

Sweet Fruit

Fruits are sweet and contain many vitamins and minerals which are good for us. They require maintenance, however in order to attain that sweetness and juiciness which we know and love. Like our traditional fruits, Fruits of the Spirit also require maintenance in order to enrich our lives and help us live out God's plan for each of us. We are told that we need only to pray and we will receive these fruits. Only pray? What greater task is there for us, as followers of Christ, then to pray to God for comfort, support, healing and wisdom. Praying for guidance- and actually listening to the answers- even when we are uncomfortable, allows goodness, kindness, patience, joy, faithfulness, gentleness, love, self-control and peace to grow within each of us as we go about doing that which God calls us to do.

How fitting that we are looking at **peace** in the month of November as we pause to remember the sacrifices of so many from so long ago. We have been blessed many times over due to these brave men and women who have worked so hard on our behalf. How then can we repay them? We can have an expectation that most people are truly trying to do their best. We can reach out to one another- helping, supporting, and praying- so that no-one feels alone. We need to continue to read scripture, pray and reflect so that we are able to show God's love, even when we hurt.

Our students are so blessed to have each of you in their lives. They are being supported as they study and reflect upon the role of God's Word in their lives. Thank you so much for your continued support. There is no greater work then to help our children recognize their roles as Children of God and the hope that they bring to our world.

May God bless you all in this month of Remembrance.
Lisa Gehring

School Wide News:

NPCS Progress Reports:

We will be sending home a print copy of the Progress Report with Grade 1-6 students on Friday, Nov. 18.

PowerSchool: All Gr. 4-9 parents have been given passwords to access information about their child(ren).

If you already have a child or children on PowerSchool then you just need to add the student onto your existing account.

The Jr. High teachers do regular updates so parents can access their children's information via the webpage <http://powerschool.phrd.ab.ca/public>

Gr. 4-6 parents will have access to an updated report of core subjects on Nov. 18 at this same webpage: <http://powerschool.phrd.ab.ca/public>.

Kindergarten will have **student-led conferences** on Tues., Nov. 29 (schedule has gone home).

These will take place between 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten room (small groups for 45 minutes each).



PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Smart Photography will be here during the afternoon of **Thurs., Nov. 10 (probably right after lunch).**

- **Picture Proof packages** needed to be returned by **Nov. 2** unless Retakes were requested.

CTS TRIMESTER #2 CLASSES

Our Jr. High Tri. #2 classes will begin on Nov. 30 and continue until Mar. 7. Classes for Tri. #2 are: Lego Robotics, Outdoor Ed, Food Studies & Recreation Leadership.

HOME-EC Food Studies



We would like to thank any parent volunteers that helped during Tri. #1 and we look forward to volunteers that might like to join us for Tri. #2 classes. Food Study Classes are held on every Day 3 from 1:24 – 3:47 p.m. Please let us know if you would like to help with these classes, we appreciate it!

Assemblies/Events

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day assembly will be held on **Nov. 10** at **11:00 a.m.** in the gym.

Poppies have arrived. **Donations for poppies** are encouraged & gratefully accepted. We ask that all staff and students wear their poppies to the assembly on Nov. 10. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Remembrance Day Contest – Deadline for poster/poem/essay entries is Nov. 23 (need to be handed in by 9:00 am) so these can be sent inter-office mail to Barrhead Elem. (unless students want to drop off directly at BES). Parent Consent forms need to be signed & glued to the back top left hand corner of all entries.



Sultans in String – coming Nov. 24th

Juno Award nominees and Canadian Folk Music Award winners, **Sultans of String** combine Spanish flamenco, Arabic folk, East Coast Celtic, and gypsy jazz. “Canada is a real meeting place of musical influences from around the world”, says violinist/bandleader **Chris McKhool**, “and its music has the ability to bring together people and cultures in a way we love

see in the world, creating a collaboration that breaks down the barriers that divide us.”

