



**HERITAGE HILLS**  
ELEMENTARY

# Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

**February 15 - February 22, 2021**

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## **This Week at Heritage Hills:**

### **Monday, February 15**

- Family Day, School Closed
- Registration for 2020-2021 School Year Continues

### **Tuesday, February 16**

- A great day for teaching and learning

### **Wednesday, February 17**

- A great day for teaching and learning
- [Random Acts of Kindness Day](#)
- [I Read Canadian Day](#)

### **Thursday, February 18**

- A great day for teaching and learning

### **Friday, February 19**

- A great day for teaching and learning

### **Monday, February 22**

- Start of Carnival
- School Council/Fundraising Meeting
- Link for School Council: <https://meet.google.com/nro-szgw-btc>

## Principal's Message:

Wow, that was a crazy cold week we had last week. It was the first time I can remember we did not have the buses running for a whole five day school week. Thank you for your support and patience as we learned to navigate drop off and pick up without busses running for the first time at HHE. Looks like things should be much better this upcoming week. Checkout this new forecast

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2441558838>

Hopefully the weather will warm up this week and we can resume with our outdoor activities. Please continue to have your students dress warm as we would like to spend as much time outside as possible.

This past week we had an odd smell in the school for a day and a half. It was due to the new heating equipment under heavy use due to the cold temperatures.

Once again, Heritage Hills Elementary Staff and Students would like to thank you for your continuous support.

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](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca)

## Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

Here is just a short list of some of the amazing things HHE students, staff and parents have participated in over the last few weeks:

- Multiple Readers and Writers Celebrations
- Virtual Author Visits from Sigmund Brower and Natasha Wing
- Bye Bye Brightspace Bottle Drive - just over \$2700 raised
- [Have a Heart Day](#) with special Virtual Visit from Jeremy Albert (EIPS Indigenous Education Team)
- School Theme Days: Jersey Day, HHE wear, Red/White Day for Valentine's Day
- Using the Community for BroomBall, Skating, Snowshoeing and Outdoor Walks
- Innovative use of our gym during the cold weather for indoor recess and lunch time.

## School Council:

Our next School Council meeting will be on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. followed by our Heritage Hills Fundraising Association (FAHHE) Meeting. You can attend these meetings by using the following link

<https://meet.google.com/nro-szgw-btc>

## 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. Throughout the first week of our month-long Carnaval celebration we are building a Chateau de glace (Ice castle) collectively as a school. We are asking that each student make ice blocks at home using empty 1 and 2 liter milk cartons, loaf pans and balloons. You are welcome to add food colouring for a bit of flair. Try not to overfill containers and ensure you give them ample time to freeze. Please remove ice from containers before bringing it to the school. Use the drop off loop and deliver ice blocks to the SE corner of the staff parking lot. A zone will be marked off with pylons and yellow "CAUTION" tape. Merci beaucoup.

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



## Absences, Lates and Leaving Early:

Call us at (780) 467-7447 or email at [General.HHE@eips.ca](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca). Do not email the teacher. The office will inform staff who need to know. Thank you.

## HHE Clothing Online Stores:

Heritage Hills clothing is available through the [online store](https://heritagehillsstudent2021.itemorder.com) until February 21st. Orders will be delivered to the school. Apparel is available in Youth and Adult sizes. Happy Shopping!



# HERITAGE HILLS

SPIRIT WEAR 2021



## 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://heritagehillsstudent2021.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)

## Traffic on Heritage Drive:

Strathcona County Enforcement Services has identified U-turns of East facing vehicles on Heritage Drive and stopping in the "No Stopping" zone West of the bus loop as issues. 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](https://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 at 780-467-7447.

### **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!**

**"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold."**

**— Unknown**