



HERITAGE HILLS

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Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 25 - November 1, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

- [Media Literacy Week - October 25 - October 29](#)
- Virtual Book Fair. Ends October 28
Here is the link to your Virtual Book Fair:
<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166108>

Monday, October 25

- Ukulele - Grade 5 & 6 - 12:02 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26

- Running Club at Lunch

Wednesday, October 27

- Ukulele - Grade 4 - 12:30 p.m.
- Learning Commons unavailable in pm

Thursday, October 28

- School Portrait Retakes (morning only in the gymnasium)
- [Read for the Record Day](#)
- Virtual Book Fair Ends

Friday, October 29

- Ukulele - Grade 2 & 3 - 12:30 p.m.
- Halloween Costume Dress Up

Monday, November 1

- Ukulele - Grade 5 & 6 - 12:02 p.m
- HHE School Wear Theme Day

Principal's Message:

Hope you are enjoying another great fall weekend. Everyday now without snow is a bonus for us. We are now into our last week of October. It is hard to believe we are already two months into the school year. November brings us Remembrance Day, November Break and report cards. Thank you for all the support you give to Heritage Hills Elementary.

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

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

We are in our final week of October and this month has been filled with many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement. Thank you for your continued support.

- Read in Week with many virtual guest readers. Mr. Schlacht and Mr. Samaratunga also read to many classes.
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- FAHHE meeting - see message below
- Running Club
- Ukulele Club
- [Virtual Book Fair](#) started and runs until October 28
- Jersey Day
- [Stakeholder feedback in Mission, Vision & Values.](#)
- [Bus Safety Week](#)
- [Secret Path Week](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Week](#)
- [Media Literacy Week](#)
- [Read for the Record Day](#)
- Halloween

School Portrait Retakes Thursday, October 28:

Due to the small number of retake requests, the photographer will only be available Thursday morning in the gymnasium. We are not able to accommodate sibling photo retakes. Please return the Proof Form indicating a retake is requested by Monday. Thank you.

Parent Volunteer Needed:

Thank you Jeff McNish for taking the time to return bottles for the school.

Do you have a passion for books? Would you like to help in the Learning Commons? If you are interested in helping, please contact Ms. Wells-Taylor at theresa.wells-taylor@eips.ca

The Great Pumpkin Contest:

Looking for a fun activity to do as a family this week. Participate in [The Great Pumpkin Contest](#).

Virtual Book Fair:

We are excited to offer a [Virtual Scholastic Book Fair](#). Our Virtual Fair will be held from October 14-October 28. New this year to reduce shipping costs - the books will be shipped to the school and then we will arrange pick up. Your books will be sent home with your child, but if you have ordered them for a special occasion (birthday, Christmas) - please reach out to Ms. Wells-Taylor (theresa.wells-taylor@eips.ca) to arrange pick up. Scholastic Book Fairs are a wonderful school fundraiser that goes to help purchase books and resources for the school.

Lost & Found:

Do any of these [items](#) belong to someone in your household? All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the day on October 28.

COVID-19 DAILY :

Covid 19 practices and procedures can be found in [EIPS Operations Guidelines 2021-2022](#) These guidelines are under continuous review as we move through the school year.

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) posted an updated version of its *EIPS Operations Guidelines: 2021-22* online. The document outlines how schools are operating and the public-health measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Updates and additions were made throughout the document to reflect the province's current state of public-health emergency and related public-health orders. EIPS encourages everyone to read through the updated operations guidelines.

[COVID-19 Daily Checklist \(under 18 years old\)](#)
[COVID-19 Daily Checklist \(Adult- 18 years & older\)](#)

Brightspace 101:

Looking to learn more about Brightspace. Check out the [EIPS Parent & Guardian page](#).

School Council & FAHHE:

Next meeting is Thursday, November 4th @ 6:30 - 8:00pm. FAHHE meeting will follow directly after.

- [Agenda](#)
- [TEAMS link](#)

FAHHE NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to our fundraising survey. Some exciting ways to raise some money, and volunteer opportunities are coming, while we set our sights on playground completion.

Membership in FAHHE must be renewed annually, please follow the link below to complete the membership form for the 2021-2022 year.

[FAHHE Membership Form 2021-2022](#)

FAHHE Bottle Drive -- Saturday, November 6th 10am-1pm

Help us fill the trailer by dropping off your bottles.

We will be looking for some volunteers to help load the trailer, please email fahhe.president@gmail.com if you're interested.

Purdy's Chocolates

Just in time for Christmas, we will be running the Purdy's chocolates fundraiser.

Orders open November 5th -November 21st

Pick up around December 4th.

Hot Lunch

We are in the process of getting some hot lunch dates organized, stay tuned for more information.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Labels Labels – When ordering online be sure to select Fundraising Association for Heritage Hills Elementary and a portion of your sale will go back to us.

COBS Bread—Stop by the Sherwood Centre location (1020 Sherwood Dr.) and mention you're with Heritage Hills Elementary and 5% of your sale will go back to us.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4th 8:00pm (Following School Council Meeting) The Teams Link for the meeting is on the school website and will be the same link as used for School Council,

Looking forward to another great year of fundraising at Heritage Hills.

Lisa Solamillo
President

fahhe.president@gmail.com

Halloween:

This year we will be celebrating Halloween on October 29.

- If students choose to dress up they must come to school in costume and be prepared to wear it all day. There will be no changing into or out of costume during the day. Staff will not be able to assist with costumes. We ask that weapons for costumes stay at home. Please also be mindful of scary costumes as we want even our youngest learners to not be afraid.
- Students will be required to still wear their masks. They might want to consider how to incorporate their mask with their costume. We saw some great ideas last year.
- As we get closer to Halloween and after, please remember Heritage Hills Elementary is a Nut Aware school. We ask that you refrain from sending food to school that contains nuts. Thanks for your help in keeping our students safe.

Visitors:

Please use the main (front) entrance, sign in (including COVID Screening) and check in with the main office staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Drop Off and Visitor Parking:

Please use the Drop and Go loop for student drop off. **Parking in the loop is not permitted, please use visitor parking.**

Upon entering the loop, proceed as far down the loop as possible to make room for other vehicles. When we park in the drop off loop even for a few minutes it causes traffic to back up and compromises the safety of our students. Visitor parking is available at the North end of the loop. Drop off and parking is also available on Heritage Drive. Please do not park in the staff parking lot as staff, consultants and other EIPS employees come and go throughout the day.

If you are dropping off your child at the ECS, Grade 1 and Grade 2 doors, once supervision is present, we ask that you leave so that we can limit the number of individuals in these areas as well as encourage more independence with our youngest learners.

Staff Contact Information:

EIPS recently made changes to how families can contact staff.

If you'd like to reach out to your child's teacher directly, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). From the Grades and Attendance page, you can click on the name of any of your child's teachers to e-mail them directly as needed.

To connect with school administration and main office staff, refer to the [online contact form](#) to send an email. From the online contact form, you can also send an email to report your child's absence.

If you're having trouble with your PowerSchool or Brightspace account, contact the school office. And, of course, we're always just a phone call away if you have questions or need assistance, **(780) 467-7447**.

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.

In the morning if your child is not walking in with their class, they must go through the front doors and check into the office before going to class. If you are dropping your child off, and the class is not outside, direct your child to the office.

Community and Strathcona County Information:

The Family Resource Network offers many great events. Check them out [here](#).

Enjoy a great week everyone!

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."

– Michael Jordan