



HERITAGE HILLS
ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

May 10 - May 17, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, May 10

- Start of online learning
- [Bear Witness Day](#)
- School Council Meeting 6:30 pm meet.google.com/ybg-dqbi-jpo

Tuesday, May 11

- A great day for teaching and learning

Wednesday, May 12

- A great day for teaching and learning

Thursday, May 13

- A great day for teaching and learning

Friday, May 14

- FAHHE Meeting 1:30 p.m. meet.google.com/hed-ipjg-jxj

Monday, May 17

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Principal's Message:

Hello everyone. I hope you enjoyed a great weekend. This will be the third time our students have gone to online learning. I must tell you, our school is not the same place without our students. Schools are meant to have kids in them and without our students, our school is not the same place. We miss our students

already. Hopefully, we will all be back together in two weeks. Classroom Teachers will be sending out information to all families regarding timetable and small group instruction.

On Monday we have our next school council meeting. These meetings are very informative. The starting time is 6:30 pm and we try to be completed by 8:00 pm.

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

Online Learning:

Online learning will start on Monday, May 10th and continue until May 20th. At this time students will be back at school on Tuesday, May 25th. As we work together through this time, our staff would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are working hard to provide the best possible learning situation for your child.

The focus for Temporary Online Learning will be on literacy and numeracy.

Format for the 2 weeks will be:

30 minute whole class literacy session in the morning followed by small group/individual sessions.

30 minute whole class numeracy lesson in the afternoon followed by small group/individual sessions.

All learning will take place on the Brightspace platform.

Morning and Afternoon attendance will be taken by teachers. It is important that students are using their school email account to login, otherwise they will not be able to access their work.

Brightspace login information for students:

Web address: <https://eips.brightspace.com>

Username: EIPS student email address

Password: EIPS student password (often their Student ID)

How-to tips for working in Brightspace:

- [Getting Started with Online Learning](#)
- [Online Learning Using a Mobile Device](#)
- [Brightspace Student Support Videos](#)
- [Brightspace/Google Troubleshooting](#)
- [Brightspace Information for Parents: Including Family Login Details](#)

Counsellor and Community Supports

As we make our way back to a temporary online learning platform, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns or supports required.

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Strathcona County is hosting a [virtual session on Anxiety May 26th from 6-7:30 pm.](#)

"Explore the topic of anxiety through information, discussions and skill building activities. Learn about what is anxiety, as well as sources and signs of anxiety. Participate in skill building activities which will provide practical strategies to support coping with anxiety" Register at strathcona.ca/adultlearning or call 780.464.4044

Strathcona County Family and Community Services also offers professional, confidential, affordable, safe, walk-in solution navigation and counselling services. www.strathcona.ca/wellbeing

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

The start of May was already filled with so many amazing things happening. We are excited to share just a few of the things that happened. The month has already been filled with many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parent involvement. Here are just a few:

- Multiple Readers and Writers Celebrations including some Poetry Celebrations with 2W and 2K in the Learning Commons.
- [Mental Health Week](#) with daily announcements by students and daily focused activities for students as well as Hats on! for Mental Health.
- [Education Week](#)
- [Canadian Children's Book Week](#) - with special virtual author visit with [Katherine Battersby](#)
- Theme Days: May the 4th Be With You
- [Asian Heritage Month](#)
- [Tornado Hunter Virtual Presentation](#) for Grades 5W, 5C, 5/6B, 4/5F.
- [Arbor Day](#) activities for Grades 1 & 2.

EIPS Launches new Blog: *tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has launched a new blog entitled, [*tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*](#) The monthly blog offers readers information and resources about Indigenous education and related events taking place throughout the Division.

During the recent parent engagement sessions, families of both Indigenous students and those who attended the general foundational knowledge series said they wanted more information about the projects, activities and initiatives happening at schools across EIPS. So, the Division delivered and created [*tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*](#) Make sure to visit the blog often for the latest news and information about what's happening throughout the Division.

You might be interested in watching this [video](#) of David A. Robertson sharing his newest release *On the Trampoline*. We have also recently added it to our Learning Commons collection.

Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration is now open:

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

Yearbook sales are open:

Please visit <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/Order/SelectJob> to purchase the first Heritage Hill Elementary yearbook. School ID: 14367221 . Yearbooks will be delivered in the Fall of 2021.

Caregiver Series:

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, is proud to offer FREE online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Our aim is to increase awareness and reduce stigma of the mental health challenges that children and adolescents experience, provide parents and caregivers with evidence-based mental health information, and provide strategies that support mental wellness. Check out the session available in [May](#).

FAHHE News:

May 14 and May 28 Pizza Days are canceled. Orders already processed for May 14 will carry forward to June 9. Ordering for June 9 will resume through MunchLunch once we return to in-person learning at school. Thank you for your patience and support.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit.”

—Aristotle