

# May Eagle Express

## Grade 9 Grad

Grade 9 Grad will be held on Wednesday, June 24 -There will be a dinner (invited guests only) at 5:30pm and the ceremony (open to all) will be at 7:00 pm.

As a fundraiser for Grad, the Gr. 9 students are hosting a Free Movie Night on Thurs. May 14th at 7:00pm. They will be playing the movie Zootopia 2! Admission is free, there will be a cash concession from which all proceeds will go to Grad.

## Gr. 7 Plant Fundraiser

Country Roadhouse Plant Fundraiser. We will send out a School Messenger note when the plants will be available for pick-up. It is usually around the May long weekend. If you placed an order please make arrangements to pick up.

Thank you very much for your support of this fundraiser for our grade seven field trip!

## Kindergarten/Preschool Open House

We had our Kindergarten/Preschool open house on Monday, May 4, and it was fairly well attended. If you missed the open house and have questions, or even if you attended but still want more information, please contact the school office.

## NPCSC/NCES

NPCSC/NCES AGM

Tues May 26

6:30-7:30pm Parent Presentation on tech (JOMO)

Presented by PCCE

7:30-8:30pm AGM

Childcare provided for the duration of the evening. All parents and staff are encouraged to attend.

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## Field Trips

There are many field trips planned this month, please make sure you have completed your child's forms online.

May 2 Ditch clean up and 12-14 Gr. 8 Frontier Lodge

May 12 - Kindergarten - Grade 3 Winspear Field Trip

May 26 - Track and Field at BCHS

May 27 - 28 Grade 7 Jasper Trip

## Bus Forms

2026-2027 Transportation Forms were made available May 1st. Please go to the "Register to Ride" webpage or the Transportation Department if there are any questions. If your child takes a bus and you live outside of the NPCSC attendance area, you need to fill out a 5-01B form each year.



Last week, we had the pleasure of celebrating Christian Education Week. Our theme was Notice, Wonder, Love. Psalm 24:1 (one of our theme verses) sets a great stage for the first two elements: Notice and Wonder.

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." - Psalm 24:1

## Notice

I find that I don't take time to stop, be still and Notice things. Yes, as a human being that isn't a very healthy way to live, but as a Christian, it is more imperative to stop and Notice things, as God often speaks in times of silence.

Growing up, my family never did much to recognize Sabbath on Sunday (but when I was really young, stores weren't open on Sundays). When I started teaching at NPCS, watching the example of my reformed brothers and sisters showed me that Sabbath keeping was one way to stop and Notice.

Teaching at Pembina Hills Hutterite Colony Schools allowed me to see how the people there did not have many of the distractions that we see as important. Although they may not be perfect at slowing down (they can be pretty busy as well), their lifestyle has been an example of the value of removing distractions to help us stop and Notice.

I have been challenged over the years to do a better job of noticing what God has done and what God has for me. How about you? Do you have habits that allow you to slow down, stop and Notice God?

## Wonder

I don't know if I can fully Wonder about God's creation and His plan for me without first slowing down, stopping and noticing. Wondering is an important next step. This allows us to deeply understand God and to know His heart.

Aren't two year olds amazing at Wondering? No matter what answer you give them for a question, they will reply with "Why?" Yes, I have even learned how to be a better Christian from my children and grandchildren when they were just two years old.

I thank God for our students, who Wonder and think deeply about God's creation and how He wants us to respond. I appreciate the reminder they provide me to keep on Wondering.

I encourage you to take time this month to intentionally Notice and Wonder. And then check our newsletter next month to read my reflection on the last element of this year's Christian Education Week theme: Love.





# NCES UPDATE

On April 7, NCES was proud to sponsor a full day visit from Olympian Bobsledder Melissa Lotholz. Melissa presented at 2 assemblies in the morning, then visited Gr 6-9 classrooms in the afternoon. This was a very fun and meaningful day for students, staff and Melissa herself. Thank you Melissa for making time to present to NPCSC!

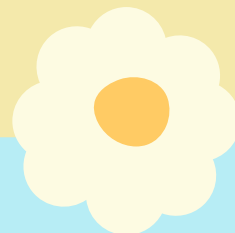
NCES funded the new Foosball table for the Jr High class, located in the school foyer. Lots of fun has already been had, and we are happy to support our Jr High students through play. NCES Hot Lunch is scheduled for May 21, serving Chicken Burgers. Students will bring home forms this week.

NPCSC Chair, Kirstie Schatz, attended the Alberta School Council Association Symposium April 24/25, with funding from the ASCA grant. This was a very worthwhile conference, diving into policy and procedures of school boards and fundraising organizations. Thank you to the NPCSC for approving attendance.

NPCSC/NCES 2026 AGM will be Tuesday March 26. Come at 6:30 for a parent presentation (JOMO) on parenting and tech. The AGM will follow from 7:30-8:30. Childcare will be provided from 6:30-8:30. We appreciate all parents and staff in attendance as we discuss NCES/NPCSC involvement in the school, review bylaws, and hear from our Trustee and Principal. Enter to win a Door Prize!

A reminder that all volunteers with NCES must have their PHSD volunteer forms completed, along with required record checks. Please speak to the office for more information.

Next NPCSC/NCES meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 19, 7pm at NPCSC.  
NCES Board of Directions 2025-26 Kirstie Schatz (Chair), Charlene Fleming (Vice Chair/ Playground Liaison), Alanna Breitzkreitz (Secretary), Laura Braucht (Treasurer), Julaine Greilach (Hot Lunch Coordinator), Sandra Olthuis (Community/PCCE Rep), Meagan Neill (Member at Large), Cass Wierenga (Fundraiser Liaison)



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Neerlandia Public Christian School Council (NPCSC) &  
Neerlandia Christian Education Society's (NCES)  
**Annual General Meeting is Tuesday May 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

With a feature presentation on “JoMO” - The Joy of Missing Out!  
By Jeremy Horlings from the Prairie Christian Centre for Education (PCCE).

