



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

April 19 - April 26, 2021

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**This Week at Heritage Hills:**

### Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

#### Monday, April 19

- A great day for teaching and learning
- FAHHE Meeting - 6:30 pm [meet.google.com/vef-txzc-rta](https://meet.google.com/vef-txzc-rta)

#### Tuesday, April 20

- A great day for teaching and learning
- [EIPS Parent Survey closes](#)
- Third Gathering (virtual) for First Nations, Metis and Inuit parents and families - 7-8 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 21

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Last day to order FAHHE Salisbury Greenhouse Gift Cards
- Evening with Dr. Alex Russell: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 22

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Earth Day

#### Friday, April 23

- A great day for teaching and learning

#### Monday, April 26

- A great day for teaching and learning

## Principal's Message:

Hope you had a chance to enjoy the great weather this weekend. Saturday especially was such a nice day to be outside. The staff at Heritage Hills want to say thank you to our parents and school community for your continued support. Enjoy a great week.

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)

## Covid-19 Protocols:

This is a good time to review EIPS [Covid-19 guidelines](#) including making sure we are completing the Daily Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire with our child each morning. This is also a great time to make sure all masks fit your child appropriately.

At school we are continuing to follow all safety guidelines. We continue to wear masks, stay within our cohorts, and practice hand hygiene regularly. As the weather starts to get warmer, many of our classes will take advantage of this to spend a greater amount of time outdoors learning.

If you are dropping your child off at school or picking your child up, we ask that you please wear a mask. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

## Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

Amazing things happen at HHE. We are excited about all the things that are happening in April at HHE. The month will be filled with many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parent involvement. Here are just a few so far:

- Multiple Readers and Writers Celebrations
- School Theme Day: Disney Wear
- School Council meeting - April 12
- FAHHE meeting on April 19
- Pizza lunch on April 15
- Salisbury gift card fundraiser.
- FRH virtual presentation for Grade 6
- Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
- Earth Day Activities
- Evening with Dr. Alex Russell
- Hot Lunch - Pizza
- Virtual Author Visit for Grade 5s with Terry-Lynn Johnson

## **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](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca).

## **Have your say! The 2021 EIPS Parent Survey is Now Open:**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2021 EIPS Parent Survey—open from April 6-20.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Four-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes a Part B, featuring questions about the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes. As you know, in fall 2021, EIPS welcomes a new locally elected Board of Trustees. Your feedback will help the incoming Board develop a new EIPS Four-Year Education Plan—one that's responsive to student and community needs and focused on continuous improvement.

**[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!](#)** - Survey closes April 20, 2021.

## **Third Gathering (virtual) for First Nations, Metis and Inuit parents and families - April 20, 2021 (7-8 p.m):**

Sessions will be online using Microsoft Teams. Join on your computer or mobile app. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Session #3: Looking back and looking forward

- Looking back: Highlights from around EIPS
- Looking forward: What are your hopes for your child/ren? What does success and achievement look like as part of our EIPS family?

## **Bikes and Scooters:**

Warm weather means more students are riding to school. Bike racks are located at the front of the school only. Please review bike and scooter safety. Our Bus Monitors Cliff and Vic have requested that bikes and scooters ride on the sidewalk along Heritage Drive and not through the bus lane. Thank you and happy riding.

## Gearing up for Kindergarten:

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming virtual Kindergarten Information Night on May 27, 2021. Make sure to attend to virtually tour the school; meet the teachers; gain insight on play-based learning; and see what a typical day looks like.

### Kindergarten Information Night 2021:

*Date:* May 27, 2021

*Time:* 6:30 p.m.

*Location:* Link will be shared closer to the date

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible Elk Island Public Schools has also put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting

<https://www.eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten>

## National Volunteer Week:

### **A big THANK YOU to all EIPS families**

National Volunteer Week takes place April 18-24. Most years, we celebrate the week in schools by thanking the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who offer their knowledge and time to help enhance learning within the Division. This year is a little different because of COVID-19. While different, schools are thanking their families in new and creative ways.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every one of our EIPS school families for your support over the last 12 months. Collectively, we've created a relationship that allows us to rally behind one clear vision: To provide exceptional education for all students. As we navigate the pandemic, it's critical we continue to work together to support student learning. Through this, we'll inspire learners and ensure they gain the skills they need to transition to the next grade or the world of work.

So, again, thank-you for your time, for your efforts, for your kindness and for your understanding as we work together to ensure all students succeed.

Trina Boymook  
Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees

## FAHHE Salisbury Gift Card Fundraiser:

We will be running a Salisbury Gift Card Fundraiser April 7-21. We receive 20% back from all sales. Gift Cards will be mailed directly to purchasers to help follow covid-19 guidelines. [Orders can be placed online through Munchalunch.](#)

## Junior High Information Nights:

Junior High Information Nights are now [posted](#) on EIPS Division Site.

## Online Families – Photo Submissions:

Our online learners can send pics to [yearbookphotoemail@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookphotoemail@gmail.com). These will be used in our HHE yearbook.

## Evening with Dr. Alex Russell

On April 21st, starting at 7, SCS is hosting a parent night where psychologist Dr. Alex Russell will be sharing on the topic: Keeping them Safe while Helping them Grow: Supporting children's emotional growth in challenging times.

**Date:** April 21

**Time:** 7 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** Virtual via Microsoft Teams Live Event

**Topic:** Keeping them Safe while Helping them Grow:  
Supporting children's emotional growth in challenging times

**Description:**

Knowing when and how to support our children at school is never easy. The dangers presented by a pandemic only add to the challenge of balancing the need to protect our children, on the one hand, while continuing to support their emotional growth on the other. This workshop offers clear and helpful guidelines to help parents navigate these challenges while maintaining close, supportive relationships with their children.

The workshop asks whether we are doing our kids a disservice by removing obstacles and doing our best to eradicate all stress and anxiety from their lives?

During the evening, Dr. Russell will offer a fresh perspective on raising self-reliant, motivated children, ready to take on the world. This session will give parents the tools to:

- Understand parent-child dynamics
- Resist the pressure to over-parent
- Build trusting relationships with teachers and school administration so they can play an effective role in your child's life
- Understand problems such as ADHD, anxiety, and substance abuse
- Embrace failing as learning, not parental incompetence
- Enact common-sense strategies for parents worn out from worrying about their kids and their future.

Teams Link

<https://bit.ly/3vfw0Ed>

## Scholastic Book Fair:

We are excited to announce our Virtual Scholastic Book Fair is open for another week until April 25.

Our school's unique Virtual Book Fair link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5159336>

Shipping will be free for orders over \$40.00 before taxes, however **Wednesday nights only, between 6pm to 8pm only - local time zone** will qualify for Free Shipping, as there will be no minimum spend required.

## Caregivers Series:

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, is proud to offer FREE online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Our aim is to increase awareness and reduce stigma of the mental health challenges that children and adolescents experience, provide parents and caregivers with evidence-based mental health information, and provide strategies that support mental wellness. Check out the session available in [April](#).

**Enjoy a great week everyone!**

**"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."**

*—William Shakespeare*