



Principal's Message

As the leaves change colors and the air becomes crisp, we welcome the beautiful month of October at our school. September start-up went very well, even with all the changes that have happened to our school – new classroom locations, new teachers, new coaches, etc. It has been exciting to see how well all of the new people have fit in and done a marvelous job contributing to our school community. We thank God for providing the right people for each situation to keep our school strong and successful.

This month, we continue to have many wonderful events happening to enrich the learning experience at NPCS. We look forward to collecting donations for the food bank to give back to our community and support those in need, especially as we reflect on all that we are thankful for.

Parent teacher conferences are happening this week, which we enjoy having so we can get to know you and your children better. Our sports teams are continuing as we wrap up elementary soccer, cross country running, and push into the stretch drive of the junior high volleyball season.

Thank you for being an integral part of the NPCS School community. We look forward to continuing learning and growing with the students throughout the year. We are blessed and honoured to work with your children and watch them grow and develop as learners and as children of God.

Brett Seatter, Principal

Neerlandia Eagle Express Newsletter

October 2023

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 each year** through your PowerSchool accounts. Thanks to everyone who have completed these forms. We still have some 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.

*Reminders are being sent out weekly from Pembina Hills office to the ones that are not completed.

Parent Meetings

NPCS Parent Meetings – Gr. 1-9 parents can schedule a 15 min. meeting for each child with **homerom teachers** on either **Tues., Oct. 3** (4:30-7:30) OR **Wednesday, Oct. 4** (4:30-7:30). These are in-person meetings to be held in classrooms. We would like just the parents to attend these meetings (not the children). In March we might have student-led conferences and then students will be encouraged to come along.

PICTURE DAY



Smart Photography will be here on the morning of **Tuesday, Oct. 17**, to take individual pictures.

Tues/Thurs. Early Learning students can come at 10:15 on Oct. 17 to have their pictures taken.

All order forms will 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

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

***Mon./Wed. Kindergarten class will have their pictures taken on Retake Day.**

- **Retake Day** – we haven't set the date yet, usually mid-November.

Donations to Food Bank

We are asking students to bring in food donations.

These will be taken to the Barrhead Food Bank. These items can be brought in during the week of Oct. 2-5. Parents can bring to parent meetings (Oct. 3 & 4) or to Thanksgiving Assembly to be held at 2:45 pm on Wed., Oct. 4.

Staff members will deliver food items to FCSS.

Thanks for your support!

TERRY FOX RUN

All of the students participated in the Terry Fox Run on Thurs., Sept. 14.

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

Our total amount raised was **\$1157.40**. Thanks for your donations!



Music Program APPLE fundraiser

Hello NPCS Community,

I am excited that the music program at NPCS will be partaking in Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser.

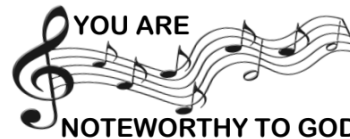
This fundraiser is to offset the costs for opportunities in the Elementary music program as well as the Band program.

We are planning on attending the Winspear Education Concerts with Elementary students grades 1-6 in Edmonton as well as the Barrhead Music Festival. The band will once again be attending music festivals in Barrhead and Edmonton, workshops, and an overnight Band Camp. We are offering 3 varieties of delicious BC Apples that have come from the Davison Orchards in BC. Choices are: Davison Honeycrisp (\$42./15 lb box) Ambrosia (\$32./15 lb box) Gala (\$32/15 lb box)

- We would like orders placed no later than Oct. 12 and they will be delivered to NPCS on Oct. 31.

Order forms may be completed **online via PowerSchool** or with a **paper form** that has gone home to each family. Extra forms are available in the office. (If paying by cheque please make payable to NPCS)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please let me know.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Ferster
megan.ferster@pembinahills.ca

SPORTS

Elementary Soccer: Grade 5/6 soccer will be wrapping up soon – depends on the weather. They have a tournament in Fort Assiniboine on Thurs., Oct. 5. Thanks to all who participated and a big thank you to Mrs. Lisa Seatter & Mrs. Kerry Vanderwekken and Sophie Fleming (helper) for running this program.

