



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

May 3 - May 10, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:
[Education Week 2021: May 3 - 7](#)
[Mental Health Week: May 3 - 9](#)

Monday, May 3

- Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Tuesday, May 4

- May the Fourth Be With You - Students may enjoy wearing their favourite Star Wars t-shirt.
- [Canadian Children's Book Week](#) - Special Author Virtual Presentation for K-3 with Katherine Battersby

Wednesday, May 5

- Hats On! for Mental Health Day - Students are encouraged to wear a hat.
- Early Dismissal

Thursday, May 6

- A great day for teaching and learning

Friday, May 7

- Professional Learning Day - No School for Students
- Deadline to order Pizza Lunch for May 14th.

Monday, May 10

- A great day for teaching and learning
- [Bear Witness Day](#)

- School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Principal's Message:

Hope you had an opportunity to enjoy a great weekend and spend some time outside. We are now officially into the month of May. Remember this is a short week as Friday is a Professional Development Day for Staff and the school will be closed. Once again the staff and students at Heritage Hills Elementary thank you for your continued support.

This will be our last week in asking for feedback on what equipment/thoughts you have for outdoor play and learning spaces so we can share the findings with our school council. Thank you to the individuals who have already submitted feedback.

[Community Feedback Form](#)

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

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. Spring allergies are in full swing, in order to establish a baseline please remember to communicate pre-existing medical conditions with the school. For further information refer to page 6 in Covid-19 Guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

WOW! Amazing things happen at HHE. We are excited to share just a few of the things that happened in April and look forward to an amazing May. The month has been filled with many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parent involvement. Here are just a few:

- Multiple Readers and Writers Celebrations
- School Theme Day: Disney Wear, Inside Out Day, HHE 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
- Virtual Author Visit for Grade 5s with Terry-Lynn Johnson
- Waste presentation for grade 4s

Mental Health Week (May 3 - 9):

This week is Mental Health Awareness with Hats On! for Mental Health falling on Wednesday (May 5th). To bring awareness, Mrs. Krekoski has provided daily activities for classes to participate in. Each activity takes about 15-20 minutes. They focus on easy strategies to improve your overall Mental Health.

Each day we will also have daily announcements related to mental health.

Lessons include:

Monday is for Mindfulness

Tuesday is for Laughter

Wednesday is for Coloring and Calm (and HatsOn!!)

Thursday is for Bubbles and Breathing

The [AHS Healthy Children](#) newsletter is now available.

In addition, AHS is extending an invitation for families to participate in the Move Your Mood June Family Challenge. [Registration](#) opens May 1.

FAHHE News:

Pizza Day was a success, let's do it again!

We are so excited to announce that we will be having 2 pizza days in May and 1 in June. Unfortunately, after our last pizza day, we have had to tweak the process a bit to simplify delivery of these lunches during these restricted Covid times. For these lunches we will only be offering the personal pizzas, instead of the 2-slices per box, while this does add a cost of \$1 per pizza, we believe it is still a reasonably priced treat for the students. We are grateful to the school for facilitating this for us.

The pizza days will be:

Friday, May 14th – Ordering open April 26th – May 7th

Friday, May 28th – Ordering open May 8th – May 21st

Wednesday, June 9th – Ordering open May 8th– June 2nd

Order online through <https://munchalunch.com/login>

If you have not registered with Munchalunch use this link first:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/heritagehills>

Bus Driver Appreciation Day:

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 3

Join us on May 3 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of **Heritage Hill Elementary**, *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

Education Week 2021: May 3-7



Education Week takes place May 3-7. Throughout the week, students and staff from Heritage Hills Elementary, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities

provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week continues to be Learning is a Journey highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience—including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more.

EIPS Launches new Blog: [*tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*](#)

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has launched a new blog entitled, [*tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*](#) The monthly blog offers readers information and resources about Indigenous education and related events taking place throughout the Division.

During the recent parent engagement sessions, families of both Indigenous students and those who attended the general foundational knowledge series said they wanted more information about the projects, activities and initiatives happening at schools across EIPS. So, the Division delivered and created [*tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*](#) Make sure to visit the blog often for the latest news and information about what's happening throughout the Division.

Art Opportunity:

In celebration of Gallery@501's 10th anniversary this year, they are pleased to present *Walking Gently: Spirit Stories and the 13 Moons* as their first virtual exhibition. The show features the artwork of two talented Métis artists, Gary Sutton and Leah Dorion. This exhibition is filled with tradition, storytelling, symbolism, pattern and colour - and is available online at www.strathcona.ca/walkinggently until May 12, 2021.

Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration is now open:

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

Yearbook sales are open:

Please visit <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/Order/SelectJob> to purchase the first Heritage Hill Elementary yearbook. School ID: 14367221 . Yearbooks will be delivered in the Fall of 2021.

Caregiver 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 [May](#).

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.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

“What we think, we become.”

– Buddha