2023-2024

Each year we offer a School Start Supply List program. We will be sending home this list along with report cards.

This is not a mandatory program – we will also be sending home regular supply lists (shop on your own) with report cards. These lists will also be posted on the NPCCS webpage by the end of June.

LIST OF ALTERNATE DAYS 2023-2024

We will send out a list of our Alternate Days & School Breaks, etc. for the 2023-2024 school year via Messenger.

Aug. 30 – all Gr. 1-9 NPCCS students will begin on this day. You can find the NPCCS 23/24 Calendar on our webpage.

Mon./Wed. Kindergarten class will begin on the first Wednesday, **Aug. 30** and Tues./Thurs. Kindergarten classes will begin on **Thurs., Aug. 31.** (small groups – email to be sent home with details from Kindergarten teachers)

FORMS & FEES

This year we will continue using School Engage to handle online registrations, demographic verifications and other important forms.

Parents will need to have access to their PowerSchool Parent Portal. 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 NPCCS webpage.

NIV Adventure Bibles will be provided **free to all Grade 2** students and **new students** in Gr. 3-9. These are gifts from our Neerlandia Public Christian School 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 2023-2024 they will not be accepting paper forms, **all registrations must be done online.** We encourage parents to take care of this by the end of June as the sooner you register the better to ensure a seat on the bus (final deadline is Aug. 15 but they will not

accept any late requests). There will **be no transportation fees** for 'outside our transportation boundaries'.

School Messenger: we will continue to use this system to send out important messages via email throughout the school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIELD TRIPS: We have many field trips booked for the month of June. Teachers will be sending home forms & fees whenever necessary. Thanks to all of the parents that have completed volunteer forms and completed criminal record & child intervention checks so they may accompany their child(ren) on these trips. You can send these to Debbie.Fisher@pembinahills.ca or check in the office if we have these already on file for you.

GR 9 GRADUATION



Our Gr. 9 students will be celebrating their Gr. 9 graduation on **Friday, June 16.**

The parents will be joining the students for the meal at 6:00 pm and then the **program will be open to the public,** starting at **7:30 pm.** This will take place in the school gym.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS & BAND NIGHT

On **Tues., June 20** starting at **7:00 pm** we will have a joint event. **Our Jr. High Band** will be entertaining us in between the **presentation of Academic & Sports awards.**

We usually host this in the afternoon (originally scheduled for June 21), however, we thought more parents might be able to attend if we have it in the evening. Everyone is welcome to attend!

FAREWELL EVENING for Mr. G

As most of you already know, Mr. Howard Gelderman will be officially retiring from teaching at the end of this school year. In honour of his many years of service and dedication we would like to invite everyone to join us on **Friday, June 23 between 7-8:30pm.** Feel free to just stop and wish him well. This will be an Open House event. Although, we will have a short program around 7:30 -8:00 pm, people are free to come and go.. We will serve refreshments. This will be held in the school gym and everyone is welcome to attend. Spread the word!

JR HIGH EXAM SCHEDULE

Our Jr. High students will be writing their final exams between June 20 – 27. Students have been provided with a schedule. We also sent out the Exam Schedule to Gr. 6-9 parents via School Messenger.

Neerlandia Public Christian School Council (NPCSC) and Neerlandia Christian Education Society (NCES) News

- We had our NCES/NPCSC meetings on May 15th. Some of the highlights include:
 - Our May hot lunch went well. Thank you to Shawna Sotnikow, Charlene Fleming, Lindy Wiart, Joanne DeVries, and Maureen Mourits who volunteered to help! Our last hot lunch of this school year is June 14th. Please text Shawna if you can help--780-282-0061.
 - We discussed school fees options for the upcoming school year.
 - We held our AGM on May 23rd. Thank you to all who attended.
- Submitted by: Amanda Batty, Chairperson

PHSD BOARD NEWS

2023-2024 Operating Budget Approved

At the May 24th meeting, Acting Secretary-Treasurer Gordon Majeran presented the upcoming school year budget. The Board adopted the 2023-2024 Operating Budget with revenues of \$68.1 million and expenses of \$69.3 million. By the end of August 2024, the division's deficit is projected to be \$1.15 million (1.66% of budgeted expenses) and will be covered by school and board reserves.

