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Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

March 21 - April 4, 2022

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Mid-Point Review

Book Fair - Our Book Fair is [in person](#) and also [virtual](#).

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, March 21

- [Book Fair in Learning Commons](#)
- Teacher's Pet Acadia (Grade 2 Field Trip) - 9:00a.m & 1:00p.m
- Ukulele - 12:02 for Grades 5 and 6 students.

Tuesday, March 22

- [Book Fair in Learning Commons](#)
- [Family Book Fair Purchasing Night - 3:30-6:00.](#)
- [Jody Carrington Presentation - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.](#)

Wednesday, March 23

- [Book Fair in Learning Commons](#)
- Hot Lunch - COBS - Kinder A
- Ukulele - 12:30 for Grade 4 students
- Last Day of Cereal Box Collection for Food Bank
- Indigenous Floor Map set up in Gymnasium
- [Family Book Fair Purchasing Night - 3:30-6:00.](#)

Thursday, March 24

- Theme Day: HHE Wear School Colours - Orange & Blue

- Hot Lunch - COBS - Kinder B and Grades 1 - 6
- Indigenous Floor Map set up in Gymnasium
- [Book Fair in Learning Commons](#)
- [Blaze Pizza Night Fundraiser](#)
- Last day of classes before spring break - Classes Resume on Monday, April 4

Principal's Message:

There are two surveys taking place right now - one is the [Alberta Education Assurance Survey](#) which is only open to our grade four families. The other survey is [EIPS Parent Survey](#) which is open to all Heritage Hills Elementary families. Sometimes, families may not be aware of all the happenings at HHE. We have provided a short [Mid-Point Review](#) that highlights some of the things which have already taken place this year. We appreciate your feedback as we are always focused on continuous improvement and planning. We also summarize these results and ask for your thoughts about them during our school council meetings.

As this is the last week before Spring Break, our next weekly will not be released until April 3, 2022. Whether you are going away or staying around home, be sure to take the time to rest and relax. We look forward to seeing all our students back on April 4.

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

Appropriate Clothing:

We are excited to see spring has finally arrived. However, that means lots of puddles. We ask students to stay away from them as much as possible, but are aware incidents do occur. Splash pants, rubber boots and an extra change of clothes are always helpful at this time of year.

Report Cards:

Report Cards are now available in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Jody Carrington Presentation:

Through the School Council Engagement Grant, a collective of School Councils have arranged a presentation by Jody Carrington on **Tuesday, March 22, 2022, from 6-7 pm**. This is open to everyone & registration is free - please use the link to do so. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mental-health-resilience-in-children-strategies-to-support-one-another-tickets-294019148187?fbclid=IwAR2MLKEZrYNJKNVWJh1hIPC0h5YQwKaitN1M6tkj1cZ17tEA1NZ7GYU0Z9o>

School Fees:

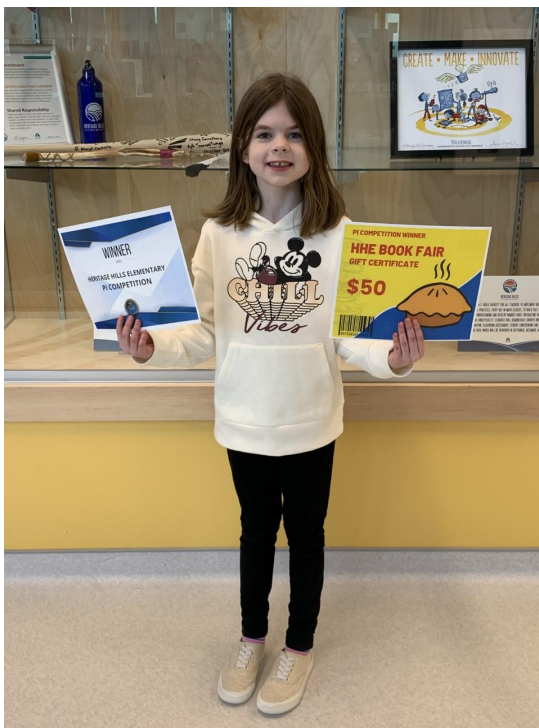
Thank you to all the families who provided feedback regarding school fees for the 2022-2023 school year. We have decided not to increase any fees for the 2022-2023 school year. You can view the [current fee schedule here](#).

