



June EAGLE EXPRESS



Field Trip Information

We have several field trips coming up for the month of June. Classroom teachers will be sending home detailed notes with dates & times. All of the forms & fees will be posted online via PowerSchool. Please check regularly to ensure your child has proper forms completed & fees paid. Several of these trips will require parent volunteers. Volunteers must fill out the Volunteer form 4-60, and have a Criminal Record Check (will Vulnerable Sectors) and a Child Welfare Check on file with the school office. We have been informed by the RCMP that if we need parents to obtain a criminal record check, that they require a letter from the school requesting this. Please contact us for this letter. For the Child Welfare check, you need to send email to CFS.IRCNorth@gov.ab.ca to request the form. You will then complete the form and they will return it to you. Please then share this with the office.



Bus Information

2026-2027 Transportation Forms were made available May 1st. If your child takes a bus and **you live outside of the NPCS attendance area**, you **need to fill out a 5-01B form each year**. Please go to the "Payments, Consent & Transp Forms" in your PowerSchool Parent Portal and fill out the "Requested/School of Choice Transportation Application" form.

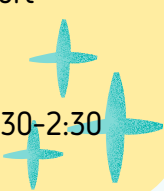
Grade 9 Grad

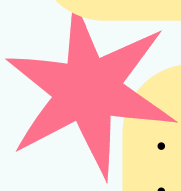
Grade 9 Grad will be held on Wednesday, June 24 -There will be a dinner (invited guests only) at 5:30pm and the ceremony (open to all) will be at 7:00 pm. Grade 9's are asked to stay after their PAT on June 23rd to help set up.

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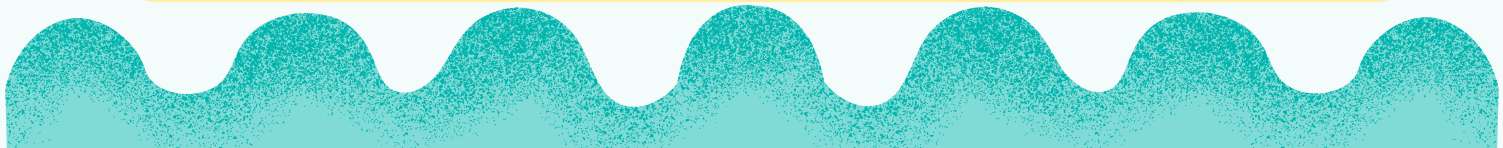
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Field Trip Dates

- June 3 - Gr. 4 Waterworks
 - June 4 & 5 - Band Camp at Bethel
 - June 10 - Gr. 3 & 5- Fitset Ninja and splash park
 - June 12 - Gr. 4 Royal Alberta Museum
 - June 16 - Kindergarten Telus World of Science
 - June 19 - Gr. 1 Zoo Field Trip, PHSAAM in Fort Assiniboine, Gr. 2 Fort Edmonton.
 - June 22 - Gr. 6 U of A
 - June 23 - Gr. 5 & 6 10:30-11:30, Gr. 2-4 1:30-2:30 Swimming in Barrhead
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Important Dates

- June 5 Collaboration day, no students
 - June 8 - Alternate day no school
 - June 12 Lemonade Stand, Gr. 3 Fundraiser
 - June 17 - Music Fair
 - June 18 - Gr. 2 Pioneer Day!
 - June 19 - Sunglasses Day
 - Gr 6 PAT - June 11, 12, 15, 18
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 - June 24 Grade 9 Grad and last student day!
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Principal Message

At the end of April, when we celebrated Christian Education Week, we had the theme Notice, Wonder, Love. In the Principal Message last month, I explored the ideas of Notice and Wonder. This month, I would like us to consider Love.

When I used to have my own classroom at Neerlandia Public Christian School, I had a banner across the front that read "Love God, Love Others." Below that banner, I had Matthew 22:37-39 "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

I told the students that those were really the only rules in my classroom ("Love God, Love Others") as every other rule would come out of those two things. I believe that the importance of these two statements is greater now than it has ever been.

