



NCI Parent Council Monthly

CAREing Chronicle

Be Informed...Be Involved!

Every parent is a member of the Parent Advisory Council

by **NCI PAC** on March 4th, 2019

Message from President:

The year just sneaks up on us, doesn't it? How can it be March already? And that means only three more months to hold PAC meetings, plan a Grade 8-11 farewell, a Grade 4 Parent Welcome Night, attract PAC Executives for both schools and work towards celebrations of our two schools in September!

I can't say enough about the parent group and community members I have had the honor to work with once again this year. Our bingo fundraisers are a hit in the community, well-supported by community sponsors, (business owners and parents alike) and give us a means to continue to budget and plan for the future.

Along with that success, comes the continued need for successors! Parent Council might seem like it takes a lot of work or time, but I find that most of the volunteers in our group fit it in, have some fun along the way, and don't feel like they are consumed by it. We try to have something for everyone to feel involved. The bottom line - we still need parents to join us to manage those "regulatory" needs in order to continue the fundraising aspect and give hope and funds to the future.



The time has come to pass the torch and it is necessary to have a governing body to keep the momentum moving forward. The end of the school year will bring with it the time where I will assume the role of Past Chair for NMS in September (and where did those couple of years disappear to?). In that next year, I will happily help parents transition to continue to bring success and hope for the future of this great place called Niverville Middle School (NMS). I look forward to continued opportunities to work with a great group of parents. I am confident that the family and community coming into the Middle School will have great ideas and collaboration before them; working together to continue to leave a legacy, just like they did at the elementary school, and just like they will at the high school.

I look forward to the future, one where we have a long-awaited new high school. We are a growing community, with strong commitment buried under the busy schedules of every-day lives. And the need for our three schools shows us that carving out a bit of time time is needed in order to continue to support the future of our children.

Join us, stay involved, be informed and leave a legacy. Enjoy the read...and maybe a cup on us!

New High School Update:

Designed by [MCM Architects](#), the new school will span 66,700 sq. ft. and include two floor levels. Red Lake Construction (General Contractor) will complete the building project in 70 weeks at a base cost of \$18,450,000.

Serving 450 students, the facility will have regular classrooms, science labs, art room, and other specialized spaces such as a learning commons, digital learning labs, life-skills suite, and resource areas.



Building plans also include a multi-purpose room, band room, drama room, fitness room, and large gymnasium. The new school will also feature an integrated child-care centre that will provide up to 74 spaces. Construction of the school will take place in two phases. The first phase will be completed by September 2019 and include all elements of the facility with the exception of the drama room, band room, and child-care facilities. School spaces not included in the first phase will be ready for use by the spring of 2020.

Want the most up-to-date information on the build?
New School Webpage – <https://niverville.hsd.ca>

Celebration of Learning

Please note that the Celebration of Learning for grades 5 to 8 students will be held on **Thursday March 14, 2019 from 5 to 7pm at NCI.**

Please be advised that you will need to book a convenient half hour session, so you may spend time with your child while they explain and share their learning with you. Please contact the school either by email nci@hsd.ca or phone 204-388-4731 to book your session.



Education Review?

Did you know that the Province of Manitoba is doing a review of everything concerning our schools and education in our province? They are looking for input from citizens - parents, teachers, community members and the like. They are seeking comments on topics including: student learning, teaching, accountability for student learning, governance and funding.

Help Shape Our Education System.

Participate in the
Manitoba Government
K-12 Education Review.



Do you have a child with additional needs? Is your son or daughter involved in specialty programs? Are you concerned about the access to technology or lack of elective courses? Do you have questions about changes that could be made to our schools if there are amalgamations of school divisions? You need to submit your ideas, thoughts and comments today...not just to this commission but to your local School Trustees and MLA's.

Written submissions to the Education Commission can be sent by email to K12educationcommission@gov.mb.ca or by fax to 204-945-0221. Please include your name and contact information as well as any organization you might be representing. Please submit by May 30, 2019.

Manitoba's Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education, 470-800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

Lack of Volunteers - What It Might Mean!

We are concerned for the state of our Parent Councils. If there are no adults to volunteer...there are no additional programs such as Hot Lunch or canteens, additional recess equipment, scholarships, etc. It does not take a lot of additional time and many hands make for light work. Please consider volunteering today.

87%
**OF VOLUNTEERS WOULD
RECOMMEND BEING A
VOLUNTEER TO OTHERS**

Tri-School Track & Field Event



On **June 6th** three schools (host to be determined) will take part in a track and field event in Steinbach. The NCI PAC is overseeing the **canteen** for the day again this year. They will offer hot dogs, chips, drinks and freezies. In order to make the canteen a success, we are looking for 6 volunteers to help man the station for a couple hours during the day. We are also in need of a BBQ and coolers for the day of the event.