Highlights from the budget:

- Increase in Transportation funding of approximately \$700,000

Board Approves 2023-2026 Education Plan

Director of Education Services, Raime Drake, presented the Three-Year Education Plan for 2023-2026. The following priorities will remain, with refined and newly created strategies to support:

- Student-Staff Relationships – Positive relationships between students and staff are the foundation upon which we build students' resilience, confidence and mental well-being.
- Literacy and Numeracy – Literacy and Numeracy are critical for Student Achievement in all areas of the curriculum.
- Support for Staff (Collaborative Structures/Culture) – A collaborative environment enables staff to teach a diverse student population through purposeful inclusion and supports the implementation of effective practices.

Transportation Fees: Full details and eligibility information can be found on the division website.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

We are open

Friday June 23rd

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Library will be closed for June 28

Will be open on Thursday, June 29

(9-4:30 pm)

Last day for students to check out a

book will be **June 15**

All student library books need to be returned by **June 21**



SUMMER PROGRAM IS ALL ABOUT SPACE

Every Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

July 6 - SPACE BALLS AND ROCKETS

July 13 – ALIENS IF YOU DARE

July 20 – LEGO SPACE

July 27 – FIND SPACE

August 3 – METEOR SHOWER

August 10 – GALAXY BOOK MARKS

August 17 – CONSTELLATIONS

August 24 – PLANETS

Thank you for your support of the **Scholastic Book Fair**.

We made **over a \$1000** to buy new books plus we got to keep \$400 worth of books that were part of the fair.

There will be a **USED BOOK SALE** starting **June 6 th** . All books are .25 cents each

JUNE CALENDAR

June 2 - Alternate Day, no classes

June 5 - Kindergarten (M/W) Barrhead Trip (AM)

June 6 - Kindergarten (Tu/Th) Barrhead Trip (AM)

June 6 - Gr 5 Pond Day (County of Barrhead)

June 6 – Jr. High Zones Trackmeet at Onoway for students who advanced from Divisionals.

June 7 - Gr. 2 Pioneer Days at Fort Assiniboine

June 8 - Gr. 4,5 & 6 at PHSSAM in Busby

June 7 & 8 - Gr. 9 Whirlwind Tour of Edmonton (overnight)

June 9 - Alternate Day, no classes

June 12 – NCES Board meeting, 7:30 pm

June 13 - Gr. 5 at Camp Nakamun

June 14 - Gr. 6 at U of A

June 14 – NCES hot lunch (pizza) & free ice cream (pre-orders only - Gr. 6 class is away)

June 15 - last day for CTF & Option classes

June 15– Gr. 1 Edmonton Zoo trip

June 16 – Gr. 9 Grad, 7:30 pm program

June 16 – Alternate Day, no classes

June 19 - Girls in Sports presentations

June 20 - June 27: PATs (Gr. 6&9) & Jr. High exams

June 20 - 7:00 pm Jr. High Band & Awards Night

June 21 - last day for Kindergarten (Mon/Wed) class

June 21 - Gr. 5 Aviation Museum trip

June 22 - last day for Kindergarten (Tu/Th) class

June 22 - Gr. 2 Ft. Edmonton trip

June 22 - Gr. 3 Telus World of Science trip

June 23 – Gr. 4 field trip to Ft. Edmonton

June 23 - Farewell Evening for Mr. Gelderman (7-8:30) includes a short program (7:30-8:00)

June 27 – Gr. 1-3 Swim (1-2) & Gr. 4-6 Swim (2-3)

June 27 – Last day of classes for students, report cards to go home with the students in Gr. 1-6, mail out to Jr. High students

June 28 – last Staff Day