



HERITAGE HILLS
ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 17 - January 24, 2022

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

****Ukulele, Running Club and Parent Volunteers ON HOLD****

Friday, January, 21

- Theme Day: Mis-matched socks.

Principal's Message:

Hope you enjoyed the nice weather we had this past weekend. It was nice to spend some time outside and not have to worry about trying to keep warm. Thank you to all the parents that were involved in organizing and coming to the school to prepare the hot lunch last week. Hot lunch is very special to our students and they look forward to this event. We are looking forward to another great week of school. Safety is our number one priority for our students and staff. We will have our extra curricular activities on hold for the upcoming week.

Skip The Dishes and Orders:

Please do not send Skip the Dishes or other food deliveries to the school for your children as we are not able to accept it.

Thank you for your support and all you do for Heritage Hills Elementary 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

Student Masks:

On Friday, 20 masks and a test kit containing 5 tests were sent home with your child(ren). Students away will receive their kits upon return to school. Please contact the school if you would prefer to pick up the package.

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.

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

Hello, January! We are so excited for the many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement for the month of January. We can't wait to share highlights for 2022.

- Snowshoeing
- Skating
- Broomball
- Hot Lunch
- 2A participating in EIPS Minecraft Build Challenge

EIPS Secondary French Immersion Virtual Open House:

Grade 4, 5 and 6 French Immersion students and parents are invited to the EIPS Secondary Virtual Information Night:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

SHERWOOD HEIGHTS JR. HIGH
ARDROSSAN JR. SR. HIGH

present

**EIPS SECONDARY
FRENCH IMMERSION
VIRTUAL INFORMATION
NIGHT**

JANUARY 18, 2021
PRESENTATION AT 6:00 P.M.
LINK TO FOLLOW

Literacy at Home:

Looking for a way to support your child at home with literacy. Check out [January's Literacy At Home](#).

School Fees/School Council and FAHHE meetings:

Our School Council and FAHHE meeting will take place on January 26, 2022.
School Council - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
FAHHE meeting will start after School Council meeting.

Agendas and previous minutes posted to school website.
[Virtual Link](#) - The meetings will be held virtually.

Dear Heritage Hills school families,
Under Alberta Education's School Fee Regulation, schools must consult with parents prior to setting school fees for the upcoming school year.

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on January 26, 2022 at 6:30p.m. During that time, I'll be sharing information about our current fee structure, posing specific questions about priorities, and asking you to provide your feedback as we plan for the 2022-23 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 will be asking 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)

I understand not all families will be available to attend the meeting but it's still important we get as much input from the school community as possible. Following the meeting, materials will be shared on our website (heritagehillselementary.ca) for your review, and an email address provided so you can submit a written response.

School administration will use feedback provided to help determine fees for 2022-23, which will then be shared at the next school council meeting, posted to our website and shared via link through email.

I look forward to hearing from you on January 26.

Bill Schlacht, Principal
Heritage Hills Elementary

FAHHE Update:

Fundraiser Updates

Thanks so much for your support with our fundraisers this year. Our first bottle drive raised \$700. Purdys was another huge success again this year, raising over \$2700. This past weekend our second bottle drive raised just under \$600. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Fundraisers

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.

A Cappella Catering

January 28 – Kindergarten B group and 1-6 (order deadline Jan 21)

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

New family registration: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/heritagehills>

School Counselor:

Hope you all had a restful winter break. I know the weather made it easy to cozy in and enjoy some quiet time.

Family and Community Services has recently released their new program guide. Check it out for some fun program activities running from January to March.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/community-families/learning/online-program-guide/>

Virtual Gatherings for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Parents and Families:

These gatherings are an opportunity for First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents/guardians to come together to make connections, create a supportive environment for dialogue, share hopes and ideas for their children within the EIPS family, and learn what's happening around the Division. We're grateful to Elder Wilson Bearhead for attending our virtual parent gatherings last school year and agreeing to open each of our gatherings again this year. It's truly an honour and a privilege to be guided by Elder Wilson, and we hold our relationship with him close to our hearts.

Sessions will take place online using *Microsoft Teams Meetings*. Join on your computer or mobile app. **Use this link to join the meeting** (the same link will be used for all three meetings).

- Gathering 1: Jan. 18, 2022 (7–8 p.m.) - welcome and introductions, words from Elder Wilson, questions/hopes/queries discussion
- Gathering 2: Feb. 15, 2022 (7–8 p.m.) - words from Elder Wilson, special presentation by Rupertsland Institute for Métis Education- supports for Métis students and their families
- Gathering 3: March 15, 2022 (7–8 p.m.) - words from Elder Wilson, topic TBD based on wishes, hopes and interest expressed in previous gatherings

Caregiver Education Sessions: January

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Upcoming Caregiver Education Sessions, Lunch & Learn Webinars and Drop-In Series are outlined in the [January Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#).

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.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2022-23 school year on Feb. 1, 2022. 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 <https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/>

Have your say, EIPS wants to hear from you!

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you to gain a deeper understanding of your confidence in the Division and its strategic direction. As such, it launched a new annual survey entitled, EIPS Year in Review: Stakeholder Confidence Survey—open January 6-18.

The survey covers a range of topics, including student growth and achievement, learning supports, teaching and leading, governance, and resource allocations.

The information gathered will help EIPS:

- assess stakeholder confidence—families, staff, Grade 12 students and community members;
- gather input to guide future decision-making;
- gather feedback to enhance its [Four-Year Education Plan](#); and
- provide a platform for families, students, staff and community members to have a voice in ensuring high-quality, student-centred learning environments in EIPS schools.

EIPS will share the results in the *Annual Education Results Report 2021-22*.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Survey closes Jan. 18, 2022

NOTE: EIPS encourages everyone to respond honestly. Your identity and answers are confidential and cannot be linked in any way to you or your child's school. Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to complete the survey at school. Families who do not want their child to complete the survey simply need to advise their child's school.

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!

“Exercise is a celebration of what your body can do. Not a punishment for what you ate.”

-Anonymous