



Neerlandia
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Theme for February

Love Conquers All?

As I began thinking about what I would write about this month, I was once again struck by how wise God is. Our theme this month, taken from the Fruits of the Spirit, is the theme of Love.

This love is not just the love of a family member to another family member or even the love of one friend to another. It is also the love we are called to share with every human being, which

supports us in learning to treat one another with the kindness and respect God expects of us.

This week, Canadians are reeling from the news of the bombing of a faith community in Quebec, which followed on the heels of the exclusion of many people from the United States and it is very difficult to believe that love conquers all.

We do not have to agree with others, and often don't, but we are called to treat those with whom we disagree with respect and acceptance. We are not asked to judge or to follow- after all, our path is the one shown to us by Jesus and our judge is God.

How blessed are our children, who are being raised with this message of love, as it is their love and faith-filled lives which will help restore our world.

It is so easy to fall into the trap of condemning those who do such acts, but our request to each of you, is that you support your children in developing that deeper sense of love and help them focus their prayers on supporting those in need and on changing the hearts of those who are filled with anxiety and hate.

My prayer is that we use this month to share words of encouragement and support for one another as we continue to walk the path Jesus has shown us. Let us be beacons of God's love which will provide hope to the larger community.

Thank you for all that you do to support this Christian community. You are proof that God's love is powerful in deed.

Lisa Gehring

School Wide News:

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held on **Mon., Feb. 6 & Tues., Feb. 7** between 4:30 – 7:30 pm on either day. A cover letter and **schedule was sent home** with the youngest child of each family on Jan. 26. (If you didn't receive this information and need to know your schedule time(s), please call the office).

Our expectations are that there will be time enough (15 min. per child) for students to show some of their accomplishments and then if the parent or teacher need to talk one-on-one, the child can be sent to the Foyer.

There will be games/books, etc. set-up and Ms. Gehring will be supervising. We are requesting that only the child whose progress is being discussed be in the classroom during the scheduled time. Other siblings can be in the Foyer.

If parents cannot possibly make it for either of these two days, they need to contact the homeroom teacher to make arrangements to meet on another day.

Upcoming Events

WINTER WALK DAY



Winter Walk Day for NPCS students will be on **Wed., Feb. 8** starting at 2:30 pm (right after last recess). Parents are welcome to join us if they would like. We will be walking through the hamlet.

The walk will be followed by a few snow festival type activities that will be led by the Gr. 9 students (weather/conditions permitting).

Students - remember to dress appropriately for weather conditions (ski pants, gloves, toques).

SKIING -JR HIGH



Gr. 7/8 students hope to go to Misty Ridge Ski Hill on Wed., Feb. 8th (otherwise an alternate day, if conditions are not good).

Field Trip permission forms & fees need to be returned no later than Feb. 6 – these will go home on Fri., Feb. 3.

*Note: Gr. 9 Jasper Ski trip is scheduled for Feb. 14-16, 2017. Forms & fees also need to be returned for this trip by Feb. 6.

100th Anniversary Celebrations!

Yes, we will be celebrating 100 years of Christian Education at NPCS.

When? **Thurs., Mar. 9th**

Where? Here at **NPCS**

What's Happening?

OPEN HOUSE starting at **1:00 PM.**

Come check out the displays of old pictures and memorabilia in the Foyer and hallways.

We will have a 'pioneer-style' classroom and a 'modern-day' classroom set up.

2:00 – 3:00 Join us for **Tea** (tables in back of gym)

3:00 – 3:45 **100th Anniversary Celebration** Assembly - join us in the gym for some presentations by former staff and present-day students.

Need your help!



"This is one of the old pictures we have of the Neerlandia school. There are better ones out there and if you can please bring your old photos to the school so we can scan and add them to our history records and display.

If you have other old school memorabilia such as report cards, desks, textbooks, note

books that you are willing to lend for our 100th anniversary display please let the school know a.s.a.p. ([780-674-5581](tel:780-674-5581))

We would like all pictures, etc. in no later than Feb. 16

Thank you!!!

The N.C.E.S.(Parent Council) is also hosting a Fundraiser Evening on March 10th as we continue the celebrations!

See NPCSC/NCES News for more information.

Notes from the Band Room...

Congratulations to Caleb K., our grade 9 tuba player, who was accepted into the Northern Alberta Junior Honour Band in Edmonton!



From March 1-3, Caleb will be playing in a 95 piece band made up of the top junior high band students, coming from 39 schools across northern Alberta. Professional music educators will lead the students through three days of intensive rehearsals, and advanced performance experiences.

