



HERITAGE HILLS
ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

November 1 - November 15, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, November 1

- Ukulele - Grade 5 & 6 - 12:02 p.m.
- HHE School Wear Theme Day

Tuesday, November 2

- Running Club at Lunch

Wednesday, November 3

- Ukulele - Grade 4 - 12:30 p.m.
- Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 4

- School Council and FAHHE Meetings 6:30 pm
 - [Agenda](#)
 - [TEAMS link](#)
 - [FAHHE Package](#)

Friday, November 5

- Remembrance Day Observed at school.
- Ukulele - Grade 2 & 3 - 12:30 p.m.
- Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser opens.

Saturday, November 6

FAHHE Bottle Drive -- Saturday, November 6th 10am-1pm

Help us fill the trailer by dropping off your bottles.

We will be looking for some volunteers to help load the trailer, please email fahhe.president@gmail.com if you're interested.

Monday, November 8 - Friday, November 12

- Fall Break- School Closed

Monday, November 15

- Ukulele - Grade 5 & 6 - 12:02 p.m
- Bully Awareness Week
- Metis Week

Principal's Message:

Hope you are enjoying our last fall weekend of October. We are moving into November with no snow on the ground and each day now makes our winter that much shorter. As this upcoming week is our last week of school before fall break, I want to wish you and your family a restful and relaxing week away from 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

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

WOW!! October was filled with many ways to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful November.

- Read in Week with many virtual guest readers. Mr. Schlacht and Mr. Samaratunga also read to many classes.
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- FAHHE meeting - see message below
- Running Club
- Ukulele Club
- Virtual Book Fair
- Jersey Day
- [Stakeholder feedback in Mission, Vision & Values.](#)
- [Bus Safety Week](#)
- [Secret Path Week](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Week](#)
- [Media Literacy Week](#)
- [Read for the Record Day](#)
- Halloween
- Remembrance Day Ceremony

Remembrance Day:

We are accepting poppy donations all week for the Legion and our flags will fly at half mast on November 11. We will be observing Remembrance Day with a Virtual ceremony on November 5. Due to Parent Permissions with regards to FOIPP

(Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) laws and [Administrative Procedure 180](#) our assembly is not broadcasted outside our school.

#onebooktogether:

This year Heritage Hills Elementary is participating in #onebooktogether using the book *Be You! / Toi!* by Peter H. Reynolds. Each classroom has their own copy and it has been shared with students this year during our first week of school as well as during Read In Week. The purpose of #onebooktogether is to create a unified culture of literacy in our school by building a community experience all through celebrating a book focused on the social and emotional needs of our students. We will be continuing to use the book throughout the year to encourage our students to be their unique selves. We would love to give a few copies away to families to enjoy at home. If you are interested in a copy - please complete the [form](#) to have your name added to the draw.

Literacy at Home:

Many families have requested how to support literacy development at home. Please find [attached](#) a wonderful resource showing the Importance of Vocabulary development.

Student Masks:

We are experiencing a number of students who do not have enough masks to make it through the school day. Please send 3 masks to school with your child for every school day (1 to wear and 2 spare). With colder weather, masks often feel wet after an outdoor recess and students are needed to change their mask. Thank you.

COVID-19 DAILY :

Covid 19 practices and procedures can be found in [EIPS Operations Guidelines 2021-2022](#). These guidelines are under continuous review as we move through the school year.

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) posted an updated version of its *EIPS Operations Guidelines: 2021-22* online. The document outlines how schools are operating and the public-health measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Updates and additions were made throughout the document to reflect the province's current state of public-health emergency and related public-health orders. EIPS encourages everyone to read through the updated operations guidelines.

[COVID-19 Daily Checklist \(under 18 years old\)](#)

[COVID-19 Daily Checklist \(Adult- 18 years & older\)](#)

Brightspace 101:

Looking to learn more about Brightspace. Check out the [EIPS Parent & Guardian page](#).

School Council & FAHHE:

Next School Council and FAHHE meeting is **Thursday, November 4th @ 6:30 pm**

- [School Council Agenda](#)
- [FAHHE package](#)
- [TEAMS link](#)

FAHHE meeting will start as soon as School Council meeting closes.

FAHHE NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to our fundraising survey. Some exciting ways to raise some money, and volunteer opportunities are coming, while we set our sights on playground completion.

