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Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

March 14 - March 21, 2022

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Mid-Point Review

Week of Inspirational Math

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, March 14

- Pi Day
- Food Bank Collection Begins - Goal: 314 boxes of Cereal - see SHINE club message below.
- Ukulele Club: 12:02p.m for grades 5 and 6

Tuesday, March 15

- [Blaze Pizza Fundraiser](#)

Wednesday, March 16

- Ukulele Club: 12:30p.m for grade 4 students
- Hot Lunch COBS Order Deadline for Kinder A

Thursday, March 17

- Theme Day: St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green
- Hot Lunch COBS Order Deadline for Kinder B and Grades 1-6

Friday, March 18

- Report Cards Published to Powerschool at 5:00 pm
- International Francophonie Day - wear blue and white
- Pi competition at Lunch in Learning Commons - see information below

- Ukulele Club: 12:30 for grade 2 and 3 students.

Monday, March 21

- Book Fair starts - see information below

Principal's Message:

It looks like we will be moving into a warming trend next week. Hopefully it will mean the end of indoor recesses, our students want to be outside. Thank you to those of you who attended our School Council and Fundraising Meetings last week. We always have such great conversations at these meetings.

Once again, thank you for all the support you give to Heritage Hills Elementary and our students. 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

Report Cards:

Report Cards are available in the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) at 5:00 pm Friday, March 18, 2022.

Lost and Found:

Boys and Girls Club recently put out all the items they have been collecting. [See Video](#). If any of these items belong to someone in your household, please remind them to pick them up as they will be donated at the end of day on March 14.

Week of Inspirational Math:

In honour of week of inspirational math we are holding a school-wide contest for the recitation of the most digits of pi from memory. The competition will take place on March 18th at lunch in the learning commons. All grades are allowed to participate. If your child is wanting to participate, please remind them to sign up on the whiteboard just outside the gymnasium.

Ukulele Club:

We are excited to announce the ukulele club will be starting up again this week in the gym because of the volume of students.

Mondays at 12:02 for grades 5 and 6 students.

Wednesdays at 12:30 for grade 4 students.

Fridays at 12:30 for grade 2 and 3 students.

SHINE Club:

Shine Club is in full swing. This past week, we put up inspirational posters around the school. This week we are challenging students to bring in Cereal to be donated

to the Strathcona Food Bank. Our goal is to collect 314 boxes in recognition of Pi Day for Week of Inspirational Math. We will collect boxes up until March 23, 2022.

Book Fair:

We are super excited to have our first ever in person Book Fair at Heritage Hills. The book fair will be from March 21 - 24. Students will be able to view and purchase books during this time. We are also excited to welcome parents and community members to purchase. We have 2 evenings scheduled - March 22 & March 23 from 3:30-6:00p.m. Sign up on the School Interviews site is required. If these times do not work, please e-mail Ms. Wells-Taylor (theresa.wells-taylor@eips.ca) directly to see if an alternate time can be arranged. Thank you for your continued support. The Book Fair is a school fundraiser that helps to replenish books for the Learning Commons and Classroom Collections. We also use the funds to buy additional classroom supplies such as stickers, etc.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/kx227>



Rendez-vous de la francophonie:

The Rendez-vous de la Francophonie (RVF) is one of the cultural events organized in celebration of International Francophonie Day (**March 20 and we will celebrate March 18 at HHE by wearing blue & white**), which promotes the French language and its many expressions across Canada every year.

In 2022, the Rendez-vous de la Francophonie will hold its 24th edition! It is an initiative of the Canadian Foundation for Cross-Cultural Dialogue, which has a mandate to promote dialogue and forge closer ties between the Francophone and Acadian communities and all other communities in Canada.

Throughout the month of March, Canada will be celebrating its Francophonie! Hundreds of activities will take place across the country, including multicultural meetings, performances, film screenings, contests and educational activities. In light of the pandemic, all the activities will be presented in an innovative fashion.

The RVF is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together, and we'll take any excuse to have a good time!

<https://rvf.ca/>

<https://acelf.ca/bap/?thmes=semaine-nationale-de-la-francophonie>

Caregiver Education Series:

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Topics include structure and routines, building resiliency, mental health, anxiety, mindfulness, understanding depression, technology, body image, sleep and more. The list of [March 2022 sessions](#) is now available.

