



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 4 - October 12, 2020

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### This Week at Heritage Hills:

#### Monday, October 5

- [World Teachers' Day](#)
- Read In Week Begins

#### Tuesday, October 6

- A great day of learning at Heritage Hills Elementary

#### Wednesday, October 7

- Early Dismissal - 2:20 p.m.

#### Thursday, October 8

- A great day of learning at Heritage Hills Elementary

#### Friday, October 9

- No School - Professional Learning Day

#### Monday, October 12

- No School - Thanksgiving

### Principals Update:

We have had a great first month of school and we are now into October. We enjoyed Dot Day, Terry Fox Run and recognized Orange Shirt Day. We are now looking forward to Thanksgiving next weekend. The staff at Heritage Hills, 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](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca)

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## **STAY AT HOME GUIDE: When do I keep my child home?**

Please refer to this [EIPS document](#) for guidance on when your child should stay home.

## **Notice Of Annual General Meeting for HHE Fundraising Association:**

Notice of Annual General Meeting for the Fundraising Association for Heritage Hills Elementary.

*Formerly Fundraising Association for Wye School (FAWS)*

The Fundraising Association AGM is scheduled for Friday, November 6th at 1:00 PM through Zoom.

Please RSVP to [faws.president@gmail.com](mailto:faws.president@gmail.com) in order to receive the zoom link for this AGM meeting. If you would like more information, have questions, or are interested in putting your name forward for an executive position for 2020-2021, please contact Cindy Smith at the above email address.

## **HHE Online Clothing Store Closes Monday, October 5th:**

<https://heritagehillsstudent2020.itemorder.com/sale>

## **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 photos. 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 emailed).

## **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](mailto: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.

### **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 participated in the Terry Fox Run during their scheduled DPA/Phys Ed time.

This year we are unable to accept cash donations. 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

### **Lost and Found:**

Do any of these items belong to someone in your family? [LOST AND FOUND ITEMS](#)  
Unclaimed items are donated to [County Clothes-Line](#) at the end of the month.

Please contact [General.HHE@eips.ca](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca) to claim items.

### **Caregiver Education Series:**

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency, and more  
Visit the [Division calendar](#) or [Caregiver Education](#) to see the monthly caregiver sessions.

### **Improving Home-School Communication:**

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. The manual also offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, email communication and various social media efforts.

[Communication Protocol for Schools](#)

Most email communication from the Division will come from [communications@eips.ca](mailto:communications@eips.ca). From the school level, messages will often come from [General.HHE@eips.ca](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca). We encourage families to add these email addresses to your address book or safe senders list to help prevent Division and school messages from filtering to a junk, spam or other folder in your email inbox.

## Read In Week 2020 taking place October 5-9:

Read In Week returns on October 5. The theme for this year is “Read Around the World.” Through various activities, students—both in-school and out-of-school learners—will spend the week reading and learning how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Some of the activities planned for Read In Week include:

- Listening to stories which highlight different countries and cultures.
- Encouraging students to share their favourite stories with their classmates.
- Begin Global Read Aloud

Read In Week is a Divisionwide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community. Don't forget to share what you've learned throughout the week using the hashtag *#eipsreads*. We hope you discover some amazing stories.

For more information visit [eips.ca](http://eips.ca) and [La Semaine de Read In](#)

## School Fees: Now available:

School fee information for the 2020-21 school year is now posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). When you log on, you'll notice the fee schedule is different from previous years. Instead of a fee based on the entire year, fees are charged on a quarterly basis.

The fee schedule change accommodates students switching from out-of-school learning to in-school learning; the four-semester system in place at some schools, and possible fee adjustments if the province decides to transition to Scenario 2—partial return to school—or Scenario 3—the suspension of in-school classes. Fees for kits or equipment kept by the student are charged in full at the start of the course.

Each quarter, you'll receive an email notification letting you know fees are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To access your fee information, go to “Student Fees” on PowerSchool. There you can view your fees and pay online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. All

fees are due within 14 days of being posted. *NOTE:* School Fees apply to in-school learners only.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The deadline is Dec. 15, 2020—if new to EIPS, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2020, or 45 days after registration.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [eips.ca](#) and [Heritage Hills Elementary's Fee Page](#). Alternatively, contact the school at 780-467-7447.

## Celebrating World Teachers' Day: October 5:

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

To honour the day, EIPS is running its World Teachers' Day contest inviting friends, family, students and staff to share a story about how a teacher inspired them. Thank you to all those who have shared stories to date. Collectively they tell a story about the vital role teachers play in shaping the minds of youth and supporting their journey of success.

EIPS extends a heartfelt thank you to all its teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating our students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

## Scholastic:

The October [Digital Flyers](#) are now available. 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.

**Enjoy a great week!**

**"Thanksgiving is more than "one dinner." Thanksgiving is a time for celebrating everything you love."**

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**Robin Kite,**

## Thanksgiving Decoded