

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

February 8 - February 16, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, February 8

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Registration for 2020-2021 School Year Continues

Tuesday, February 9

- A great day for teaching and learning
- [Safer Internet Day](#)

Wednesday, February 10

- A great day for teaching and learning

Thursday, February 11

- A great day for teaching and learning

Friday, February 12

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Wear Pink and/or Red

Monday, February 15

- Family Day - School Closed

Tuesday, February 16

- A great day for teaching and learning

Principal's Message:

Hope you have been able to keep warm during these few cold days. This week we will most likely be having indoor resess. Please be sure to have your children dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Waiting for the bus, a ride, or walking a short distance home is enough time to get frostbite if not dressed properly. On a brighter note, we are getting more daylight time each day and soon warmer weather will be here.

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

Crack the Code to Kindness:

Can you crack the kindness code? For the month of February, you'll find interactive signs with fun code-cracking activities around Strathcona County. Do you have what it takes? There are six unique codes to crack throughout [Strathcona County](#).

Carnaval:

We have been working hard planning a Carnaval d'hiver. Week one starts February 22. If you have empty 1L or 2L cardboard milk containers, please start keeping them. More information will be shared in next week's weekly on how you can help us build our Château de glace filled with water and freeze. More information will be shared next week.

We will have daily events and activities that include:

- History
- French Language
- Music
- Dance
- Colouring & Art
- Crafts
- Sculpture
- Château de glace (Ice Castle Building)
- Winter Carnaval Sports
- Traditional Food Recipes
- Franco Albertan Flag

FAHHE Pi Day Fundraiser:

Combining math and dessert is a genius idea and we thought if we could combine math, dessert, AND fundraising, we'd have a sweet trifecta. The FAHHE is selling vouchers for pies from our local vendor: Meat Street Pies. Vouchers will be distributed to students and then can be redeemed in store for the frozen product when you would like (but they will be ready for you to enjoy for Pi day!) Order forms coming home this week and due back February 24th. If you have any questions, please contact fahhe.president@gmail.com Profits from this fundraiser will go towards our outdoor classroom at Heritage Hills.

Inclement Weather:

If the temperature including the wind chill factor is -22 C or colder, students shall remain indoors for recess and activities.

[EIPS Administrative Procedure 131](#)

HHE Clothing Online Stores:

Heritage Hills clothing is available through the [online store](https://heritagehillssstudent2021.itemorder.com) until February 21st. Orders will be delivered to the school. Apparel is available in Youth and Adult sizes. Happy Shopping!



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NEW SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://heritagehillssstudent2021.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card



Online Store Deadline: Sunday February 21st, 2021 (11:59pm MST)

Valentine's Day:

As you've no doubt experienced in your own homes, COVID-19 has changed the way we celebrate holidays and special occasions.

One of the measures EIPS put into place to mitigate the spread of the virus was to reduce, as much as possible, the number of high-touch items in our classrooms. In terms of class celebrations, this has meant eliminating the passing out of treats and other items traditionally shared among students.

As such, students will not be able to bring Valentine's cards, gifts or treats to school for distribution next month. Many of you may be disappointed in this change of approach but please rest assured, your child's teacher will still find creative ways to mark the occasion, and make the day fun for students.

Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation as we strive to keep our staff and students safe and healthy.

U-Turns on Heritage Drive:

Strathcona County Enforcement Services has identified U-turns of East facing vehicles on Heritage Drive as an issue. A file has been created and an officer has been assigned to conduct more frequent patrols. Please proceed East on Heritage Drive and make a left or right on Highland Way to exit out of the subdivision onto Baseline or Clover Bar Road.

Kindergarten Registration:

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021?

Kindergarten registration opened for the 2021-22 school year on Feb. 1, 2021. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Heritage Hills Elementary's kindergarten program is available at heritagehillselementary.ca

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education:

Information and Engagement Series for Families:

Elk Island Public Schools First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team, Cheryl Devin and Jeremy Albert are offering information and engagement series for EIPS families.

Series #1: Developing Foundational Knowledge of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, histories, and contemporary contexts.

This three-part series is designed for EIPS parents and families who are curious to learn about First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, perspectives, and histories.

These sessions are designed as entry points to understanding as we work toward learning our collective truth on the path of reconciliation.

Sessions will be held online using Microsoft Teams Meetings. You can join on your computer or mobile app. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Session 2 (virtual): February 23, 2021 (7 - 7:30 PM)

Addressing common roadblocks to understanding and building relationships. Terminology: bridging the gap between what language parents may be used to hearing and what children are learning in schools.

Session 3 (virtual): March 16, 2021 (7 - 7:30 PM)

Language of this land- The importance of highlighting Indigenous languages; deepening understanding of relationship to land through language; what exploration of Indigenous languages can look like in schools.

Returning Student Registration for 2021-22:

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2021-22 school year. Families of all returning students must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2021-22 school year. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2021-22 returning student registration takes place between Feb. 1-28, 2021.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2021.

Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account

For more information contact the school directly.

School Fees (2021-2022):

Under Alberta Education's School Fee Regulation, schools must consult with parents prior to setting school fees for the upcoming school year.

At our school council meeting on January 18, 2021, we discussed school fees for the 2021-2022 school year. During that time, we shared information about our current fee structure, posing specific questions about priorities, and asking you to provide your feedback as we plan for the 2021-22 school year. While many of these activities and services enhance students' educational experience, we want to ensure these fees aren't cost prohibitive for families.

Specifically, we asked for input on the following:

- Optional courses and associated fees
- Noon hour supervision
- Field trips and associated fees
- Extracurricular activities
- Non-curricular travel (for example, ski trips and band camps)
- Non-curricular goods and services (for example, student union and yearbooks)

We understand not all families were able to attend the meeting but it's still important we get as much input from the school community as possible. We have provided a [link](#) to a form for you to submit a written response if you were not able to attend the meeting or would like to elaborate on the information shared at the school council meeting.

School administration will use feedback provided to help determine fees for 2021-22, which will then be shared at the February school council meeting, posted to our website and shared via link through email.

French Family Fun Weekend:

The Alberta chapter of Canadian Parents for French are offering a weekend filled with fun activities for parents and kids - virtually. Check out their [website](#) to learn more about how you can register for this fun weekend experience on February 26-28.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

“You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.”

—Henry David Thoreau