



**"Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving and Praise"**

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and praise His name,  
For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations.  
- Psalm 100: 4-5

What wonderful words to live by are found in this short Psalm. We are created in the image of God and are called to worship Him and give Him praise each and every day. As we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving, it is appropriate and right to stop and give thanks.

We continue to be blessed by the incredible community God has surrounded us with. Our Neerlandia Christian Education Society continues to work hard to ensure that people know about the possibilities of our school and to support our teachers and students in continuing to deepen our understandings of the responsibilities and possibilities of Christian Education.

Our parents and community members encourage one another as well as our students and are vital to the success of this school. Our staff surround our students with loving kindness and constant encouragement to live as Christ intended. We are so thankful for the people of our community.

Please take time to remember to thank the Lord for your many blessings at this special time of year. It is right to give Him honour and praise.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone  
Lisa Gehring



**School Wide News:**

**PARENT MEETINGS**

Goal-Setting Parent meetings were held on Oct. 4 & 5 and were very well attended. Thanks to everyone for coming out and if you missed your meeting, please contact the homeroom teacher.

**FORMS & FEES**

Thanks to everyone who was so prompt in getting back their forms and fees to us. We still have some outstanding instructional fees, so if you're not sure if these fees have been paid please can contact Mrs. Fisher in the office. A list of families with outstanding fees will be submitted to Pembina Hills Public Schools by Oct. 15, so please give us a call if special payment arrangements need to be made. You can also do the payments online (again, if you need help, just give us a call).

**SCHOOL PHONE DIRECTORY**



A Phone Directory has been sent home with the youngest child of each family. If there are any omissions or errors in the information provided, please let us know and we'll make necessary changes.

**NPCS PICTURE DAY**



Smart Photography will be here on the morning of **Thursday, Oct. 13**, to take individual pictures.

**Picture Background forms** have been sent home with each student and need to be returned on or before Picture Day. **Pictures will be taken in the Foyer.**

Please remember to **NOT WEAR GREEN** that day no matter what background you pick.

- **Proofs** will be received back in 7-10 working days and then orders can be placed.

## ASSEMBLIES

We enjoyed a wonderful **Thanksgiving assembly** yesterday, Tues., Oct. 4.

It started off with the Drive Away Hunger **WEIGH-OFF**. Each class brought in several pounds of food (or cash donations).

Each year we seem to bring in even more than the previous year.

We are pleased to announce



**Total of 1760 pounds of food**

Donated to the Barrhead Food Bank. Wow! Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Our **Home Group Assembly for October** will take place on Tues., Nov. 1 towards the end of the day (3:00 pm). For the month of October we will be focusing on the

Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness!



**Fire Prevention OPEN HOUSE** will take place on **Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Barrhead Fire Station from **5:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at 4635 – 61 Ave. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Fire Chief will also be visiting our school on Tues., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:50 am (part of Tues. morning assembly).

Some of the forms and information will be handed out to K-Gr. 6 students at that time.



## TERRY FOX RUN

It was great to see so many people out to join us for the annual Terry Fox Run last Wed., Sept. 28. It was great that our neighbouring school – Canadian Covenant Reformed School hosted the Run this year. Thank you!

**Total amount raised has not been finalized but it was over \$500. from NPCS.** Thanks to everyone!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our school will participate once again in the **Operation Christmas Child** project.

Collection Week is mid-Nov., so please start thinking about items that you might want to put in your boxes.

**Donations are also gratefully accepted online, go to [SamaritansPurse.ca](http://SamaritansPurse.ca)**

## Sports

**Elementary Soccer:** Grade 4-6 soccer is continuing every Mon. & Wed. from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., until it gets too cold.

**Cross Country Run** - A number of our gr. 4-9 students participated in the **Cross Country Run** at the Westlock Golf Course on Sept. 26 along with many students from other Pembina Hills schools and was sponsored by St. Mary School (Westlock). Our students did well and a few finished high in their division. Congrats to Kaden Tuininga (1<sup>st</sup>), Christina Kuric (3<sup>rd</sup>) & Hannah Tuininga (3<sup>rd</sup>) fastest in their divisions.

**Jr. High Soccer** – Several of our students participated in the Soccer Tournament at Fawcett on Sept. 29. It was a fun day for all!

**VOLLEYBALL:** We are into full swing of the volleyball season. We have 4 teams: Jr. High Girls A & B and Boys A & B. Thanks to our volunteer coaches, Sherri Hiemstra (volunteer) who coaches the Girls B and Aaron Lee (volunteer) the Boys B.