At a recent Pembina Hills Principals Meeting, one of the administrators used the term "Age of Outrage" to describe our world right now. This really resonated with me, because I feel that social media algorithms are making me see one perspective passionately, to the point that all other perspectives are unequivocally wrong. Furthermore, this demands a strong and forceful response, without listening to what others have to say. After all, everything I am told shows me how wrong other perspectives are. But lately, I have been wondering how Biblical this stance really is.

If I am called to love others as myself, wouldn't I want to be heard and truly listened to, before someone makes judgements about me? Would I ever change my mind if I did not feel heard before someone shares their alternate opinion? Maybe following the first two elements of our Christian Education Week theme, engaging in Notice and Wonder with our brothers and sisters, will help us properly Love them.

I have told my children that if I feel good after correcting someone else, I must question if I responded to them in love. I know I have had the feeling of "there, now I have shown them" after correcting a brother or sister, but that seems to be more about me, and less about showing the other person love. I think it more properly shows love for others when I feel for the person I am interacting with, even when God is calling me to correct them.

My desire is to move out of the "Age of Outrage" and return to a "Calling to Love my Neighbor, as Myself." I have not arrived when it comes to this desire, but I am on the journey, and with God's help I will continue to get closer and closer to what He wants from me in my relationships. My prayer is that we can help one another truly follow what Jesus said are the greatest commandments.

Prakash Raju

Forms and Fees



We will continue using School Engage/PowerSchool to handle online registrations. Demographic verification forms (for all students) will be available after August 19.

Please update your verification forms as soon as they are available, as there are forms connected that verification, that we will need in September. Parents will need to have access to their PowerSchool Parent Portal to access this form. Parents need their User Name & password. If you need login information, please contact the office before the end of the school year.

School Messenger: We will continue to use this system to send out important messages via email, and for parent to record student absences, throughout the rest of this school year, and next year.

Reminder that we do accept Visa/Debit card payment in the office.

Exam Schedule

		Thursday June 18/26	Friday June 19/26	Monday June 22/26	Tuesday June 23/26	Wednesday June 24/26
AM Exam	Gr 7	LA	Social	Science	Math	Makeup Exam Time
	Gr 8	LA	Science	Math	Social	
	Gr 9	Edmonton Tour	Math B PAT	Social PAT	Science PAT	
PM	Gr 7 & 8	CTF	CTF	Awards & Band Concert (Gr 6 on Field Trip)	Supervised Choice Activity	
	Gr 9	Edmonton Tour			HCS 3000* independent work time	Gr 9 Grad in Evening

*Gr 9 HCS 3000 is an independent study High School Work Experience prerequisite course which gives each student who completes it, 1 credit towards their diploma.

Please Note: We also have a Gr 9 LA (Part B) PAT on Tuesday, June 9 (9:00-11:30am) and a Gr 9 Math (Part A) PAT on Tuesday, June 16 (9-10am).

Supply List

School Start supply lists will be sent home 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. A 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 a gift from NCES!

Announcement

It is with mixed emotions that we share with you that Mrs. Shirley Rauscher will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Rauscher has been an integral part of the Neerlandia Public Christian School community for 30 years. She has positively influenced countless students (one-on-one, in small groups, and with whole classes) and she has been a blessing to our staff. We pray God's richest blessings on Mrs. Rauscher's future endeavors, and we look forward to seeing her around the school as a sub and a welcome visitor in our staff room.

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Current 2026-27 Staffing Assignments

Grade	Teacher
Kindergarten	Mrs. J Olthuis
1	Mrs. Henschel
2/Gr. 5	Mrs. Rentz
2	Mrs. Strydhorst
3	Mrs. K Wierenga
4	Mrs. Sybesma
5	Mrs. Lee
6	Mrs. De Waal
7	Mrs. Wruk
8	Mr. B Wierenga
9	Mr. T Wierenga
Jr. High	Mrs. Smith
Music/Gr. 5	Mrs. Ferster
	Education Assistants
	Mrs. Elzinga
	Mrs. Seatter
	Mrs. Nanninga
	Mrs. De Vries
	Library- Mrs. M Olthuis and Mrs. Gelderman
	Admin Assistant Mrs. N Wierenga

Library News

Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday Evening

7:00PM - 9:00PM

Closed Monday June 8th

Open Friday June 12 and June 19th

Last day for regular hours
June 25

All student books need to be
returned by
June 18th

Summer program starts July
2nd

This year's theme: Habitats
Open Thursday 9:00 - 4:30
July 2 - August 20

Sports

Jr. High students attended
Track and Field Divisionals on
May 26th. Job well done to all
students who participated!
We had 34 students that made
it to Zones, they competed on
June 3rd and represented our
school very well!
Congratulations!

