



October 2026

PNCS House Groups



Have you heard about our new House Groups? All of our Gr 1-9 students have been assigned to a House Group. These groups meet together about twice a month to take part in activities, games and special events. It's a great opportunity for our students to build cross-grade relationships. We look forward to having an awesome year of House Group fun! (...and this year our House Groups we will be competing for the top spot in our Food Bank Toonie Drive...check it out below!)



Toonie Drive for the Food Bank

Bring your toonies to school!
The House Group that raises the most donations gets a Pizza Party!
(Kindergarten students are not included in House Groups so they will be competing as a class group joined by the Brown Bears Office Staff!)

The winners will be announced on Oct 29th
at our afternoon Halloween Assembly!



Donation Deadline is 9:00 am on October 29th!

Tree Planters Needed on Oct 13!

Our PNCS Parent Tree Planting Committee has done all the legwork to secure a number of beautiful trees for our school grounds. These trees will improve the look of our fields as well as provide much needed shade for our students.

Tree planting will take place on
Tuesday, Oct 13 starting at 1:00 pm.

Helpers are needed!

Please text Lisa Lawrence
at 780-307-9158 if you
are able to help with this!



Casino Volunteers Needed for Dec 1 & 2!

PNCS Fundraising Association is hosting a **Casino Fundraiser** on **December 1 & 2 at Century Casino in St. Albert**. Volunteers are needed to help fill a variety of daytime, evening, and late-night shifts. Parents, grandparents, family members, and friends are all welcome to volunteer!

Casino volunteering is much easier than it may sound! Volunteers receive meals and snacks free of charge, are supported throughout their shift by experienced casino advisors, and often have plenty of downtime to visit, read, or relax. No previous casino experience is needed. All roles are supervised and supported continuously throughout the shift.

Available roles include General Manager, Banker, Cashier, Chip Runner, Count Room Supervisor, and Count Room Staff. Scan the QR code to find out more information about the different roles and shifts that are available. One important note: Volunteers may work more than one shift, but must remain in the same role for both casino days. For example, someone who volunteers as a Banker on Tuesday may also volunteer as a Banker on Wednesday.

Thank you for helping make this fundraiser possible. Casino fundraisers have a significant impact on what we are able to provide for PNCS students, and we truly appreciate your support.

Questions? Please contact Ariana Montgomery
at ariana.montgomery88@gmail.com.
Scan the QR code to sign up today!



Goal Setting Interviews

Thursday, Oct 15 & Wednesday, Oct 21



Sign up at
pncs.schoolappointments.com

Goal Setting Interviews are on October 15th and October 21st. Interviews are from 4:00-7:00 pm. Parents/guardians need to book an appointment time through pncs.schoolappointments.com. If you need help with booking an appointment time, please contact the school office at 780-954-3790. Students are encouraged to come along to the interview. Jr High interviews will be held in a group setting with all three teachers present, so only one appointment time is needed.



Our Grade 6 class will be going to Sunny Bend Colony on October 5 to take part in a soccer tournament. They will be playing against Sunny Bend, Pibroch and Neerlandia students. Students should dress for the weather and remember to bring a water bottle. Please ensure that the Consent Form in Powerschool has been completed.



**Grade 6
Sunny Bend Colony
Soccer Tournament
Monday,
October 5**

Junior High Cross-Country Zones at Tawatinaw



Weds, October 7th



Congratulations to our students who qualified for Zones at Tawatinaw on October 7th. Stay tuned for transportation arrangements and for a schedule for the day.

We'll be holding two ice cream sales in October. The cost is \$2.00 per bar. Many thanks to all those who support these sales. Profits go towards supporting our extra-curricular sports teams.

**ICE CREAM SALE
\$2.00 PER BAR
WEDS, OCT 7 &
OCT 21**



Grade 5/6 Soccer Tournament at Busby



Thursday, October 8



The Gr 5-6 Soccer Season finishes off with the Annual Busby Soccer Tournament on Thursday, October 8th. Students will be bussed to and from the event, returning to our school in time for afternoon buses. A concession will be available. Students should dress for the weather and remember to bring a water bottle.

Bus Safety Activities for Kindergarten, Gr 1, 2, & 4 on October 13



Every year our Transportation Dept arranges for Bus Safety lessons for our K, 1, 2, & 4 students.

This year's sessions are on Thursday, October 13th. Students will take part in fun games and activities that emphasize bus safety and will finish off with demonstrations of safety practices on a bus.



Westlock Fire Safety Trailer Tuesday, October 13 Presentations for All Gr K-6 Students



On October 13th the Westlock Fire Safety Trailer will be at our school. All of our K-6 students will have a chance to go through the trailer and learn about fire safety.



Our Gr 9 Social Class will be going to the Dapp Cemetery on Friday, October 16 to place Canadian flags on the gravesites of war veterans.

