



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

September 28 - October 4, 2020

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, September 28

- First Parent Council Meeting, 6:30 pm. This will be a virtual meeting through Zoom. See below for more information.

Tuesday, September 29

- A Great Day of Learning at Heritage Hills Elementary

Wednesday, September 30

- Orange Shirt Day

Thursday, October 1

- A Great Day of Learning at Heritage Hills Elementary

Friday, October 2

- Terry Fox Run - Students are encouraged to wear Red and White, or Canadian Gear, or Terry Fox Gear.

Monday, October 5

- A Great Day of Learning at Heritage Hills Elementary

Principals Update:

Hello Everyone,

Hope you enjoyed a great weekend. It's hard to believe that fall is here and we are in our last week of September. We have had a great start to the new school year and our first month of school in our new building has been fabulous. Please

remember that if you are on school grounds and students are around you are required to wear a mask.

We thank you for all your support. 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

Staff Parking & Student Drop Off:

As we are now coming to the end of our first month of school students, staff and parents are settling in with their routines. Thank you for using our student drop off zone in the morning and afternoons. Heritage Hills is a large building and we continuously have more staff in a variety of roles working within the school. Some of our staff such as consultants and administrators come and go during the day. We would ask that you refrain from driving through or parking in the staff parking lot. It makes it difficult when you come back from a meeting or school visit during the day and there is no place to park. We do have visitor parking spots on the playground end of the parking lot.

Establishment of HHE Parent Council:

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. A virtual link has been sent to those of you who have already sent in your RSVP.

Orange Shirt Day - September 30:

In 1973, six-year old Phyllis Webstad attended her first day at St. Joseph's Residential School in Williams Lake, B.C. Her grandmother had given her a new, bright orange shirt for the occasion. When she arrived at school, the staff cut her hair and forced her to change her clothes. Her new shirt was taken away and she never got it back.

"The colour orange has always reminded me of that, and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared, and how I felt I was worth nothing," said Phyllis, forty years later. When she first shared her story publicly, people who heard her speak were deeply moved- and the idea of Orange Shirt Day was born.

As a way of honouring Residential School Survivors, students, and staff are invited to wear orange shirts on September 30 as a way of showing that “every child matters.”

Additional information can be found at OrangeShirtday.org

Terry Fox Run:

It is the 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and Heritage Hills Elementary is on board to help continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. The Terry Fox Foundation needs us now more than ever. On October 2, 2020, each class will participate in the Terry Fox Run during their scheduled DPA/Phys Ed time. Students are encouraged to wear Red and White, Canadian gear or Terry Fox gear on Friday to show their support. This year we are unable to accept cash donations. Due to our need to stay in cohorts, we are unable to invite families to join us on the run. However, you can still show support by making a donation. Please consider donating to The Terry Fox Foundation using our school link <http://www.terryfox.ca/HeritageHillsElementarySchool>. Together, we can all make a difference! #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation

Picture Day:

The photographer is coming Wednesday and Thursday October 14th and 15th for individual student pictures. Due to COVID we will not be able to do class or sibling shots. We will look at options for class photos in the Spring. Students learning at home can schedule a time after school on the two school picture days (A link will be sent in early October to book a time).

Lost and Found:

Due to the restrictions surrounding Covid-19, unless an item has the student's name visible on the item, we are unable to hold lost and found items that are unmarked. Please check with your child to make sure they have all of their possessions.

Reporting Absences, Early Pick-up, and leaving the school grounds for lunch:

Parents, please communicate your child's absence, request for early pick-up, and permission to leave the school for lunch directly to General.HHE@eips.ca, which is checked regularly by the School Office staff. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your request or information will not be received by the Office staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance, arrivals, and departures of our students throughout the day.

When reporting a student's absence, a reason is necessary, ie. if they are home ill, particulars with respect to the illness are now necessary as part of the covid-19 screening requirement.

"Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple."

—J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*