Toys at School:

We seem to have an increase of toys, stuffies, and Pokemon cards being brought to school. Please refrain from sending these items to school with your child. These items can cause distraction in the classroom as well as many of these items get lost.

Pi Competition:

Week of Inspirational Math was a huge success within EIPS this past week. At HHE, we decided to hold our first ever Pi competition. A big congrats to all students who participated and took the time to memorize digits of Pi. The winner was Avery Braget who was able to recite an amazing 56 digits of Pi. We had 2 Honorable Mentions - Myra Franke and Kate Wideman who were able to do the Pi Song from memory. The winner received a \$50 gift card to be used at the Book Fair and our 2 Honorable Mentions received \$25 dollars each as well for the Book Fair. Congratulations!



Ukulele:

We saw many excited faces this past week as Dr. Boyer started up the Ukulele Club again.

This week's schedule:

Mondays at 12:02 for grades 5 and 6 students
Wednesdays at 12:30 for grade 4 students.

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 inviting parents and community members to purchase. We have 2 evenings scheduled - March 22 & March 23 from 3:30-6:00p.m. Sign up on school interviews is required. If these times do not work for you, please e-mail Ms. Wells-Taylor (theresa.wells-taylor@eips.ca) directly to see if an alternate time can be arranged.

Families can also access the book fair virtually.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5155925>

The prices on the virtual site are a little lower than in school because of Tax. Once you go through the checkout, and add the tax, the prices become equal. Books in school already have tax built into the price.

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>



Students will be able to purchase during their regular scheduled Learning Commons time or at Lunch Recess.



SHINE Club:

Over the past week we have been collecting Boxes of 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.

So far we have collected 131 boxes. Thank you for your support.

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 Now Open:

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.

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.

Counsellor's Message:

Michelle will be in the school all day Monday and Wednesday and on Tuesday morning. The best way to connect is by reaching out via email to **michelle.kropp@eips.ca**

Are you tired of trying to connect with your kids and only getting one word answers?

Want to highlight the positives in your kids' day by asking them questions about what went right at school?

Consider making a game of conversation, by printing off a list and putting it in a bowl on your dinner table and pulling thought provoking and fun questions.

[100 Questions to Ask Kids](#)

First Nations, Metis and Inuit:

We are excited to welcome the **[giant Indigenous floor map](#)** to HHE this week. The map is designed to help foster understanding of Indigenous history and perspectives. Various classes this week will have an opportunity to work with our EIPS consultant Cheryl Devin.

Let the land be our teacher; give voice to the land, the plants and the animals.

FAHHE Updates:

Blaze Pizza Nights

Our LAST pizza night is this Thursday, March 24th! 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!

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.

Did you know there is a universal hot lunch fund to assist families who maybe can't afford the special lunch at this time. If you would like to access the fund, please email hhehotlunch@gmail.com.

Upcoming Hot Lunch:

COBS

Wednesday, March 23rd – Kinder A (Ordering closed)

Thursday, March 24th – Kinder B and 1-6 (Ordering closed)

Purple Perogy

Thursday, April 7th – Kinder B (Ordering closes March 31st)

Friday, April 8th – Kinder A and 1-6 (Ordering Closes April 1st)

Panago

Wednesday, April 13th – Kinder A (Ordering closes April 6th)

Thursday, April 14th – Kinder B and 1-6 (Ordering closes April 7th)

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

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

Playground Committee

We are still looking for a few more volunteers who would like to help on a playground committee that will work closely with the school and the county to fundraise and install the second phase of 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.

“Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results.”

-Willie Nelson