

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

February 21 - March 1, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, February 22

- Start of Carnaval
- School Council/Fundraising Meeting
- Link for School Council: https://meet.google.com/nro-szgw-btc
- Registration for 2020-2021 School Year Continues

Tuesday, February 23

- Carnaval Continues
- A great day for teaching and learning

Wednesday, February 24

- Carnaval Continues
- Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, February 25

- Carnaval Continues
- A great day for teaching and learning

Friday, February 26

- Carnaval Continues
- A great day for teaching and learning
- HHE Wear Day

Sunday, February 28

• Last Day of Registration for 2021 - 2022 School Year

Monday, March 1

• Carnaval week 2

Principal's Message:

It was another great week at Heritage Hills Elementary last week. The weather has improved and we are back outside doing the things we enjoy with our students such as skating, snowshoeing and walks along the trails. This looks to be another great week. We are starting Carnaval this week and our team has put many activities together for our students. Please read below so you have an idea as to the events we will be doing each week. We have a school goal of building an ice castle out front. In order to do this we will need participation from everyone as we need lots and lots of ice blocks. Please see below for more details.

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**

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:

- Carnaval
- Multiple Readers and Writers Celebrations
- Virtual Author Visits from Sigmund Brower and Natasha Wing
- Bye Bye Brightspace Bottle Drive just over \$2700 raised
- <u>Have a Heart Day</u> with special Virtual Visit from Jeremy Albert (EIPS Indigenious 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
- Pink Shirt Day
- Random Acts of Kindness Day
- <u>I Read Canadian Day</u>

School Council & FAHHE:

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

Below are links to the <u>EIPS Admin Procedures</u> that govern School Council and Fundraising.

Fundraising - https://www.eips.ca/about-us/administrative-procedures/520

School Council - https://www.eips.ca/about-us/administrative-procedures/110

Online Families – Photo Submissions:

Our online learners can send pics to <u>yearbookphotosemail@gmail.com</u> These will be used in our HHE yearbook.

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**.

February 24th is Pink Shirt Day. The theme this year is "Lift Each Other Up". Each classroom will receive a foil balloon to write uplifting words/messages on. We will gather all the balloons at noon to make a balloon bouquet to display by the main staircase.

Carnaval Week one:

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

Château de glace:

Please continue to bring ice blocks made at home using empty 1 and 2 liter milk cartons, loaf pans and balloons. We have found loaf pans work the best. 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

SE corner of the staff parking lot. A will be marked off with pylons and yellow "CAUTION" tape. Merci beaucoup.



Recettes Traditionnelles Québécoises (Traditional Québécois Recipe):

Recettes à essayer en famille à la maison! Try out these recipes at home with your family!

Please take some pictures of you and your family enjoying these traditional Quebec recipes at home and share them with your teacher or email general.hhe@eips.ca

<u>Sucre à la crème extraordinaire - Recettes Allrecipes</u> (Français)

Maple Fudge (The Best) (English)

<u>Tourtières</u> (Français)

<u>Tourtières</u> (English)





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 <u>website</u> to learn more about how you can register for this fun weekend experience on February 26-28.

Absences, Lates and Leaving Early:

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

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.

The 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.

HHE Clothing Online Stores:

Heritage Hills clothing is available through the <u>online store</u> until February 21st. Orders will be delivered to the school. Apparel is available in Youth and Adult sizes. Happy Shopping!



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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.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

"For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson