École Neil Campbell School

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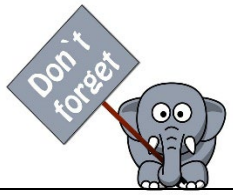
ÉNCS E-Memo – November 6, 2026



Upcoming Important Dates

Wednesday, November 11, 2026	No School. Remembrance Day.
Thursday, November 12, 2026	Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch for those who ordered.
Tuesday, November 17, 2026	Picture day for Caterpillar Kindergarten & a retakes for all grades who missed in September.
Tuesday, November 24, 2026	Report Cards published.
Thursday, November 26, 2026	Parent/Teacher. 3:45pm – 8:00pm.
Friday, November 27, 2026	No School. Divisional Co-ordinated Day.
Wednesday, December 9 & 10, 2026	Winter Concert. See below for more information.

Important School Reminders & Announcements

Please go to our school's website for detailed information and up to date reminders about our school. Remember to check out our school's news and calendar for upcoming important dates. The following sections are updated regularly and contain important information:

- Parents & Community
  - Important school reminders like lunch program, student absences and more.
  - E-Memos. Latest weekly e-memos are added to our website.
  - Parent Association, Parent Advisory Council (PAC) information and meeting minutes.
  - Parking information and guidelines - Please make sure to pay attention to the City of Winnipeg's signage surrounding our school to avoid getting a parking ticket. You can report parking/stopping infractions at: Report a parking violation (winnipeg.ca).
- Policies
- Documents & Forms
- Weather Reminders: Cold Weather Guidelines & Warm Weather Guidelines
- Transportation information including bus cancellations and delays, and Fee for Service.
- Programs & Services

A note from our principal, Mr. Hirst: We have seen an increase in Pokémon trading cards coming to school with students. While we appreciate this is an exciting pastime, we acknowledge some of these trading cards may hold a high value. To prevent accidental trading of cards with significant value, we do not allow Pokémon cards to be brought to school, following the same rule as "no toys from home". Parents/Guardians, please have a conversation with your child to let them know this is not allowed.

A message from our PAC: We are excited to host another Healthy Hunger Lunch with Bar Burrito on Thursday November 12. To participate, please have your orders in by Saturday November 7! If you have any questions please email, Neilcampbellpac@gmail.com.

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What's Happening at École Neil Campbell School?

Picture day – November 17: Tuesday, November 17 is picture day for Caterpillar Kindergarten, and picture retake day for anyone needing to have their picture retaken. If your child is getting their picture retaken, please fill out the Retake Permission form to help our photographer. Please see attached PDF's for more information.

Weather Reminders: Wet and chilly weather is here! Please send your child with weather appropriate outerwear, so they will be prepared no matter what the day brings. Many items look similar, so please make sure all belongings are labelled to avoid confusion or misplaced items.

Mittens, toques, and warm jackets will help keep the chill off while students enjoy their time outside. Although we regularly remind students to stay out of the water and wet spots, often socks and pants get wet during recess times. It is a good idea to have an extra pair of socks and pants in your child's backpack in case clothing gets wet during the school day. For up-to-date weather information go to Environment Canada Weather. You can also find this link on our website in the top right corner, next to the date.

École Neil Campbell School Lunch Program: Registration for the 2026/2027 lunch program is OVERDUE. Please note if payment is not received, your child will be removed from the Lunch Program and will not be allowed to remain at school during the lunch hour. Electronic forms can be accessed HERE or on the ÉNCS website: Lunch Program registration forms.





Are you retired, a stay-at-home parent, or someone who works shift work? **Neil Campbell Lunch Program is looking for a full-time supervisor** to oversee our kids during the lunch hour. Lunch supervision is a fun and rewarding experience, and a great way to get to know our school community! This position pays $20.50/shift. If you're interested, please email nclunchprogram@gmail.com to sign up today! *Please be advised that a Criminal Record Check and a Child Abuse Check are required **prior** to your start date.*

Please remember to send your child with forks and/or spoons for their lunch. The lunch program and the school office do not provide cutlery to students.

Regarding Head Lice - We have recently been made aware of one or more cases of head lice in the school. Please remember that head lice occur in all schools and can happen to anyone. We are asking that you remind your child to not share hairbrushes, hats, toques, or hoodies, and to try their best to avoid head-to-head contact with other students. More information can be found on The Government of Manitoba's website.