Pembina Hills News

The division is projected to receive approximately \$60.9 million in operational funding for the 2026-2027 school year, an increase of about \$3.6 million from the current year. Much of this increase reflects provincial funding provided to support negotiated teacher salaries.

Notable changes for 2026-2027:

- PHSD is moving toward a site-based decision-making model for school budgets. Principals will build their own school budgets within their overall funding envelope, rather than receiving a prescribed staffing allocation and needing central approval to move funds between categories.
- The Board will consider the final divisional budget for approval at its June 10th, 2026, regular board meeting. We moved our Budget and Ed Plan items into June because of the announcement of the welcomed \$200 million for class size reductions in the province. Our division has received \$405,000.00 (3 FTE). Senior Admin and Principals have met to discuss pressure points and will be presenting to the Board the allocation recommendation based on those conversations.
- 1 Complexity Class Team (located in Westlock) – 1 Teacher and 2 EA's. Ministry is allowing Divisions to be flexible in how this looks, as some divisions haven't been successful in filling these roles. We currently have 2 part time Teachers for the last part of the 2025/2026 school year. PHSD has had the posting open since the announcement of our allocation. We are hoping to have a teacher hired for 2026/2027.
- CASA Classroom (located in Barrhead) – Starting in January 2027, a CASA Classroom will open within the division as part of a partnership between CASA Mental Health, the Government of Alberta, and Pembina Hills School Division. This will cost the division 1 Full Time Teacher. This will bring specialized support directly into the classroom. Class size of 12 students per semester as well as a semester of integrating back into the classroom. This will target students from grades 4-12.

NCES Newsletter

- May 21 NCES held their last Hot Lunch of the school year. We would like to thank Julaine Greilach, Arianne Mast, Eva Visser, Ellie Holierhoek and Charlene Nanninga for helping to prep and serve Chicken Burgers.
 - May 26 NCES/NPCSC held their AGM. Some highlights include approving amendments to our bylaws regarding Board nominations, voting and quorum, hearing from our principal and trustee, as well as passing our operating budget for the 26/27 school year.
 - Also at the AGM, we said goodbye to 3 board members: Charlene Fleming and Laura Braucht completed their 6 year, 2 term positions, while Sandra Olthuis completed her 3 year term. We thank them for their years of dedication to NPCSC and the NCES Board, wishing them success in what is to come.
 - NCES/NPCSC welcomed 3 new board members at our AGM. Eva Visser and Arianne Mast in parent positions, as well as Lori Tiemstra as our Community/PCCE Rep. We look forward to what these ladies will bring to the table.
 - NCES Final meeting of the year will be held June 15, 7pm at NPCSC
 - Looking Ahead: NCES Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast is September 3. All families are welcome. If you are willing to help with clean up, please email Kirstie Schatz at kschatz09@gmail.com
 - As this school year comes to a close, NCES/NPCSC would like to thank all Families, Students, Staff, and Donors for their support throughout the year. May your summer be filled with fun and relaxation!
- NCES/NPCSC Board: Kirstie Schatz, Alanna Breikreitz, Cass Wierenga, Julaine Greilach, Meagan Neill, Eva Visser, Arianne Mast, and Lori Tiemstra



Grade 8 Frontier Lodge

Gr. 7 Jasper Field Trip





Track and Field Divisionals!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
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8 Alternate day, no students	9 Gr. 9 PAT LA	10 Gr. 3 & 5 Fitset Ninja Field Trip	11 Gr. 6 PAT Social	12 Gr. 4 Field Trip Gr. 3 Lemonade Stand Gr. 6 PAT Science	
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