Renee Rentz (gr. 2 teacher) and Jennifer Schuurman (assistant - volunteer) coach the Girls A and Howard Gelderman (teacher) who coaches the Boys A team. We are looking forward to lots of fun games and tournaments. Players – please make sure your fees and forms have been handed in to the office.

**Jr. High Hoody & T-shirt orders** should be arriving soon.

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**Driver's Authorization forms** – please be aware that there are new forms to be filled out if parents want to volunteer to drive students to games, tournaments, etc. The insurance has increased to \$2 million liability so please check with your insurance company. Thanks to everyone who have handed in their new forms.

## Field Trips

### Gr 6. Field Study:



On Thurs., Oct. 20 the grade 6 students will be travelling to Edmonton to visit the Alberta Legislature and on the way home they will be stopping in Spruce Grove to swim at the Tri-Leisure.

## 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.**

Thanks to everyone who has paid their \$300. membership fees (family) or \$150. Assoc. membership fees (community member). You can continue to send the cheques/cash to the school office.

## Neerlandia School is turning 100!

Are you interested in our schools history?  
Are you excited about our schools future?  
We are still looking to form a committee to organize a celebration of NPCSC's 100th birthday, which will take place in 2017!  
Please **consider volunteering** your time and talents!

Please contact Char Nanninga via text/phone if interested at [780-674-0441](tel:780-674-0441) or contact any other NCES member.  
Thank you!

We covet your prayers and financial support; may the Lord continue to bless our school community!

## Pre-School Begins

Our preschool teacher, Mrs. Jill Olthuis will be starting classes today, Wed., Oct. 5 and classes will continue until next spring. We will have 19 excited children attending this year so have split into two classes, morning & afternoon. Payments can be made to NCES.

## School Board News

**Pembina Hills Public Schools Website** [www.phrd.ab.ca](http://www.phrd.ab.ca)

Our communications staff has been working hard to keep our website up-to-date and easy to navigate. Have you seen the "bus route status report" with its colorful icons that predict the arrival of the buses? There are also links to the latest news, celebrations, transportation, calendars, PowerSchool, school cash online and more! All of the policies and procedures that guide our school division, as well as contact numbers for staff and departments are available. Under the "School Board" tab are links to the board's agendas, minutes, highlights, self-evaluation and even a video about the trustees. As a board we strive to deliver an excellent education program to our students, and would encourage you to check out the PHPS website!

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## FUNDRAISERS

Our Gr. 7 Class will be hosting a **Hot Lunch** on Tues., Oct. 25. Pre-order forms will come out a week prior to this lunch.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### NEERLANDIA LIBRARY OCTOBER HOURS

<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	<b>Open Friday, October 14</b>
9:00AM-4:30PM	9:00AM-4:30PM
<i>(open during noon hour)</i>	
<b>Wednesday Evenings</b>	
7:00-9:00PM	

**Library Closed**  
**Monday, October 10 for Thanksgiving Day**

**Alberta Prairie CLASSROOM ON WHEELS is coming soon!**

*(also known as the COW BUS- minus the bus).*

**This is a free drop-in program for families with young children (0-6years old) funded by Alberta Government and hosted by the Neerlandia Library Society.**

**Come and learn:**

- Great ideas to help you support early learning in your home
- fun activities to build your child's reading and writing
- practical ways to include literacy in your everyday life

**Where: NEERLANDIA CO-OP (room between grocery store and Canada Post mailboxes)**

**When: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Time: 10AM-4PM**

**Library Gift Card Fundraiser coming soon! Check next month's school newsletter for details.**

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our **chocolate bar sales**. It is our biggest fundraiser and helps us with so many costs in the library. We bought 200 cases this year. Thank you.

**Rhyme time** will happen again in our library. It will run for 8 weeks **starting October 26**

. It runs from 10:15-11:00 on Wednesdays.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- October 6 – PD DAY (for staff only), **no school**
- October 7 – PHS, **no school**
- Oct. 10 – Thanksgiving Day, **no school**
- Oct. 11 – Fire Safety presentation at early morning assembly
- Oct. 13 – Smart Photo PICTURE DAY (A.M.)
  - Open House at the Fire Hall (5-8)
- Oct. 20 – Gr. 6 Edmonton Legislature Field Study
- Oct. 21 – Alternate Day, **no school**
- Oct. 25 – Gr. 7 Hot Lunch
- Oct. 26 – Early dismissal, 2:47 pm
  - Rhyme Time begins in the Library
- Oct. 28 – Alternate Day, **no school**