



École Neil Campbell School

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ÉNC S E-Memo – October 23, 2025



Upcoming Important Dates

Friday, October 24, 2025	No School. Co-Ordinated Day.
Monday, October 27, 2025	School Day 2. Caterpillar Kindergarten Day
Tuesday, November 4, 2025	P.A.C. meeting at 6:30pm
Thursday, November 6, 2025	Healthy Hunger Lunch for those who ordered.
Friday, November 7, 2025	Healthy Hunger Lunch for those who ordered.
Monday, November 10, 2025	No School. Neil Campbell In-Service Day.
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	No School. Remembrance Day.
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	School Day 1. Ladybug Kindergarten Day.
Monday, November 17, 2025	Picture day for Kindergarten Caterpillars. Picture retake day.
Tuesday, November 18, 2025	Term 1 report cards published to the Parent Portal.
Thursday, November 20, 2025	Student Led Conferences. 4:00 – 8:00pm.

Important School Reminders

Weather Reminders: Wet and chilly weather is here! Please send your child(ren) 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, 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. Splash pants, rubber boots, and rain jackets are great items to wear to help us stay dry while we enjoy recess times.

For up-to-date weather information, use this link: [Environment Canada Weather](#). You can also find this link on our website in the top right corner, next to the date.

Student School Fees: **Student fees are now overdue.** Thank you to those parents/guardians who have paid. Please send the outstanding school fees to your child(ren)’s teacher or drop off to the school office. We accept cash or cheque made payable to École Neil Campbell School. As a reminder, fees for Kindergarten are \$35.00, and fees for grades 1-5 are \$55.00.

Picking up & dropping off: Please report to the school office to check in and sign our sign-out sheet when you are dropping off or picking up your child(ren). Our office staff will make sure your child(ren) arrive at their classroom safely, and their attendance is marked. To minimize disturbances within the school, please do not walk your child(ren) to class.



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Absences, leaving early, or coming in late: If your child(ren) **will be absent** from school, or you expect them to be **late for attendance** in the morning (8:55am) or after lunch (12:45pm), please contact the school office at 204-661-2848 (you may leave a voice message 24 hours a day), or email the school at nc@retsd.mb.ca.

The end of the school day is a busy time! We make every effort to accommodate plans, but if you will be **picking up your child(ren) before regular dismissal** time at the end of the day, please call the school office **BEFORE 3:00pm**, to ensure we have enough time to notify your child(ren) and their teacher(s) of the change in plans.

Students who ride the school bus: Parents please be sure to regularly check the *Stopfinder* app for all bussing information. You can learn more about the *Stopfinder* app and bussing transportation on the RETSD website under Transportation, or by clicking this link: [Transportation](#).

Parking: A reminder to please not park or stop in the restricted parking zones around our school. These restricted zones are for the safety of our students, as well as our larger community. You can report parking/stopping infractions at: [Report a parking violation \(winnipeg.ca\)](#). This page shows that “No Stopping” along with other infractions can be enforced with a picture, and drivers can have a ticket mailed out to them without even knowing they have incurred a ticket. Thank you for helping to create a safer environment around our school.

Sending Medications to school: Whenever medication is needed at school, a parent/guardian must sign the *Authorization for the Administration of Prescribed Medication to Students* form (available at the school office). Non-prescribed, over-the-counter medication will not be administered by school personnel and should not be sent with your child(ren) to school. If your child(ren) needs to take a prescribed medication during school hours, the medication must be delivered to the school office in a container that has a label from the pharmacy which has the dispensing instructions noted on it. Please follow this link on administering medications <https://www.retsd.mb.ca/ci/search?q=medication> for more information.

For those families with severe allergies requiring an EpiPen for medication, please click on this link [Homepage | EpiPen.ca](#) for more information about how to obtain a free waist pack and other resources.



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École Neil Campbell Lunch Program:

Please note: Registrations for the lunch program for the 2025/2026 school year are overdue. Please submit your registration forms along with applicable payment **as soon as possible** if you have not already done so. Registration packages were emailed out on May 5, 2025. If you require a paper copy, please contact the school office to have one sent home with your child.



Are you retired, a stay-at-home parent, or someone who works shift work? Neil Campbell Lunch Program is looking for full-time supervisors 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/shift. If you're interested, please email nclunchprogram@gmail.com to sign up today!

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

School Community News

Pop Can Tab Collection

We are continuing our pop can tab collection to donate to the Ronald McDonald House, who recycles them to raise funds for families in need. We invite families to collect their pop can tabs and bring them into the school; a box is set up in the foyer where the pop can tabs can be placed. By donating these pop can tabs, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, and a positive impact in our community. Thank you for your generosity and support so far! Let's pop together for a great cause!

RETSD Mobile App



Did you know our school division has a mobile app? Stay connected with the RETSD Mobile App! Get real-time updates and push notifications from the division or any of our 42 schools, delivered straight to your phone, tablet, or smartwatch. Whether it's the latest news, calendar events, or urgent alerts, you can customize the content you receive—right to your device. Download it now!

