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Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

December 13- December 21, 2021

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- [HHE Fitness Challenge Continues](#)
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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, December 13

- A great day for teaching and learning

Tuesday, December 14

- Running Club at Lunch for 4M, 4J, 4/5G, 6Z

Wednesday, December 15

- A great day for teaching and learning

Thursday, December 16

- Running Club at Lunch for 5M, 5C, 5/6B and 6C
- Kindergarten Group B Hot Lunch - Shack à Patate.

Friday, December 17

- Theme Day: HHE School Wear Day
- Kindergarten Group A and Grades 1-6 Hot Lunch - Shack a Patate.

Monday, December 20

- Theme Day: Holiday Formal Wear

Tuesday, December 21

- Theme Day: PJ Day
- Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

Principal's Message:

As we get closer to our Winter Break this will be our last Parent Weekly until January. It has been a great first four months of the school year. We all want to thank you for the support you give to Heritage Hills Elementary School. By working together, we are able to maximize the learning opportunities and experiences for our students. Looking forward to seeing our students and you in the new year.

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

International Travel:

As the Christmas break approaches, we wish to remind you of **federal public health regulations** related to when students are permitted to return to school after traveling outside of Canada.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students under 12 years of age traveling with fully vaccinated parents or guardians cannot return to school or daycare for 14 days following their return to Canada, and must follow the [mandatory requirements](#) under the *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order*.

Fully vaccinated students 12 years and older who traveled out of the country can return to school without delay so long as they are asymptomatic. If unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, these students are subject to the Government of Canada's required 14-day quarantine, regardless of whether they are accompanied by a parents or guardian who qualifies as a fully vaccinated traveler. Additional information on travel restrictions and public health regulations can be found at the Government of Canada's [website](#). Any questions or concerns about these restrictions should be directed to the Government of Canada, through their www.travel.gc.ca website.

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

Happy December!! December has already started off with many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement. Here are a few highlights already:

- In person & virtual School Council meeting.
- HHE Theme Day - T-Shirt Slogan Day
- Ukulele Club
- Running Club
- Morning announcers
- Mindful Mondays on announcements.

- Earth Rangers Virtual presentation - all grades
- Christmas Bureau
- [SHINE Club](#)

Ukulele Club:

There will not be any ukulele clubs running for the remainder of December. All ukulele clubs will resume on the week of January 10.

Mindfulness in December:

Some of our staff have been using resources in our classroom from [Yoga Ed](#). We wanted to share this valuable resource with our HHE Community! Yoga Ed offers [free online resources](#) for children (that adults can also use), to help support social-emotional learning through mindful movement, that is trauma informed and accessible for everyone. They offer easy strategies that you can choose from, to help bring some calm and focus, especially this time of year. Some are simple breathing strategies and others are more movement based. There are videos, articles, and Toolkits. There is something for everyone! You won't know if the strategy works for you, until you try it a few times. Some of the strategies you start using may soon become positive habits. Yoga Ed recently released the Toolkit '[7 Tools for Filling Your Cup](#).' Take care of yourselves and each other.

FAHHE Update:

Thanks so much for your support with our first 2 fundraisers this year. Our bottle drive raised \$700. Purdys was another huge success again this year, raising over \$2700. There were even two school families who sold over \$1000 in chocolates each. Amazing!

Upcoming Fundraisers

Bottle Drive:

Saturday, January 8th – bottle drive 10:00am -1:00pm

Save up all your bottles over the Holidays and drop them by the school. We will be looking for a few volunteers, if interested please email

fahhe.president@gmail.com

Blaze Pizza Nights

For the month of March, Blaze pizza will be supporting the FAHHE by hosting a fundraiser each week where we receive 20% of the sales that evening when customers show or mention our flyer. Stay tuned for the dates.

Hot Lunch

Thanks to all your support of our hot lunches this year. We are looking forward to Shack à Patate this week. We had an astounding 375 orders for this lunch.

We will have 2 hot lunches in January.

1. Purple Perogy

January 12 – Kindergarten A group
January 14 – Kindergarten B group and 1-6

2. A Cappella Catering
January 28 – Kindergarten B group and 1-6

Ordering open December 13 and closes 1 week prior to each lunch date.

Returning families: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

New family registration: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/heritagehills>
If you have any questions or concerns please email hhehotlunch@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 6th 7:45pm following the school council meeting.

School Counselor:

The holiday season can be a difficult time for some. If you need extra support, [Strachona Country](#) has a variety of services to assist families. I am more than happy to help make the connections to the right people and any services you may require at this time or in the future. Please do not hesitate to reach out tanya.krekoski@eips.ca

Online Safety:

A few tips to share with your child about [online safety](#).

Literacy at Home:

Check out [Literacy at Home - December Edition](#) focused on Writing.

Safe Crossing on Heritage Drive and Highcliff Road:

Concerns have been brought forward from the County and EIPS Transportation in regards to safe crossings during drop off and pick up on Heritage Drive and Highcliff Road. Cross at a crosswalk or street corner. Please be safe and walk your child across the street if necessary. Thank you.

Seniors and Youth Networking Communities (SYNC)

To celebrate the season and spread some joy, we are inviting our Heritage Hills Community to join us and make or write Christmas cards with messages to the Seniors in our community. Students in all of the classes are also invited to make some cards at school as well. The more cards the merrier and the more Christmas cheer that we can spread!!! If you would like to participate, please complete your cards and send them to school with your child by December 17th. They will then be delivered to Seniors in our community. Thank you for helping to connect our community, this Christmas season!

Brightspace:

Our classroom teachers use Brightspace to communicate weekly with you about what is happening in the classroom, as well as to post assignments, and important information. If you have not already done so, here are the [instructions](#) for logging into Brightspace.

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education:

Have you checked out [EIPS' website](#) highlighting the amazing First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education that is happening around our district?

Volunteers:

We value parent volunteers and are very grateful for all the help they provide for our school. Please remember if you are volunteering at Heritage Hills you will be required to fill out a [Confidentiality Undertaking and Declaration for Volunteers form](#) in accordance with [Administrative Procedure 490](#). All volunteers must be confirmed and on the schedule prior to the day of volunteering.

When volunteers arrive at school, please sign in, sanitize and have proof of vaccination ready.

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 will often ask to change their mask.

Fee Waiver Application Deadline:

If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2021. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2021, or 45 days after registration.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities and more.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Suzanne Cleet, Business Secretary at the main office at 780-467-7447.

Returning Student Registration for 2022-2023

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2022-23 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2022-23 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. 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 2022-23 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2022.

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, 2022. [Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at 780-467-7447.

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.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”

– Walt Disney