



Theme for March: JOY comes from God

As we continue to explore the Fruits of the Spirit, we are now focusing on Joy.

Joy is one of the most confusing topics for many students as it is so often portrayed, in our modern world, as being the same as happiness. God, however, has a much different and more powerful message for us.

Happiness is fleeting. When we get a good mark on a test, a much anticipated gift or attend a celebration, we are happy. Often, we are extremely happy. A day, a week or a year later, though, that happiness is but a memory. Happiness is based on human activities and achievements and is fleeting.

Joy, on the other hand, is a precious and eternal gift from God. Even when pain and suffering enter in, the Lord supports us and gives us joy to sustain us. For me, a moment of pure joy, which has never left me, was the moment when I found out each time that I would be having a child. I have been blessed to experience this joy three times in my life. Yes- I only have two children on earth, but I still remember, with joy, the baby I did not get to know on this world. Certainly there is pain there, but there is also the absolute certainty that he is with God and that God's love is with me. That is joy.

Another time I have seen joy is in the faces of young children as they explore this wonderful world in which our creator has placed us. The first time they see your smile, smell a flower, or run through the grass in bare feet on a warm summer day are moments of absolute joy.

In Galatians 5:22, it is stated that "the joy of the Lord is your strength." What a powerful message in a time of uncertainty. Remember to pray always and praise the Lord our God. From Him comes all strength and joy.

May your March be filled with moments of true joy!

Lisa Gehring, Principal

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Newsletter

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School Wide News

100th Anniversary of NPCS

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 (Gr. 2 room) and a 'modern-day' classroom (Drama/Math room).

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

- Jr. High students will be serving some goodies

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

EVERYONE is welcome to come and celebrate!

Notes from the Music Room...

BARRHEAD ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL:

Wed. March 8 Band - BCHS Drama Theatre
10:10 Troika Rushing, Majestica, Celtic Air and Dance

Monday, March 13 Solos - United Church
4:06 Elizabeth
4:14 Duet Elizabeth and Addison
4:22 Addison

Tues, March 14 Choirs - BES gym
 starts around 12:00, ends around 12:45
 You Are The New Day Grade 6 and Junior High Students
 Forever Reign Grade 5-6 girls
 Can't Stop the Feeling Grade 4-6 Choir
 And The Glory

- All students that will be participating in the Barrhead Music Festival need to complete field trip forms (Mrs. Hellinga will hand out) and be returned by Tues., Mar. 7. We will be taking a bus for both Mar. 8 & Mar. 14 events.

Also, on Thurs., Mar. 9th our Jr. High Senior Band will be playing for the Senior's Lunch at the Neerlandia CRC Fellowship Hall. This will happen between 10:30 – 11:30 that morning.

HONOUR BAND FINAL CONCERT



Caleb K., our grade 9 tuba player will be playing in a 95 piece Honour band made up of the top junior high band students, coming from 39 schools across northern Alberta. The **final concert** will take place on Friday, March 3rd at 7:30 pm, and is open to the public. This will take place at Strathcona Christian Academy, 1011 – Clover Bar Road in Sherwood Park.

BAND CONCERTS (here & there)!

We will be joining together with the Pembina North School Band and offering a Concert here at NPCS on the morning of Wed., Mar. 22. Then in the afternoon our Band students will be travelling to Pembina North School (Dapp) to do a concert there. (exact times to be determined)

**Kindergarten Student-led Conferences
 Tuesday, Mar. 21, 2017**

Kindergarten students will be leading parent conferences on Mar. 21 – see schedule below.

4:00 - 4:45	Alexis C, Ally, W., Arieanna T, Ava B, Cole D
4:45 - 5:30	Derbhla O, Eh Ta Moe, Erik S, Faith & Jace N
5:30 - 6:15	Jorja F, Kaydren R, Kinsley G, Logan N, Frederick D
6:15 - 7:00	Robyn K, Sarina S, Tanner B, Taven B, Teagan S

If you cannot make your scheduled time, please make a switch with someone and let Mrs. Henschel know the changes made. She will also be sending home some information about the conference on Thursday, March 16 so that parents can be prepared. Thank you! Mrs. Henschel

Sports

BASKETBALL:

Basketball season is wrapping up for the year.

Gr. 8/9 teams: March 3,4 ZONES
 Last girls practice March 1 (today)
 Last boys practice March 2(Thurs.)
 Boys windup after school March 9



Thanks again to our volunteer coaches; Arjan Koekkoek & Jennifer Tuininga (girls) and Mr. Wierenga and helper Pete Schuring (boys).

Also to all the people that helped with reffing and driving to games, etc. These after-school programs could not run without you volunteers!