For more information please go to: kbamonline.com

Their performance will begin at 1:30 pm in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Food Studies 'High Tea'



Our **Jr. High Food Studies Class** will be hosting a 'High Tea' on **Nov. 22 at 2:00 – 3:00 pm** in the Foyer of the School. This will be for invited guests only and tickets will be available at a cost of \$5.00 per person.

We need guests to RSVP to office no later than Nov. 8th. and send money for tickets back with students or stop by the office.

If all 30 tickets have not been sold by this date, we will have some available for others, please call the office between Nov. 8-10 if interested.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We would like the Operation Christmas Child boxes returned no later than Nov. 16 to NPCCS. These boxes (available from your teacher) can be filled with school supplies, hygiene items (no liquids), toys and clothing for children living in countries where there is poverty, war, famine or natural disasters. Ukraine has been chosen again to receive 20,000 Canadian shoeboxes fill with items for cold weather climate.

We have Girl/Boy labels available to put on boxes. Age groups are: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years.

Please do not include food, candy, toothpaste, used items, breakable items, decks of cards, items that could leak, melt or freeze or items that might scare a child (play guns, knives, etc.)

Donate \$7 per box to help with shipping (cheque or cash placed inside shoebox. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$15. Or more (you can combine donation for multiple shoeboxes).

Donations are also gratefully accepted online, go to SamaritansPurse.ca

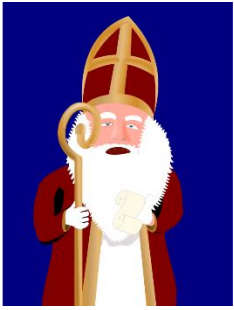
KIDS NEWS – We're on the Radio!

“Who better to tell stories about what they are learning at school than our students,” said Superintendent Colleen Symyrozum-Watt. Through the Kids News broadcasts, parents and community members hear directly from students about events and activities at school. “Our student reporters are also getting real-life experience as they gather, write and read their news stories. Thank you to **97.9 The Range** for partnering with our schools to make this possible.”

When is our school on-air?

Tune in weekdays at 7:45 a.m. and 4:36 p.m. Tune in on Wednesdays (starts Nov. 2) to hear NPCCS Kids News!

St. Nick Day – Dec. 2



NPCS will be celebrating St. Nick Day on Fri., Dec. 2 (extra Kindergarten day). St. Nicholas accompanied by his faithful companion, Zwarte Piet, will visit grades K-3 beginning with kindergarten.

Kindergarten: 12:30 – 1:10 pm
 Grade 1: 1:10 – 1:40 pm
 Grade 2: 1:40 – 2:10 pm
 Grade 3: 2:10 – 2:40 pm

He will pop in and say “Hi” to the other grades if time permits.

Each classroom will be arranging their own activities for the afternoon, so watch for notes. Most classes will be having a special lunch or snacks throughout the afternoon and parents will be notified of what food items to send along.

Also, all students will receive a name of a fellow student for which they **make or buy a small gift (\$5 - \$7 value)**. A poem about the gift or the recipient should be attached to the **outside** of the present.



Sports

VOLLEYBALL: Both our ‘A’ & ‘B’ Boys & Girls Volleyball teams have been very busy with games & tournaments. They have played well and brought home a few banners & trophies. They will still be playing in more games & tournaments for the month of Nov. and our ‘A’ teams will be playing in Zones 1/2, to be held in Westlock on Wed., Nov. 16.

BASKETBALL: As soon as volleyball finishes for the year, we will be starting Basketball practices. Mr. Wierenga says there is already a mini-tournament scheduled on Dec. 10.

Student Council News

Student Council members are busy running the Concession Booth each noon hour as a service to Jr. High Students.

Upcoming Events:

PJ/Teddy Bear Day – On **Thurs., Nov. 17th** we will have students wear some cozy PJs & bring their teddy bears so they can find a comfy corner to read with other students. We will be pairing up older students with younger ones (K-Gr. 9)

We will be also sponsoring a Classroom **Door Decorating** Contest and judging will take place on Dec. 1st.