March Book Madness:

We love to participate in any competition that involves books. We are excited again this year to participate in [March Book Madness](#). This program has been going on since 2015. We encourage all classes to participate by voting directly on the official website, but also this year [EIPS](#) has created their own [voting bracket](#) for the books as well. Please feel free to place your vote in both places.

Measuring Success: Complete this year's Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is surveying teachers, students and families through its annual Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey. The survey acts as an annual check-up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as education quality, citizenship, family involvement, engagement levels, school climate and student wellness.

Throughout March, Grade Four students and teachers at Heritage Hills Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey doesn't take long to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also asked to take a survey, either online or by mail. Alberta Education will send families information about the survey directly. As with the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and asks questions about your school experiences. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we encourage you to participate. The survey deadline is March 25, 2022.

Results from the AEA Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each spring. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. Each fall, the results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities in the Division's Annual Education Results Report.

RELATED INFORMATION

[AEA Survey: Parent letter](#)

[AEA Survey: Methodology for rate calculation](#)

[Assurance and Accountability: Alberta's K-12 education system](#)

Have your say! The 2022 EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 14-27

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2022 EIPS Parent Survey—open from March 14-27.

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.

[VISIT EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY: March 14-27](#)

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

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.

Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech-language or motor-skill development—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in six of its elementary school locations. In fact, EIPS is now accepting applications for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2018 or 2019, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, visit eips.ca or call 780-417-8219 to learn more.

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 proceeds that evening when customers show our [flyer](#). You can print out the [flyer](#) or show it on your phone. Works for online orders too! We have already raised \$200, let's see if we can double that this week!

Tuesday, March 15th

Thursday, March 24th

Little Caesars Pizza Kits

Little Caesars Pizza Kits Fundraiser – Coming in April! Stay tuned for more information.

Hot Lunch

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

We have added a universal hot lunch fund to assist families who maybe can't afford the special lunch at this time. We have added a donation item to the menu if you would like to donate to the fund. If you would like to access the fund, please email hhehotlunch@gmail.com.

COBS

Wednesday, March 23rd – Kinder A (Order deadline March 16th)

Thursday, March 24th – Kinder B and 1-6 (Order deadline March 17th)

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

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

Playground Committee

We are so lucky to have been able to fundraise for an amazing playground at Heritage Hills when it opened. However, the building is not complete. There is a plan to add more equipment into the current playground on the back side where there is lots of open sand. We would like to create a playground committee who will work closely with the school and the county to fundraise and install the remaining equipment. Do you have a knack for writing? Do you love planning fundraisers? We

are looking for individuals who can help apply for grants, seek sponsorships as well as plan some amazing fundraisers to make this playground complete. Please email fahhe.president@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information.

Next Meeting: May 11 @ 8:00pm following school council.

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Information:

Registration Form for Virtual Family Gatherings - March 15, 2022 (New Process)

Many thanks to those who joined us in January and February. In the last meeting, Elder Wilson started us off with a prayer and we heard from our friends at Rupertsland Institute about programs and supports for Métis children and families. For our last meeting, we would like to hear from you about what you would like to see next year regarding Indigenous Education and supports. We look forward to seeing you all again. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email one of us at:

- jeremy.albert@eips.ca
- harlee.mcarthur@eips.ca
- cheryl.devin@eips.ca

Sessions will take place online using **Microsoft Teams Meetings**. Join on your computer or mobile app. **If you are interested in attending, fill out the [registration](#) form and the link will be emailed to you on March 14th**

Indigenous Language Survey

2022 marks the beginning of the Decade of Indigenous Languages as declared by the United Nations General Assembly. The First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education team would like to begin gathering information that informs us on how to move forward with language learning opportunities for EIPS students and families.

We invite families to complete a [short online survey](#) as one of our first steps in envisioning what language learning can look like in our Division.

We're excited to think of the possibilities for students and families and thank you in advance for your input and ideas.

Thank you also to the family members in our January and February virtual gathering for sharing their wishes for Indigenous language opportunities.

Volleyball:

Volleyball for grade 6 students, will start Tuesday April 5th and will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20-4:20p.m. This will be for about 6 weeks.

Grade 5's will have volleyball at lunch on Tuesdays in the gym for the same date range.

**“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales.
If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy
tales.”**

— Albert Einstein

Enjoy a great week everyone!!!