



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

December 6 - December 13, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, December 6

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

Tuesday, December 7

- Running Club at Lunch for 4M, 4J, 4/5G, 6Z

Wednesday, December 8

- Ukulele - Grade 4 - 12:32 p.m.

Thursday, December 9

- Running Club at Lunch for 5M, 5C, 5/6B and 6C
- Last Day to order for December Hot Lunch

Friday, December 10

- Ukulele - Grade 2 & 3 - 12:32 p.m.
- DARE Grad

Monday, December 13

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

Principal's Message:

Hope everyone enjoyed a great weekend. Last week we had our very first School Council Meeting at Heritage Hills Elementary School. It was so nice to have parents back in the building again. Thank you to all of you who attended the meeting virtually or in person. We are looking forward to having parents back in our school. Once again thank you for all you do for 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:

Happy December!! December has already started off with many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement. Here are a few highlights already:

- In person & virtual School Council meeting.
- HHE Theme Day - T-Shirt Slogan Day
- Ukulele Club
- Running Club
- Morning announcers
- Mindful Mondays on announcements.
- Earth Rangers Virtual presentation - all grades
- Christmas Bureau

Christmas Bureau:

Heritage Hills Families - you are AMAZING in your generosity and care for others! A total of \$1160.00 was donated towards the Strathcona Christmas Bureau on behalf of the Students and Staff of Heritage Hills Elementary. We more than DOUBLED our goal of \$500.00 THANK YOU

FAHHE Update:

Fundraiser Updates

Thanks so much for your support with our first 2 fundraisers this year. Our bottle drive raised \$700 and Purdys chocolates raised \$2700 + a bonus of about \$500.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Saturday, January 8th – bottle drive

Save up all your bottles over the Holidays and drop them by the school. We will be looking for a few volunteers, if interested please email fahhe.president@gmail.com

Hot Lunch

Our first Hot Lunch was a great success. Our next hot lunch will be through Shack à Patate.

Thursday, December 16th—Kindergarten Group B

Friday, December 17th – Kindergarten Group A and Grades 1-6.

Ordering will open from December 1 – 9th online.

Returning families: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

New family registration: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/heritagehills>

If you have any questions or concerns please email hhehotlunch@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 6th 7:45pm following the school council meeting.

Survey:

We would appreciate your feedback through this [survey](#) to help us learn more about parent involvement and student support.

Looking for ways to engage more with Heritage Hills Elementary? Check out this wonderful [resource](#) from EIPS.

School Counsellor:

It's December and along with that comes the typical feeling of being rushed and overwhelmed. Remember to "Just Breathe".

<https://mysmartgirls.com/short-film-just-breathe-helps-kids-deal-with-emotions-1b4f91dac5ad>

Christmas Concert:

As you know, we will not be having a concert this year. However, Dr. Boyer will be recording each class performing a Christmas song over these next two weeks. The video will then be posted on Brightspace. A short message will be posted on Brightspace indicating the day that this will be happening for your child.

Safe Crossing on Heritage Drive and Highcliff Road:

Concerns have been brought forward from the County and EIPS Transportation in regards to safe crossings during drop off and pick up on Heritage Drive and Highcliff Road. Cross at a crosswalk or street corner. Please be safe and walk your child across the street if necessary. Thank you.

Seniors and Youth Networking Communities (SYNC)

To celebrate the season and spread some joy, we are inviting our Heritage Hills Community to join us and make or write Christmas cards with messages to the Seniors in our community. Students in all of the classes are also invited to make some cards at school as well. The more cards the merrier and the more Christmas cheer that we can spread!!! If you would like to participate, please complete your cards and send them to school with your child by December 17th. They will then be delivered to Seniors in our community. Thank you for helping to connect our community, this Christmas season!

Brightspace:

Our classroom teachers use Brightspace to communicate weekly with you about what is happening in the classroom, as well as to post assignments, and important information. If you have not already done so, here are the [instructions](#) for logging into Brightspace.

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education:

Have you checked out [EIPS' website](#) highlighting the amazing First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education that is happening around our district.

Volunteers:

We value parent volunteers and are very grateful for all the help they provide for our school. Please remember if you are volunteering at Heritage Hills you will be required to fill out a [Confidentiality Undertaking and Declaration for Volunteers form](#) in accordance with [Administrative Procedure 490](#). All volunteers must be confirmed and on the schedule prior to the day of volunteering.

When volunteers arrive at school, please sign in, sanitize and have proof of vaccination ready.

Student Masks:

We are experiencing a number of students who do not have enough masks to make it through the school day. Please send 3 masks to school with your child for every school day (1 to wear and 2 spare). With colder weather, masks often feel wet after an outdoor recess and students will often ask to change their mask.

Fee Waiver Application Deadline:

If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2021. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2021, or 45 days after registration.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities and more.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <https://www.heritagehillelementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Suzanne Cleet, Business Secretary at the main office at 780-467-7447.

Returning Student Registration for 2022-2023

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2022-23 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2022-23 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2022-23 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2022.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2022. [Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at 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.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

Helen Keller