



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

September 14 - September 20, 2020

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### This Week at Heritage Hills:

#### Monday, September 14

- A great day for learning

#### Tuesday, September 15

- International Dot Day - Students are encouraged to wear DOTS to school.
- Information will be sent home to families regarding Dots for Doors/Points pour les Portes

#### Wednesday, September 16

- Meet the Teacher - Teachers will send out virtual tour of classrooms.
- School tour for parents 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, September 17

- A great day for learning

#### Friday, September 18

- A great day for learning

#### Monday, September 21

- A great day for learning

### Principals Update:

I hope you and your family enjoyed a great weekend. We are now moving into our first five day school week of the school year. We have had a great start up to the new school year in our new building. Our students seem to be happy to be back in school and our staff are so

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happy to be working with their students again in their classrooms. Thank you for your support as we open a new school in a new school year under these difficult circumstances. Please remember that on school grounds when students are out everyone must wear a mask and no pets are to be on the school grounds. We thank you for your continued support. Please visit our school website <https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/> for regular updates.

## Parent Council Announcement:

On Monday, September 28, 2020 Heritage Hills Elementary School will host a meeting for the establishment of our Parent Council. This meeting will be a virtual meeting and will begin at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending this meeting please RSVP Heritage Hills Elementary School at [General.HHE@eips.ca](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca). A virtual link will be sent to you on Friday, September 25, 2020.

## Meet the Teacher at HHE:

With the restrictions COVID has brought to our schools, our process for a Meet the Teacher Evening has changed for this year. All parents have been called by their children's teacher(s) by phone and introduced themselves and shared a little about the class and the school year. We have also had 12 sessions where parents could sign up to come into the school, meet with school administration in the gym and then enjoy a tour of the new school. We will have two final sessions, they will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. The first session will be from 6:00 - 6:30 pm and the second session will be from 7:00- 7:30 pm. Use the [booking link](#) to sign up and use code **znnj5** if you would like to attend.

If you have already attended one of these sessions please do not attend again as space is limited. Please line up outside the front doors, wearing a mask is mandatory. These sessions are for parents only. On Wednesday at 6:30pm each teacher will send out a link that will include a video of what your child's classroom looks like, teachers will introduce themselves to you once again and share about the class. If you have any additional questions please feel free to email your child's teacher.

## School tour for parents:

We are offering an evening school tour Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This tour is for parents only and due to COVID restrictions, students cannot attend. Use the [booking link](#) to sign up and use code **znnj5** if needed.

## HHE clothing online store:

Heritage Hills Spirit Wear is available for purchase through the [online store](#). Deadline to order is September 30th. Clothing should be available for distribution by October 31st.

## Correction & Verification Form:

Please ensure that you have completed the Correction & Verification Form on your Parent Portal Account with PowerSchool. Even if there are no changes, by submitting the form, we

know that you have reviewed the information and declare it is accurate. This is the information we rely on to communicate with you. Especially important this year, are your emergency contacts. If we are unable to reach the parents in a reasonable time, we will have to move on to your emergency contact. When your child is going home ill, it is imperative that they be picked up within the hour of initiating the call.

## Lost and Found:

Due to COVID-19, we no longer have a Lost & Found, and are not allowed to hold on to any lost items. PLEASE make sure to put your child's name in all of their clothing and shoes, school supplies, backpacks, water bottles, etc. If a lost item is turned in without a name, we will not be able to hold it.

## Guidelines for ill student:

Please read this [PDF resource from Alberta Health Services](#), updated September 3.

Important highlights for your reference:

- Individuals are legally required to isolate for at least ten days if they are exhibiting these **primary** symptoms: fever, cough (new or worsening chronic cough), shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (new or worsening), runny nose or sore throat. They can return to school or work after ten days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
- Individuals who exhibit **secondary** symptoms including chills, painful swallowing, stuffy nose, headache, muscle or joint pain, fatigue or severe exhaustion, gastrointestinal issues, loss of sense of smell or taste, pink or generally feeling unwell should stay home and minimize contact with others until symptoms resolve. They can then return to class or work.
- If an individual had **primary** symptoms, taken a COVID test with negative results, and has no known exposure to the virus, they are not legally required to further isolate if symptoms are resolved.
- If an individual is considered a close contact—that is, they have been exposed for 15 minutes or more at a distance of less than 2 metres to someone confirmed to have COVID-19—they are legally required to quarantine for 14 days (the period of time the virus takes to incubate) and monitor for symptoms. If during that quarantine they become sick with the **primary** symptoms, they are required to isolate for an additional 10 days from the beginning of symptoms or until their symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

Should Alberta Health Services update the document, we will send a new version out and update the link on the EIPS website.

## Dot Day:

International Dot Day is a global event celebrated in over 180 countries. The day was created after Iowa Teacher, Terry Shay introduced his students to the book, *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. This global celebration is about inspiring creativity, courage and collaboration. At Heritage Hills Elementary this year, students are encouraged to wear dots on September 15th in recognition of Dot Day. Students will also complete a variety of activities based on the book. In addition, on Tuesday, families will be sent home

information to help connect our community through Dots for Doors/Points pour les Portes project. This information will be sent home with the youngest or only family member.

## Scholastic:

This year [Scholastic Reading Club](#) will look very different from years past. Parents can [sign up](#) to Scholastic Reading Club using teacher codes and items purchased will be sent directly to their home. Parents can choose to sign up using Ms. Wells-Taylor's teacher code (RC208672). All rewards earned will go towards the school and future purchases for the school either in books or materials. We are also looking at a Virtual Book Fair this year as Book Fairs are a wonderful fundraiser for our school in securing books for classroom collections, home reading, and the Library Learning Commons.

**Enjoy a great week!!!**

*A Reminder*

**There is more good  
than bad in the world,  
More light than  
darkness and  
YOU can make  
More light**

**Peter H. Reynolds  
April 15, 2015**