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211 Manitoba App

Did you know Manitoba has a dedicated phone line to help with life's challenges? Please see below.

LIFE CAN BE HARD. FINDING HELP CAN BE EASY.
Dial 2-1-1 to find support for all of life's challenges.

211 Manitoba Dial 2-1-1 to find services related to:

- Mental health support
- Support for older adults
- Domestic violence shelters
- Addiction treatment
- Parenting resources
- Food and clothing
- Income tax clinics
- and so much more!

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P.A.C. & Healthy Hunger lunch program

We're excited to announce that we are launching a Hot Lunch Program — organized by your Parent Advisory Council (PAC)! This program is a fun and convenient way to switch up school lunches while supporting our school and all the exciting projects PAC has planned for this year. To start, we are offering families an opportunity to participate Nov 6th and 7th (Grades K-3's Nov 6th and K and 4-5's Nov 7th).

Here's how to participate:

1. Visit the website www.healthyhunger.ca
2. Register and create an account. Select Ecole Neil Campbell School from the school list.
3. Select your child(ren)'s classroom from the list.
4. Choose and customize your child(ren)'s meal from the menu options.

 Hot Lunch Schedule:

- **Thursday, November 6** (Day 4): Caterpillar Kindergarten & Grades 1–3 — Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9
- **Friday, November 7** (Day 5): Ladybug Kindergarten & Grades 3–5 — Rooms 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19

We hope you'll join in! Thank you for your ongoing support; every order helps make a difference in our school community.

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Halloween at École Neil Campbell School

Next Friday, 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. Here are the planned activities for the students: **please note:** if your child is a Ladybug kindergarten student their Halloween activities will be on Thursday, October 30th.

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 31st. 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 students and teacher only). Classes will have the chance to take a Halloween class picture that teachers can share with parents over TEAMS.



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Kinder Links

For information on parenting support workshops this fall, please click on our newsletter - [Parenting Support newsletter FALL 2025](#)

Here is a list of upcoming sessions:

- Thursday, October 23 – Guiding Misbehaviour
- Tuesday, November 4 - Understanding Your Child's Temperament
- Friday, November 7, 14, 21, & 28 - Nobody's Perfect

To register for these interactive and educational sessions, simply complete the online registration form - [REGISTRATION for parenting support workshops FALL 2025](#). You may also reply to this email, kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca, or leave a message at 204-669-4043.

A message from Mr. Reimer's Grade 3 & 4 class in Room 17

Early in the school year creating a class treaty has become an important part of establishing a classroom that is a safe, respectful and responsible place for all learners to grow. Here are some reflections from the learners in Room 17 on building their class treaty for this year:

“Our class treaty helps us take care of our class and classmates.”

“Our class treaty is important to us because being patient, telling jokes and having fun are important while learning.”

“Our class treaty helps us be kind.”

“Our class treaty is important because it helps us sort out problems in the right way.”





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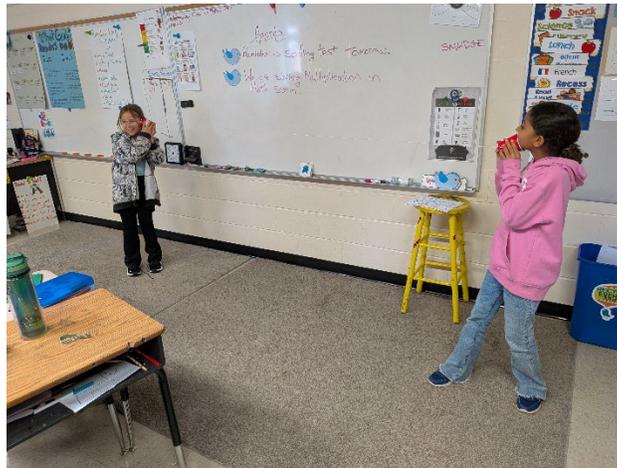
A message from Mr. Moffatt's Grade 3 & 4 class in Room 14

Our classroom has been buzzing with excitement during our Science unit on *Sound*! This week, we turned a simple idea into a hands-on experiment by making our very own “string phones” using plastic cups and string. At first, it was a bit of a challenge — figuring out how to make the sound travel from one cup to another took patience, teamwork, and lots of trial and error.

Students quickly discovered that the string had to be pulled tight for the sound to travel clearly. Once they figured it out, the classroom was filled with laughter and amazement as students whispered messages across the room and heard their friends' voices through the cups!

This fun activity helped us understand how sound moves in vibrations through solids — in this case, the string — just like it travels through air. More importantly, it showed how perseverance and problem-solving are key parts of scientific discovery.

By the end of the lesson, everyone was proud of what they accomplished — and many students said they couldn't wait to try making string phones at home!



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