Elementary Basketball (Gr. 4-6) will finish up on Tues., Mar. 7th.

BADMINTON TO START:

Now that Basketball is winding up we will begin our Jr. High Badminton practices.

Practice times are set up as follows:

- Mon. (starting Mar. 13) – Gr. 7 students
 - Tues., (starting Mar. 14) – Gr. 8 students
 - Wed., (starting Mar. 15) – Gr. 9 students
 - Thurs. (starting Mar. 16) – any students who want to stay and play.
- Times for all practices will be 3:50 – 5:15 pm.

FUNDRAISERS

Gr. 9 Hot Lunch Fundraiser:

The Gr. 9 class will be hosting a 'Taco' lunch on **Thurs., March 16**. The tacos will be supplied by the All Greek Restaurant in Barrhead (owned by a family from our school). Hot lunch orders will be going home a week prior to the lunch and order forms need to be returned no later than Tues., Mar. 14. Money raised from this fundraiser will be for the sponsorship of our Gr. 9 Foster Child.

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION EVENING

*Mark on your calendars!
Tues., April 4 – School tours beginning at 6:45 pm
 OPEN HOUSE and classroom presentations 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Kindergarten Registration for 2017/2018 – 7:30 pm
 Internet Safety for Parents – we are hoping to have Constable Hynes come and do a presentation that evening (time TBA).

NPCSC/NCES NEWS



"A CENTURY OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS"

The Neerlandia Christian Education Society is busy making final preparations for our fundraiser and celebration of 100 years of Christian Education in Neerlandia which is being held **March 10, 2017**.

There are still some tickets available (\$30 each) but it's best to act fast if you want to guarantee a seat! Contact Debbie at the school ([780-674-5581](tel:780-674-5581)), Steve DeVries at the Neerlandia Co-op ([780-307-3200](tel:780-307-3200)) or Heidi Magus in Barrhead ([780-206-5747](tel:780-206-5747)). We'd love to have you join us for an evening of good food, entertainment and fundraising in support of the Neerlandia Public Christian School.

One of the projects we are raising funds for is the building of an outdoor classroom on the school grounds and to plant trees to replace the ones that were removed during the building of our new school. We want to leave a legacy behind for future generations to enjoy in remembrance of our first 100 years. We are excited to announce that we were approved for a \$5000 grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation so we are off to a good start!

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Thank you NPCS!

We were excited to have NPCS students, staff and the school council share their learning with trustees at our board meeting in Neerlandia on February 22nd. The school board learned how the through-lines are incorporated into all subject areas and saw literacy and numeracy in action.

Fee to ride bus held at 2016-17 levels

The school board voted to keep bus fees at 2016-17 levels.

- In-town Grade 1 to 12 students will pay \$350 a year
- Rural Grade 1 to 12 students, who don't go to their designated school, will pay \$450 a year

School board to consider charging for alternate site pick up/drop off service

Currently at least 223 students are picked up or dropped off at a different location than their regular bus stop on a consistent basis (i.e. the babysitters). There is no fee for this service. Later this spring, the school board will consider introducing a fee for this service.

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LIBRARY NEWS

March Library Hours:

Library Closed Monday, March 6 for PD Day

Closed March 24-April 2 for Spring Break

We are open:

Thursday, March 23

9AM-4:30PM

Thursday, March 30

9AM-6PM

Mon-Thurs.

9AM-4:30PM

Wednesday evenings

7:00-9:00PM

Fridays,

Mar. 3 and 10

9:00AM-4:30PM

Book Club

Our next book club book is "Big Little Lies" by Lianne Moriarty. Call the library to reserve your copy. **Next book club meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14 at 7:45p.m.**

Rhyme Time is coming to an end. The last Wednesday session will be March 22 from 10:15 – 11:00AM



Mar. 3 – **Alternate Day, no classes**

Mar. 6 – Monday, PD DAY, no classes

Mar. 8 – Band at Music Festival

Mar. 9 – 100th Anniversary of School (see schedule)

Mar. 10 – NCES Fundraiser Evening

Mar. 14 – Choirs at Music Festival

Mar. 16 – Gr. 9 Taco Lunch (order forms by 14th)

Mar. 17 – PHPS No School Day (St. Patrick's Day)

Mar. 20, Mon. – Kindergarten day

Mar. 21 – Kindergarten Evening meetings (4:00 – 7:00 pm)

Mar. 22 – Band Concerts (with Pembina North)

- Early dismissal at 2:47 pm

- Gr. 1-6 take home printed Progress Reports

(Jr. High will have updated info in PowerSchool)

Mar. 23 & Mar. 24 – **Alternate Days, no classes**

**Mar. 25 –
BREAK**



April 2: SPRING