NPCSC/NCES NEWS

NPCSC/NCES annual General Meeting will be held on Mon. November 7, 2016 at 7:30pm. This will be held in the Science Lab of the school, everyone is welcome to attend.

School Board News

Board extends moratorium on student travel to Europe by 2 years

With student safety in mind the Board of Trustees voted to suspend travel to Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Trips to North America, Central America, South America and Australia will be considered on a trip-by-trip basis, informed by the criteria set out in AP 60-03.

Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Exam writer results
 Students are achieving on par with provincial averages in Gr. 6 & 9 English, Math and Gr. 6 Science. Teachers will analyze the individual and course data for Gr. 9 Social Studies and Science which are statistically below the provincial average. The change from diploma exam marks and school marks being weighted from 50-50 to 30-70 has not significantly impacted student final grades in each course.

Student enrolment down 1 percent this year

This year, PHPS community schools will serve 38 fewer students in Kindergarten - Grade 12. As well as teaching 3,872 students who attend our 11 community schools, two Hutterite Colony Schools and two outreach schools, PHPS operates Vista Virtual School and the Alberta Distance Learning Centre – which serve 7,800 and almost 45,000 students respectively.

New K-12 Curriculum

Alberta Education is reviewing and updating the curriculum over the next six years. Please provide your input through the online survey [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/curriculumsurvey/by November 18th](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/curriculumsurvey/by_November_18th).

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FUNDRAISERS

Our Gr. 4 Class will be hosting a **Hot Lunch** on Thurs., Nov. 17. Pre-order forms will come out a week prior to this lunch. Library is hosting a Gift Card Fundraiser (forms went home)

LIBRARY NEWS

NEERLANDIA LIBRARY NOVEMBER HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9:00AM-4:30PM

(open during noon hour)

Wednesday Evenings

7:00-9:00PM

Open Friday, Nov. 18

9:00AM-4:30PM

Library Closed

Friday, Nov. 11 for Remembrance Day

Monday, Nov. 14 for PD DAY

Gift Card Fundraiser

The Library is holding a gift card fundraiser again. Place your gift card order by **Nov. 21, 2016** and the cards will be here the first week in December. These make great Christmas and birthday gifts. Order forms will be available at the library and by the bulletin board at the Neerlandia Co-op Grocery Store.

Library Events and Programs

Rhyme Time

Wednesdays-Oct 26-Dec.22

Time: 10:15-11:00AM

Children 0-3 years old accompanied by Parent or caregiver

Theme: Under the Sea

Lego-Building Contest

Our annual Lego-building contest will be Thursday, Jan.26. Registration forms will be available at the library at the end of November. Our new theme is "Canada".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 3 Jr. High 'A' Volleyball teams in Westlock

Nov. 4 ***Alternate Day, no classes***

Nov. 7, 7:30 pm Annual General Meeting of our Parent Council (NCES) in Sci Lab

Nov. 10 at 11:00 am: Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 10 – PM, Retake Pictures

Nov. 11 ***Remembrance Day, no classes***

Nov. 14 ***Monday, PD Day, no classes***

Nov. 16 deadline for returning Christmas Child boxes

Nov. 16 Volleyball Zones for 'A' teams in Westlock

Nov. 17 Gr. 4 Hot Lunch (order forms to go home prior)

Nov. 17 PJ/ Teddy Bear Reading Day (K-9)

Nov. 18 Progress Reports to go home with Gr. 1-6

& Updates made to PowerSchool for Jr. High students

Nov. 21 deadline for Library Gift Card orders

Nov. 22 High Tea, 2:00 – 3:00 for invited guests

Nov. 24, 1:30 pm – Sultans of String (assembly in gym)

Nov. 25 ***Alternate Day, no classes***

Nov. 29 Kindergarten Student-led conferences (4-7), see schedule that was sent home with K students for times

Nov. 30 ***Early dismissal, 2:47 pm***

Dec. 2 – St. Nick Day