Volunteering at École Neil Campbell School: Updated guidelines have been put in place for the new school year, throughout the River East Transcona School Division (RETSD). If you are interested in volunteering, please email the school at nc@retsd.mb.ca for more information.

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A message from Mme Groess in our Music Room

Music Notes



Welcome

Welcome back to another year of music making!

It was so nice to welcome you to back to school at the Open House in September! Thank you to the parents/guardians who came to see the room and connect/reconnect with me. It was lovely to meet all the families that are new to our school. If you ever have any questions about the music program or student specific questions, feel free to email me at hgroess@retsd.mb.ca or call the school (204-661-2848).

We would like to formally welcome Mme. Rehal to the music team. She teaches the students who have music on Day 1, 3 and 5 of the school day cycle. Mme. Rehal will be with us until winter break. Welcome, Mme. Rehal!

Performances

Mark your calendars everyone! This year we will have two big performance times. The kindergarten to grade 2/3 students will perform in the Neil Campbell gym in December. The concert will feature our youngest students singing and moving to songs of the winter season.

The performances are as follows:

December 9 (1:00 pm & 6:30 pm)

Kindergarten Nanton and Rehal Ladybugs
1 Davenport
1/2 Sherby
2/3 Workman

December 10 (1:00 pm & 6:30 pm)

Kindergarten Nanton and Walker Caterpillars
1 Dufort
2 Gudmundson
2/3 Sabourin

There will be select grade 5 students who are performing speaking roles and need to attend ALL concerts (December 9th and 10th 1:00pm and 6:30 pm = 4 concerts). Parents will be notified shortly if their child is participating.

Stay tuned to the Neil Campbell e-memos for information regarding tickets and any other pertinent information. We look forward to showing you how the Neil Campbell Stars shine!!

Spring Concert

Our second performance time will be in the Spring on Wednesday April 21, and Thursday April 22! The concert will feature the students in grades 3-5 who did not perform in the Winter concert. More information will follow in the new year.



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A message from our Learning & Behaving Committee

Mean, Rude, or Bullying? Understanding the Difference

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At school, children interact with many peers each day. As they learn social skills, there may occasionally be disagreements, hurt feelings, or unkind comments. When these situations occur, it is important to understand the difference between rude behavior, mean behavior, and bullying.

Rude Behavior
Rude behavior is usually thoughtless rather than intentional. A child may speak or act without considering how their words or actions affect others. Examples of rude behavior are:

- Interrupting someone who is speaking
- Using an unkind tone of voice
- Forgetting manners
- Making a disrespectful comment in the moment

Children often display rude behavior when they are frustrated, excited, tired, or still learning appropriate social skills.

Mean Behavior
Mean behavior occurs when a child intentionally says or does something hurtful. Examples of mean behavior are:

- Calling someone a name during an argument
- Saying something hurtful when upset
- Excluding a classmate from an activity once

While mean behavior is not acceptable and requires teacher support and guidance, it is usually a one-time or occasional occurrence.

Bullying
Bullying is different from rude or mean behavior. Bullying involves intentional harm, repeated actions over time, and a power imbalance between the children involved**.** Examples of bullying are:

- Repeatedly targeting the same child with insults
- Ongoing exclusions of a specific student
- Regular threats, intimidation, or harassment

Bullying is a pattern of behavior, not a single disagreement or conflict.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help our students grow into safe, respectful, and responsible members of our school community.

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Community News

Check out the Kinder Links Parenting Support newsletter for more information on these educational sessions Parenting Support Newsletter Fall 2026 Kinder Links

Parenting support workshops this fall include:

- Nobody's Perfect Workshop Series (Tuesdays, Oct. 20-Nov. 17).
- Guiding Misbehaviour (Mondays, Oct. 19 & 26 and Fridays Nov 6 & 13)
- 5 Steps to Healthier Grocery Shopping (Thursday, Nov. 5)

To register for these interactive and educational sessions complete the online registration form - REGISTRATION - Parenting Support Workshops FALL 2026 – Fill in form, email kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca, or leave a message at 204.669.4043.



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