Please email nciparentcouncil@gmail.com if you are able to come and help out! Big thanks go out to PAC volunteer Leslie Giardino for coordinating this year's canteen! Come join her and support our NCI student athletes!

Gr. 4 Welcome Day and Parent Evening

Please mark June 11th on your calendars! Grade four students will have an opportunity to visit NCI during the morning to tour the building, meet the staff and start building the bridge to a great middle years experience for the new school year. That evening, the staff and NCI PAC will welcome the parents once again for an evening of information, connecting and a school tour.



Last year's parents provided feedback that the evening helped to ease the transition of their grade four children to the new campus and staff. Feel free to bring your questions and concerns about the shift from early to middle years. Please stay tuned for further details as the date quickly approaches!

Railroad Crossing Update!

The Town of Niverville has been given the green light to install **pedestrian crossings over the train tracks at PR 311.**

Niverville Mayor Myron Dyck says with the new high school set to open on the west side of the tracks this fall, town council has been diligently working with the Hanover School Division to figure out how to get students to school safely.

"It has taken us some doing to get a hold of the people we needed to at CP Rail, we finally have and they have been great to deal with. We have been given the green light now to go ahead with being able to put **sidewalks on both sides of PR311 so we will have a sidewalk on both the north and south side of the street.**"

Dyck says the project will cost the town of Niverville a total of \$80,000 but the town will not be doing the work. "They will be doing the work to make sure that their rail beds aren't compromised and everything like that, it is obviously a safety thing for them. We are still asking for crossing arms and lights and things like that. Those are things that are done through Transport Canada and we have put a grant request in. We will know maybe March 2020 if we can see it enhanced further."

In addition to putting in pedestrian crossings, Dyck says CP Rail will also be rebuilding the entire crossing which will significantly improve the intersection for vehicles as well.



As published on <https://www.steinbachonline.com> Stay tuned for article on transportation next month!

Parent Portal

Getting used to it? Have you received an email about outstanding fees? Have you moved? Keep your information up-to-date at the office and online. HSD Parent Portal – <https://powerschool.hsd.ca>



SATURDAY, MARCH 9

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00 P.M.

7:00-9:00 - 12 GAMES!

NCI Gymnasium

161 5th Avenue South, Niverville, MB

Cash & Prizes

12 games including the blackout for \$100 grand prize!

Fundraising Goals:
-Recess
-Equipment
-Green Space
-Development
-Sept. 2019 NHS
-Grand Opening

3 card booklet = \$3.00

6 card booklet = \$5.00

9 card booklet = \$8.00

15 card booklet = \$12.00

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All ages can play! 18+ to buy cards and collect prizes

Canteen on site! Bingo dabbers for sale!

Cash Only - Only 350 seats!

NOW THAT YOU READ THE NEWSLETTER...CONTEST TIME!! The first person to email NCIPARENTCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM with the answer will win one FREE CUP of COFFEE from Bistro 290! Q: "How many childcare spaces will the new High School facility hold?"

Last month's winner: Hertha McLendon



Stay in Touch!



School Email - nci@hsd.ca

PAC Email – nciparentcouncil@gmail.com

Bookmark the school website! <https://nci.hsd.ca/>



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VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

Calendar of PAC Events

Event	Date	Volunteer Details
Bingo!	March 9 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.	10-20 volunteers (canteen, setup)
Celebration of Learning	March 14 5:00-7:00 p.m.	4 volunteers for the kiosk (½ hr shifts)
May Band Concerts	Gr.5 - May 8 7:00 p.m. Gr.6 - May 9 7:00 p.m. Gr.9-12 - May 23 7:00 p.m.	4 volunteers for the kiosk each night
Sr. Year Drama Production	May 29-31	4 volunteers for the kiosk
June Concert	Gr. 7 & 8 - June 3 7:00 p.m.	4 volunteers for the kiosk
Staff Appreciation	June 3	Stay tuned for details, volunteers needed to coordinate and donate food/baking
Tri-School Track and Field	June 6	6 volunteers (2 shifts; 9am-12, 12pm-3) BBQ and coolers needed as well (with transportation)
NCI Farewell (Grad 8-11)	June TBA	10 volunteers
Gr. 4 Student and Parent Welcome	June 11 AM and PM (times to be announced)	4 volunteers for the kiosk in the evening
NHS Grand Opening	TBD	10 Volunteers

VISIT OUR PARENT COUNCIL WEBPAGE AT <https://nci.hsd.ca/parents/pac/>