Grade 6 students also enjoyed playing soccer at Sunny Bend colony on Thurs., Sept. 28 in the afternoon.

Our Jr. High students went to Fawcett to participate in a soccer tournament on Wed., Sept. 27.

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

Cross Country Runners – our Elem. & Jr. High runners competed in a Divisional event at Westlock Golf Course on Sept. 21. They represented our school very well.

Some of our Jr. High runners will be headed to Hinton to participate in Cross Country Zones on Wed., Oct. 11th.

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

The NCES & NPCSC boards met on September 18. Here are the highlights of our meetings:

- NCES was pleased to provide NPCSC and Covenant school students with **popsicles** after they completed running the **Terry Fox** race. **420 students and teachers** participated in this event!
- **Construction of the playground equipment** is still on-hold. NCES is working with Pembina Hills and Aspen Ridge (the builders) and BLU IMP to address some site drainage issues that need to be resolved prior to the build. We are still hopeful that the build can be completed before winter.
- The **BearTracks Ice Melt** forms went home with all students on Sept 28th. The student who sells the most ice melt will win a 10 pack of passes to the Barrhead Swimming Pool. Thank you to Nutrien for partnering with us on this fundraiser. All **order forms must be in and paid for by Thursday, October 20th**. Product will be available the first week of November.
- NCES will be hosting a **Hot Dog and Chocolate Milk hot lunch** on October 25th.

- The annual **NCES membership request** letter was sent home on September 28th. The family membership letter is printed on white paper and the NCES associate membership request letter is printed on blue paper, and is for grandparents who are interested in financially supporting their grandchildren's learning and school experience.

- **Memberships are optional and cost \$300/family or \$150 for grandparents/community members.**

Payment options:

1. Cheque – make payable to **NCES**, mail to address above or drop off at school
2. E-transfer – ncesboard@gmail.com – please write your name in the memo

Thank you for your years of financial support. We could not support Christian education without you!

- You are welcome to **join our next NCES board meeting** scheduled for October 16, 2023 at 7pm.

On behalf of the 2023-24 NCES board: Sheri Strydhorst (Chair), Kirstie Schatz (Incoming Chair), Charlene Fleming (Playground Liaison), Laura Braucht (Treasurer), Shawna Sotnikow (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Char Nanninga (Secretary), Diane Thiessen (Member-at-Large) and Sandra Olthuis (Community Member and PCCE Rep)

LIBRARY NEWS

October Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM-4:30PM

All Day Friday, October 13

9:00Am-4:30PM

**Library Closed for Thanksgiving Day,
Monday, October 9**

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser- A HUGE thank you to everyone who sold chocolate bars and everyone who bought them. It was a great success. We raised over **\$5000.00** for new books for our library!

Rhyme Time begins **October 18th**. Check Facebook for more information coming soon!

Book Club begins **Tuesday, October 24** at 7:30PM. Come prepared to share about one or two books you have read this summer. Everyone welcome!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 3 & 4 – Parent Meetings (4:30-7:30)
- Oct. 4 – 2:45 p.m. Thanksgiving Assembly in gym
- Oct. 5– deadline for bringing food for Barrhead Food Bank
- Oct. 5 – Gr. 5/6 soccer players at Ft. Assiniboine (all day)
- Oct. 6 – Alternate Day, no classes
- Oct. 9 – Monday: Thanksgiving Day, **no school**
- Oct. 11**– Jr. High Cross Country Zones in Hinton
- Oct. 12 – deadline for Apple fundraiser orders to be in
- Oct. 16 – (7:00 pm) NCES meeting
- Oct 17 – Picture Day *individual pictures to be taken in AM**
- Oct. 18 – Rhyme time begins in Library
- Oct. 20 – deadline for Bear Tracks fundraiser (NCES)
- Oct. 19 & 20: Thurs./Friday** – Christian Teachers' Convention
 - **No classes for students**
- Oct. 25 – NCES Hotdog lunch (pre-orders only)
- Oct. 26 – Wacky Hair Day
- Oct. 27 – **Alternate Day**, no classes
- Oct. 31 – Apples to arrive at NPC

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