This is part of the No Stone Left Alone initiative. More information on the history and purpose of No Stone Left Alone can be found at www.nostoneleftalone.ca. Thank you to community member Mrs. Linda Foster for helping to co-ordinate this event for the school. Consent forms need to be completed in Powerschool.



Gr 9 Outdoor Ed @ Teen Time October 19 & 20



Mrs. Montgomery will be taking our Grade 9 students to Teen Time Camp on October 19 & 20 for a 2-day Outdoor Education course which is worth 2 highschool credits. This is NOT an overnight camp. Students will be bused back and forth each day. Complete information will be sent home with students. Consent forms need to be completed in Powerschool.

Picture Retakes will be on Thursday, October 22 starting at 9:30 am in the Library. Students who were not here on picture day will be called down class by class, along with those students who require a retake. Parents, if your child requires a retake please send a note that clearly lets us know this.

Thursday, October 22

**9:30 AM
IN THE LIBRARY**



**PICTURE
RETAKES**

Free DQ Lunch on October 22

Students will have a choice of a DQ hamburger or cheeseburger, or DQ chicken strips. They will also receive a bag of chips and a juice box!

Our students will be treated to a free DQ Lunch on October 22nd. We'll take orders ahead of time. A gluten free option will be available for those with dietary restrictions.



October 26 is Canadian School Library Day!

We are celebrating our school library and the fresh reads that the PNCS Library Committee, supported by a \$3000 grant from the Westlock Community Foundation,

have ensured. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. Come join us for "Books and Cookies" where we will highlight some of the new books in our collection and welcome community voices for further additions!

October 26: Grades 1-3 10:20-10:50 am; Grade 4-6 10:50-11:20 am; Gr 7-9 11:20-11:50 am

For our Kindergarteners and their families, the celebration will be held on

Thursday, October 29, from 10:20-10:50 am.

Presented By the PNCS Library Committee:

Join us for Books & Cookies!

Celebrate Canadian School Library Day!
Come see our new selection of library books & enjoy a sweet treat!

Monday, October 26
Gr 1-3 10:20 am
Gr 4-6 10:50 am
Gr 7-9 11:20 am

Thursday, October 29
Kindergarten 10:20 am

Supported By The Westlock Community Foundation

Halloween Activities

October 29 in the Afternoon

Costume Parade
Foodbank Toonie Drive Winners Announced
Classroom Activities

Morning classes will take place like usual. Students can bring costumes and change into them after lunch. As per School Division Policy, students may not bring pretend weapons as part of their costume. After lunch we'll have a Costume Parade for all classes in the gym. Parents and pre-school siblings are welcome to join in! Following the parade we will announce the winners of the Food Bank Toonie Drive contest! After the gym activities students will return to their rooms for classroom Halloween activities. If you are bringing Halloween treats to share, please respect allergy restrictions in your child's class.



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Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Oct 1 Kindergarten Day Tier 2 VB Mini-Tournament @ PNCS	Oct 2 School Day for Grades 1-9 Tier 1 Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournie RFS	Oct 3 Tier 1 Boys & Girls Volleyball Tournie RFS
Oct 4	Oct 5 Gr 6 Soccer @ Sunny Bend Colony	Oct 6 Kindergarten Day	Oct 7 JH Cross-County Zones@Tawatinaw Ice Cream Sale \$2 1:00 pm Gr 6 Immunizations	Oct 8 Kindergarten Day Gr 6 Soccer Tournament @ Busby	Oct 9 Alternate Day (No School) Tier 2 Volleyball Tournie RFS	Oct 10
Oct 11	Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day (No School)	Oct 13 Kindergarten Day Fire Prevention Trailer at the School Bus Safety for K, 1,2 & 4 1:00 pm Parent Tree Planting on the School Grounds	Oct 14	Oct 15 Kindergarten Day 4:00-7:00 pm Goal Setting	Oct 16 School Day for Gr 1-9 Gr 9's No Stone Left Alone @ Dapp Cemetery	Oct 17
Oct 18	Oct 19 Gr 9's @ Teen Time	Oct 20 Kindergarten Day Gr 9's @ Teen Time	Oct 21 Ice Cream Sale \$2 4:00-7:00 pm Goal Setting	Oct 22 Kindergarten Day 9:30 am Picture Retakes DQ Lunch (Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Chicken Strips)	Oct 23 Teacher-Directed Day (No School)	Oct 24
Oct 25	Oct 26 Books & Cookies Gr 1-3 10:20 am Gr 4-6 10:50 am Gr 7-9 11:20 am	Oct 27 Kindergarten Day Tier 2 Volleyball Regional Tournament	Oct 28	Oct 29 Kindergarten Day Tier 1 Volleyball Regional Tournament 9:00 am Cut-Off to Donate to the Food Bank Books & Cookies Kindergarten 10:20 am Halloween Activities in the Afternoon	Oct 30 Alternate Day (No School)	Oct 31

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