



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 24 - January 31, 2022

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### This Week at Heritage Hills:

**\*\*Ukulele, Running Club and Parent Volunteers ON HOLD\*\***

#### Monday, January, 24

- A great day for Teaching and Learning

#### Tuesday, January, 25

- Keep being AMAZING!

#### Wednesday, January, 26

- [Bell Let's Talk Day](#)
- School Council and FAHHE 6:30 pm

#### Thursday, January, 27

- [Family Literacy Day - Learning in the Great Outdoors](#)

#### Friday, January, 28

- Theme Day: HHE School Wear
- Hot Lunch: Kindergarten B group and Grades - 1-6

#### Monday, January, 31

- Professional Development Day For Teachers
- School Closed

## Principal's Message:

Hope you were able to take the opportunity to enjoy the nice weather we had this weekend. As we move into the last week of January there are several items on the agenda. On Wednesday we will have our January School Council and FAHHE Meeting. At this meeting we will be starting our discussions on school fees for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration for returning and new students starts on February 1st and ends on February 28th for returning students.

As we move into February teachers are looking into field trips. All field trips must follow Covid protocols and be connected to curricular outcomes. Please ensure you read all safety precautions and equipment information before signing the field trip forms. If you have any questions, please contact the classroom teacher or school administration.

Thank you for your support and all you do for Heritage Hills Elementary School. 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)

## 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.

## Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

Hello, January! We are so excited for the many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement for the month of January. We can't wait to share highlights for 2022.

- Snowshoeing
- Skating
- Broomball
- Hot Lunch
- 2A participating in EIPS Minecraft Build Challenge
- School Council and FAHHE
- [Bell Let's Talk Day](#)
- [Family Literacy Day - Learning in the Great Outdoors](#)

## School Fees/School Council and FAHHE meetings:

Our School Council and FAHHE meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

School Council - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

FAHHE meeting will start after School Council meeting.

Agendas and previous minutes posted to the school website.

**Virtual Link** - The meetings will be held virtually.

Dear Heritage Hills school families,  
Under Alberta Education's School Fee Regulation, schools must consult with parents prior to setting school fees for the upcoming school year.

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on January 26, 2022 at 6:30p.m. During that time, I'll be sharing information about our current fee structure, posing specific questions about priorities, and asking you to provide your feedback as we plan for the 2022-23 school year. While many of these activities and services enhance students' educational experience, we want to ensure these fees aren't cost prohibitive for families.

Specifically, we will be asking for input on the following:

- Optional courses and associated fees
- Noon hour supervision
- Field trips and associated fees
- Extracurricular activities
- Non-curricular travel (for example, ski trips and band camps)
- Non-curricular goods and services (for example, student union and yearbooks)

I understand not all families will be available to attend the meeting but it's still important we get as much input from the school community as possible. Following the meeting, materials will be shared on our website ([heritagehillselementary.ca](http://heritagehillselementary.ca)) for your review, and an email address provided so you can submit a written response.

School administration will use feedback provided to help determine fees for 2022-23, which will then be shared at the next school council meeting, posted to our website and shared via link through email.

I look forward to hearing from you on January 26.

Bill Schlacht, Principal  
Heritage Hills Elementary

## **FAHHE Update:**

### **Blaze Pizza Nights**

For the month of March, Blaze pizza will be supporting the FAHHE by hosting a fundraiser each week where we receive 20% of the sales that evening when customers show or mention our flyer.

Wednesday, March 2nd

Monday, March 7th

Tuesday, March 15th

Thursday, March 24th

### **Hot Lunch**

Thanks to all your support of our hot lunches this year.

For February we will be having only 1 hot lunch. The hot lunch will be a taste of Québec as we offer tourtière and tarte au sucre during the Carnaval Festivities.

Wednesday, February 16th – Kinder A (Order deadline Feb 8th)

Friday, February 18th – Kinder B and 1-6 ( Order deadline Feb 10th)

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

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 26th 7:45pm following school council meeting.

[November minutes](#)

[January Agenda](#)

## Bell Let's Talk Day

Bell Let's Talk Day is on Wednesday, January 25. The aim of Bell Let's Talk Day is to reduce the stigma around mental health and related concerns. Here at HHE, our morning announcements throughout the week will highlight mental wellness.

If you or a loved one is struggling, help is available. There are many organizations that provide fee or low cost, virtual mental health support for Canadians, including [Wellness Together Canada](#), [CMHA](#) and [Kids Help Phone](#).

Here in Strathcona County, [Family and Community Services](#) is also a wonderful resource.

## Virtual Gatherings for First Nations, Metis and Inuit Parents and Families

These gatherings are an opportunity for First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents/guardians to come together to make connections, create a supportive environment for dialogue, share hopes and ideas for their children within the EIPS family, and learn what's happening around the Division. We're grateful to Elder Wilson Bearhead for attending our virtual parent gatherings last school year and agreeing to open each of our gatherings again this year. It's truly an honour and a privilege to be guided by Elder Wilson, and we hold our relationship with him close to our hearts.

Sessions will take place online using *Microsoft Teams Meetings*. Join on your computer or mobile app. [Use this link to join the meeting](#) (the same link will be used for all three meetings).

- Gathering 2: Feb. 15, 2022 (7–8 p.m.) - words from Elder Wilson, special presentation by Rupertsland Institute for Métis Education- supports for Métis students and their families
- Gathering 3: March 15, 2022 (7–8 p.m.) - words from Elder Wilson, topic TBD based on wishes, hopes and interest expressed in previous gatherings

## Preschool Funding for Metis Learners

Beginning in January 2022 until March 2022, parents and caregivers of Métis Nation of Alberta Citizens can now apply for preschool funding!

Preschool has been shown to improve school readiness, develop early literacy and numeracy skills, and more.

APPLY today and learn more about this initiative here: [Preschool Funding for Métis Learners](#)

Please email our team anytime with questions at [education@rupertsland.org](mailto:education@rupertsland.org).  
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## Caregiver Education Sessions: January

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth.

Upcoming Caregiver Education Sessions, Lunch & Learn Webinars and Drop-In Series are outlined in the [January Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#).

## 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.

## Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2022-23 school year on Feb. 1, 2022. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Heritage Hills Elementary's kindergarten program is available at <https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/>

## 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).

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!**

**“Because of you, I laugh a little harder, cry a little less,  
and smile a lot more.”**

**-Unknown**