The final concert will take place on Friday, March 3rd at 7:30 pm, and is open to the public (Venue TBA)

Sports

BASKETBALL:

Jr. High girls practice:

Mondays: 4:47 – 6:00 pm

Wed.: 3:47 – 5:30 pm

Jr. High Boys practice:

Tuesdays: 4:47 – 6:00 pm

Thursdays: 3:47 – 5:30 pm



Elementary Basketball (Gr. 4-6) will continue throughout the months of Feb. & Mar., from 4 to 5 o'clock on Mondays and Tuesdays.

*The only exception to this schedule would be if Jr. High teams have games scheduled here in the gym, in that case the Elem. practices would be skipped on that specific day.

FUNDRAISERS

Our Gr. 7 Class will be hosting a Hot Lunch on **Thurs., Feb. 23**. They will be offering **Hot Dogs**. Pre-order forms will be sent home on Mon., Feb. 13 and must be returned no later than Tues., Feb. 21. Online orders must be placed by midnight on Mon., Feb. 20.

NPCSC/NCES NEWS



“ A CENTURY OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS”

The NCES is planning a **fundraising event on Friday, March 10, 2017** and we are requesting your help in enhancing the valued Christian Education experience at the Neerlandia Public Christian School (NPCS)

The evening will involve a meal, silent and live auctions and local entertainment; we hope it will be a great community building opportunity and go a long way to help us reach our yearly fundraising goal.

Tickets are now available for \$30 each! They can be picked up from: Neerlandia Co-op: see Steve DeVries
School office: see Debbie Fisher
In Barrhead: Heidi Magus 780-674-6856

This year we are also celebrating 100 years of Christian education in Neerlandia! The planned fundraiser will be part of this celebration and the funds raised will be used to help

build an outdoor classroom, raised garden beds, and replant trees on our new school grounds.

The outdoor classroom we are planning on building is a gazebo type structure with a roof, benches and tables that can be used by the school, public library and community using the grounds.

Your support of our school and community is very much appreciated.

If you have any donations, can help out, or if you have any questions please call, email or text:

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

PHPS Online If you haven't already, consider subscribing to the e-letter **@myphps** to learn more about the great things that are happening in our schools across the division www.phrd.ab.ca

The PHPS report card can also be found online – see how our division reports on the 15 key measures from AB. Education

The board **met with Education Minister David Eggen** January 16th to provide him with information about Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) and how we along with our partners serve 44,000 students across the province.

Alberta School Boards Association As a Director for the 29 school boards in zone 2/3 I was excited to be part of the association's strategic planning in January. The continuing erosion of locally elected school boards in other provinces is an issue of concern as governments look for efficiencies. Having trustees who are familiar with their communities and schools allows for good decision making at the local level. Alberta school boards are also advocating the government to approve the long awaited Education Act.

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LIBRARY NEWS

February Library Hours

Library Closed Monday, February 20 for Family Day Holiday

We are **open Thursday, Feb. 9** during Teacher's Convention
9:00Am-4:30PM

We are open **Friday, Feb. 3 and 24** 9:00AM-4:30PM

Lego Contest – Thank you to everyone who participated in our lego contest. Everyone put a lot of work into their projects – our judges had a hard time choosing winners.



Winners are:

Family category: Sam Pierik & family - Map of Canada

6 & under: Frederick Driessen - The Boat

7-9 years: Austin Fisher - The Great Outdoors

10-13 years: Elliot Harink- West Jet Airport

Rhyme time has begun for another 8 week session.

It is held on Wednesdays 10:15-11AM and will run until March 22

Book club has picked a new book called "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty. We will meet to discuss it in March. (tentative date is March 7)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 3, Fri. – Extra Kindergarten day

Feb. 6, Mon. – Extra Kindergarten day

Feb. 6 & 7: Student-led conferences (4:30-7:30),

Feb. 8 – Winter Walk & Snowfest activities (2:30 pm)

-Gr. 7/8 Misty Ridge Ski (tentative date)

Feb. 9 & 10: Teachers' Convention (no classes)

Feb. 14-16: Gr. 9 Jasper Ski Trip

Feb. 17: Alternate Day, no classes

Feb. 20: Family Day holiday

Feb. 22: PH School Board meeting at NPCS

2:47 –early dismissal day

Feb. 23: Hotdog Lunch

Upcoming in March:

Mar. 9 – 100th Anniversary of School celebrations

Mar. 10 – NCES Fundraiser Evening