Membership in FAHHE must be renewed annually, please follow the link below to complete the membership form for the 2021-2022 year.

[FAHHE Membership Form 2021-2022](#)

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Purdy's Chocolates

Just in time for Christmas, we will be running the Purdy's chocolates fundraiser.

Orders open November 5th -November 21st

Pick up around December 4th.

Hot Lunch

We are in the process of getting some hot lunch dates organized, stay tuned for more information.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Mabels Labels – When ordering online be sure to select the Fundraising Association for Heritage Hills Elementary and a portion of your sale will go back to us.

COBS Bread—Stop by the Sherwood Centre location (1020 Sherwood Dr.) and mention you're with Heritage Hills Elementary and 5% of your sale will go back to us.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4th 8:00pm (Following School Council Meeting) The Teams Link for the meeting is on the school website and will be the same link as used for School Council,

Looking forward to another great year of fundraising at Heritage Hills.

Lisa Solamillo
President
fahhe.president@gmail.com

Visitors:

Please use the main (front) entrance, sign in (including COVID Screening) and check in with the main office staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, "school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.[No](#)

Child Without: Free MedicAlert for students:

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for students, Heritage Hills Elementary is registered in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages of four and 14 years—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, the school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at (780) 467-7447. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

Looking for Staff Contact Information?

We've recently made changes to how families can contact Heritage Hills Elementary staff.

If you'd like to reach out to your child's teacher directly, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account. From the Grades and Attendance page, you can click on the name of any of your child's teachers to email them directly.

To connect with school administration and main office staff, refer to the [online contact form](#). From the online contact form, you can also send an email to the school to report your child's absence.

If you're having trouble with your PowerSchool account, contact the school office. And, of course, we're always just a phone call away if you have questions or need assistance, **(780) 467-7447**.

Student Drop Off and Visitor Parking:

Please use the Drop and Go loop for student drop off. **Parking in the loop is not permitted, please use visitor parking.**

Upon entering the loop, proceed as far down the loop as possible to make room for other vehicles. When we park in the drop off loop even for a few minutes it causes traffic to back up and compromises the safety of our students. Visitor parking is available at the North end of the loop. Drop off and parking is also available on Heritage Drive. Please do not park in the staff parking lot as staff, consultants and other EIPS employees come and go throughout the day.

If you are dropping off your child at the ECS, Grade 1 and Grade 2 doors, once supervision is present, we ask that you leave so that we can limit the number of individuals in these areas as well as encourage more independence with our youngest learners.

Absences, Lates, Appointments, Leaving for Lunch and Leaving Early:

If your child will be leaving to go home for lunch, leaving school early or absent for the day - please call and notify the office. An agenda note does not always make it to the office.

A call to the office ensures that everyone will know where your child is to be at all times. Please call us with this information at (780) 467-7447 or email at General.HHE@eips.ca.

In the morning if your child is not walking in with their class, they must go through the front doors and check into the office before going to class. If you are dropping your child off, and the class is not outside, direct your child to the office.

Community and Strathcona County Information:

CES:

[Community Education Service](#) (CES), a program within Alberta Health Services, provides the public with free, evidence-based information sessions and resource materials to address child, youth and family health and mental health needs. Webinars are open to both parents and educators. Schools can also consider sharing this information with their school council members.

[CES October newsletter](#) | [Newsletter sign up](#) | [Upcoming webinars](#) | [Poster](#)

Bystander Intervention:

Sherwood Heights will be hosting a virtual parent night in partnership with Saffron Centre to talk about assault and harassment. As parents and caregivers, we want to step in and offer help if our kids come to us with concerns. Sometimes this can feel difficult or overwhelming if we don't have the language and knowledge to guide our decision making.

Learning about bystander intervention can help us feel equipped to assist others experiencing sexual assault or harassment. This training will talk about barriers to bystander intervention, how to overcome them, different ways of intervening and we will work through some examples together. There will be a question-and-answer time at the end. If any parents need resources or organizations to follow up with there will be time for that as well.

If you would like more details, please contact our FSLW jessica.moen@eips.ca

Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89409061200?PWD=QVBIZU9YWNLTBKf2SMFTBWJHUFKRQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89409061200?pwd=QVBIZU9YWNLTBKf2SMFTBWJHUFKRQT09)

Enjoy a great week everyone!

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

– Mother Teresa