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### Embracing the Joy of Missing Out: Supporting Digital Well-Being at Home

We know that children are struggling with the effects of tech overuse, and setting digital boundaries is crucial for supporting their well-being and academic success. That’s where JOMO comes in. JOMO—the Joy of Missing Out—redefines FOMO by helping us focus on what really matters. In this one-hour session, you'll learn practical strategies to align your family’s tech use with your values and goals. We'll explore how to develop a healthy technology philosophy, identify your family’s core values, and create a family tech agreement that fosters balance and intentionality.

For more information, go to [experiencejomo.com](https://experiencejomo.com).

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If your children attend Neerlandia Public Christian School (NPCS), your presence is desired. We’ll start the evening with a great presentation on digital wellness, and follow with our AGM to review the work of the past year.

**Presentation is from 6:30 - 7:30 & AGM from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at NPCS**  
Door prize and childcare available.



## LIBRARY NEWS



Library Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:30

OPEN: Friday May 1 &  
Friday May 22  
CLOSED: Monday May 18  
(Victoria Day)

Book Club:  
Join us Monday May 25 at  
7:30 for our final book club  
meeting of the year. We will  
be discussing 'The Lion  
Women of Tehran' - Marjan  
Kamali

Book Fair:  
Living Books and Scholastic  
Books will be here May 20-  
22  
We are excited to have Living  
books come this year and  
provide wholesome, positive  
and spiritually nourishing  
products to our students,  
families and community  
members.

Used Book Sale:  
May 25 - 28



## SPORTS



Special Thanks to Mr. T  
Wierenga, Mr. B Wierenga, and  
Mr. L Hooimeyer for coaching the  
Jr. High badminton  
students. We appreciate the  
time and effort you put  
towards this successful season.



## Track and Field



The Jr. High students will be  
attending Track and Field  
Divisionals on Tuesday May 26.  
Zones for Track and Field will be  
Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> for those that  
advance.



## Pembina Hills Update



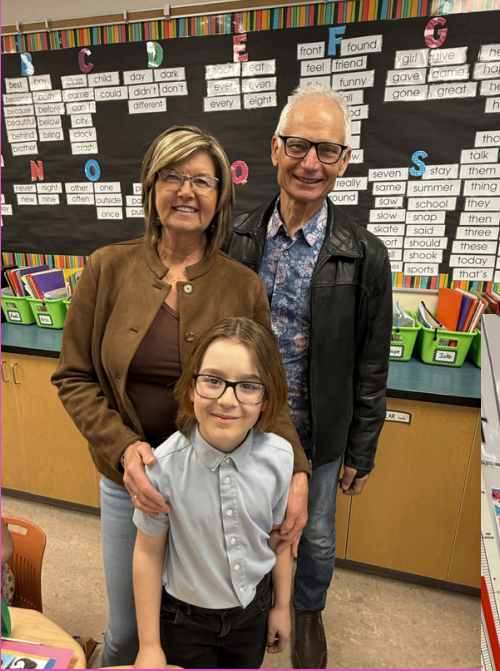
### Appointment of New Superintendent

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce that Raime Drake has been appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools/CEO for Pembina Hills School Division, effective September 1, 2026.

Ms. Drake's leadership is defined by a commitment to evidence-informed decision-making and student-centered learning.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Drake in her new leadership role!

# Christian Education Week



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## April 10 Book Character Day!



## Citizenship Awards April 23



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# 2026 May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Hot Lunch- Taco in a Bag	2 Gr. 8 Highway ditch Clean	3
4 Kindergarten and PreSchool Open House from 1:30- 2:30	5 Gr. 9 Career Fair at the Westlock Spirit Center 12:30-1:30	6 Wear a Hat for Mental Health	7	8 Alt. Day, no school	9	10
11	12 Winspear Field Trip Kindergarten - Gr. 3	13	14 Movie Night, hosted by the Grade 9 Class	15 Alt. Day, no school	16	17
18 No School. Victoria Day	19 NPCSC/NCES Meeting at 7:00pm	20	21 Grade 9 PAT Hot Lunch- Chicken Burgers Scholastic Book Fair May 20 -22	22 Grade 6 PAT	23	24
25	26 NCES AGM Jr. High Track and Field Divisionals at BCHS	27	28 Gr. 6 Vaccines	29 Alt. Day, no school	30	31
		Grade 8 Frontier Lodge May 12 - 14	Grade 7 Jasper May 27 - 28			

## Upcoming Events in June

- June 3 - Jr. High Track and Field zones. Gr.4 Wetlands Field Trip
- June 4 - Gr. 6 PAT
- June 5 - Staff day
- June 8 - Alt. Day, no school
- June 9 - Gr. 9 PAT
- June 11 - Gr. 6 PAT
- June 12 - Gr. 6 PAT
- June 15 - Grade 6 PAT, NCES Meeting at 7:00pm
- June 16 - Gr. 9 PAT, Kindergarten Telus World of Science
- June 17 - Music Fair
- June 18 - Gr. 6 PAT/Gr. 7 & 8 Exams/Jr. High Awards
- June 19 - PHSAAM, Sunglasses day, Gr. 9 PAT & Gr 7 & 8 Exams. Gr. 1 Zoo Field Trip
- June 22 - Gr. 9 PAT, Gr. 7 & 8 Exams
- June 23 Gr. 9 PAT. Gr. 5 & 6 Swimming 10:30-11:30, Gr. 2 - 4 Swimming 1:30-2:30
- June 24 - Grade 1 swimming 10:00-11:00am, Grade 9 Grad. Last student day!

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