

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 25 - November 2, 2020

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, October 26

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Parent Council Meeting 6:30 8:00 pm https://meet.google.com/hji-uyqq-jvv

Tuesday, October 27

• A great day for teaching and learning

Wednesday, October 28

• A great day for teaching and learning

Thursday, October 29

• A great day for teaching and learning

Friday, October 30

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Halloween Activities in classrooms

Monday, November 2

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Principal's Message:

I hope you all enjoyed a great weekend. Last week was another busy week as we had Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews. Home and school communication is

essential if we are to maximize student learning. Thank you for your participation in these interviews. This has been a very different school year so far and we will continue to have new experiences as we move forward. I want to thank you for your support.

Staffing and Classroom Configurations:

As many of you are aware there was a posting for Heritage Hills Elementary for a Grade 1 teacher. With the recent federal funds we have decided to create another grade one class (English) and eliminate our grade one- two split class (English). We will have 2 Grade 1 classes (English) & 2 Grade 2 classes (English). This allows for lower class sizes. This switch will take place after November Break. Families who are impacted by this change will be contacted before the return to school on November 16.

In addition, Miss Brittany Dayman will be moved to full time and will spend .5 of her time in grade three. This will be to support literacy and numeracy. As students continue to move to and from online learning, staffing will continue to be fluid to meet the needs of our students.

Masks

Our students are incredible at wearing their masks, both inside and outside when required. But as the weather has now turned colder, the children's masks are becoming damp quicker and therefore need to be changed more frequently. Please ensure your child has a sufficient supply of masks with them to cover their needs each day.

Hot Lunch

Many of our families have been asking about hot lunch. At this time as per <u>EIPS</u> <u>COVID-19 Guidelines</u> hot lunch services are suspended.

Playground

We are excited about the opening of the new playground. Students will have scheduled times when they can enjoy this new addition. We want to personally thank all families and community members for their donations over the past few years which allowed for this to become a reality.

In respecting the <u>EIPS COVID-19 Guidelines</u>, please no loitering on the playgrounds before and after school.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call us at (780) 467-7447 or email us at **General.HHE@eips.ca**

Parent Council Meeting:

On Monday, October 26, 2020 there will be a parent council meeting from 6:30 - 8:00. The link for this Google Meet is:

https://meet.google.com/hji-uyqq-jvv

Halloween:

Halloween is fast approaching. Here is the plan for Friday, October 30, 2020.

- If students choose to dress up they must come to school in costume and be prepared to wear it all day. There will be no changing into or out of costume during the day. Staff will not be able to assist with costumes. There will be no items that could be considered a weapon allowed with the costumes.
- Students will be required to still wear their mask. They might want to consider how to incorporate their mask with their costume.
- There will be no shared snacks, if students want a treat they will have to bring their own.
- We have created a Halloween fashion show for classes to participate in. This will be created virtually and shared in classrooms in the afternoon.

Dress for the weather:

We will continue to be outside for Recess and PE classes. Please dress for the weather. **EIPS Inclement Weather AP 131**

Notice Of Annual General Meeting for HHE Fundraising Association:

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Formerly Fundraising Association for Wye School (FAWS)

The Fundraising Association AGM is scheduled for Friday, November 6th at 1:00 PM through Zoom.

Please RSVP to faws.president@gmail.com in order to receive the zoom link for this AGM meeting. If you would like more information, have questions, or are interested in putting your name forward for an executive position for 2020-2021, please contact Cindy Smith at the above email address.

Notice of Special Resolution

Motion to change the name of this fundraising society to the "Fundraising Association for Heritage Hills Elementary," including the acronym "FAHHE" and to amend the name in the bylaws for this fundraising society.

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Reporting Absences, Early Pick-up, and leaving the school grounds for

lunch: ** you can now click a link on the school website, www.heritagehillselementary.ca under "Menu"

Parents, please communicate your child's absence, request for early pick-up, and permission to leave the school for lunch directly to **General.HHE@eips.ca**, which is checked regularly by the School Office staff. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your request or information will not be received by the Office staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance, arrivals, and departures of our students throughout the day.

When reporting a student's absence, a reason is necessary, ie. if they are home ill, particulars with respect to the illness are now necessary as part of the covid-19 screening requirement.

Learning Commons:

All students in Grades 3-6 have received instruction on how to request books in Destiny and place holds. Once a student places a hold on a book, Ms. Wells-Taylor will deliver the book to their classroom. Students are able to take library books home to read, but once returned to school, the books will be placed into quarantine for 72 hours per EIPS Covid Guidelines.

Students in K-2 will have the chance to take out books selected from a cart delivered to their classrooms during a specific library time. However, if you would like to place books on hold at home with your child through Destiny, please follow the instructions below. As in the upper grades, these books will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Logging onto Destiny.

- 1. Go to <u>destiny.eips.ca</u>, select Heritage Hills Elementary
- 2. In top right corner, click Log In. Students log in using their Google e-mail account.
- 3. Search for books and place a hold.
- 4. Wait for Ms. Wells-Taylor to deliver your book.

Please note, students are only allowed to place 2 books on hold at a time. Holds expire after 2 weeks, if a book does not become available during the 2 week period, they will have to place a hold again.

"A person should always choose a costume which is in direct contrast to her own personality."

Lucy Van Pelt,

"It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"