# École Neil Campbell School

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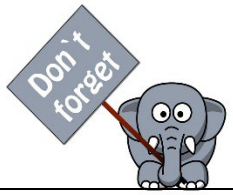
## ÉNCS E-Memo – October 22, 2026




### Upcoming Important Dates

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| Friday, October 23, 2026 | No school. Co-ordinated day.<br>School open Monday, October 26. School Day 3. Ladybug Kindergarten day. |
| Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | No school. Co-ordinated Day.<br>School open Thursday, October 29. School Day 6. Caterpillar Kindergarten day. |
| Tuesday, November 10, 2026 | Parent Advisory Council meeting. 6:30-7:30pm in the library. |
| Thursday, November 12, 2026 | Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch for those who ordered. |
| Tuesday, November 17, 2026 | Picture day for Caterpillar Kindergarten & a re-takes for all grades who missed in September. |
| Tuesday, November 24, 2026 | Report Cards published. |
| Thursday, November 26, 2026 | Parent/Teacher. 3:45pm – 8:00pm. |

### 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.

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## What's Happening at École Neil Campbell School?

**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. 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 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 Mr. Hirst about Halloween at École Neil Campbell School:

Next Saturday, October 31st is Halloween! Halloween can be a lot of fun for the students and staff, but this day can also be overwhelming for other students. All our staff want to be mindful of the wellbeing of all our students while still having fun and excitement in the building. Below are the planned activities for the students: (**please note***:* if your child is a Caterpillar kindergarten student their Halloween activities will be on Thursday, October 29th).

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in their costumes; the majority of the Halloween celebrations will take place in the afternoon. If your child is uncomfortable with Halloween or this is a day that your family does not celebrate, please call Mr. Hirst to discuss this so that he can make other arrangements for your child on the 29th or 30th. As always, we ask that you consider the following when helping your child get dressed up for school:

1. Costumes should not completely cover a student's face, face paint is okay, a "batman" type mask around the eye is okay, a full head covering latex mask – not okay.

2. No weapons, if the costume comes with a weapon (swords or knives etc.) please leave these at home.

3. Little or no blood and gore, a fake scar, or a drop of blood for a vampire for example, is probably okay.

4. Please be sure that the student can still participate in classroom learning (sitting at a desk, on the carpet in the music room etc.) and manage a trip to the washrooms by themselves while wearing their costume, so the inflatable T-Rex costume may have to be put on for the afternoon fun only.

5. If a student's costume is questionable, I will make the final call as the school principal.

Classes will have time in the afternoon to have a classroom Halloween party; the teacher may plan fun activities and events for the students. Please do not send any home-made treats for students to share with their classmates, with the many different allergies and food intolerances in the school it is best if all treats are store bought and nut free (**please note that sending treats is not expected**). We will have a costume parade for those students who want to participate (sorry, this is for students and teachers only).

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**A message from Mme Stewart's Grade 4 & 5 class in Room #19**

Bonjour!

Our classroom has been busy with hands-on learning, creativity, and personal connections. Students have begun tracking the moon cycle. In science, we explored ways to preserve leaves, learning about seasonal changes and how plants and animals adapt throughout the year. As part of our ongoing journey of learning and reconciliation, students reflected on their connections to the land and wrote their own land acknowledgements, thoughtfully considering the people, histories, and places that shape our community.



Collaboration was also on display as students worked together on a large art project, piecing together their contributions and working together to create a shared piece that celebrates diversity.

In math, students strengthened their problem-solving skills by tackling challenging tasks, explaining their thinking, and exploring different strategies. In the coming weeks, we will learn more about one another through family tree presentations, where students will have the opportunity to practice sharing in French. It has been wonderful to see students building knowledge, confidence, relationships, and connections to themselves and each other.

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**A message from Mme Katiniaris' Grade 4 & 5 class in Room #20**

Hello from Grade 4/5!
We have had a very eventful start of the year and we have a lot of exciting things happening in our classroom.

This week we got to listen to an interesting presentation from Brette Elias from Skills Canada. She spoke to us about a variety of careers and trades that our learners may want to pursue in the future.
In ELA we just started reading Coraline and we have been really enjoying all of the I Love to Write Month activities. We wrote the school, wrote collaboratively, and have claimed the heavily disputed title of Scattegory Champions.



In Art we have been flexing our creative muscles using different mediums such as clay, pastels, pencils, and paint. This week we made beautiful Nature Mandalas out of found materials in the woods behind the school in the style of nature artist Andy Goldsworthy. We also used different techniques to create chalk pastel pumpkin art.

In Social Studies we have been learning about Indigenous history, culture and stories. We created clay sculptures based on the Seven Sacred Teachings, and are looking forward to writing our own personal land acknowledgements.

In Math we are working on place value, rounding, and multiplication, so feel free to quiz our students if you see them out and about on their times tables!

Thank you for letting us share our learning with you!
Ms. Katiniaris and the 4/5ers





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## Community News

Kinder Links is pleased to offer a variety of interesting (and FREE!) parenting support workshops this fall. 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). Register for individual sessions or the entire workshop series. Sign up for individual sessions or attend all five weeks in this workshop series. Each workshop includes lunch for participants, door prizes and a free copy of Nobody's Perfect parenting resource book, related to the session's theme.
- Guiding Misbehaviour (Mondays, Oct. 19 & 26 and Fridays Nov 6 & 13)
- Virtual Toilet Training with Confidence (Wednesday, Oct 28)
- 5 Steps to Healthier Grocery Shopping (Thursday, Nov. 5)

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

***This publication is available in alternative formats upon request – please contact the school at nc@retsd.mb.ca.***

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