



**HERITAGE HILLS**  
ELEMENTARY

# Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

**May 2 - May 9, 2022**

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## **This Week at Heritage Hills:**

**Education Week**

**Children's Book Week**

**Mental Health Week**

### **Monday, May 2**

- THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day
- French Immersion Ukulele Rehearsal for students in Grades 3-6 at lunch recess
- Garden Club at Lunch Recess - Kindergarten A, Grade Two, Grade Five
- Virtual Author Visit from Stephanie Cooke - Various Grades

### **Tuesday, May 3**

- Virtual Author Visit from Celia Krampien - Various Grades
- Garden Club at Lunch Recess - Kindergarten B Dayman, Grade Four
- Volleyball at Lunch for Grade 5 students
- Volleyball for Grade 6 students 3:20-4:20 p.m.

### **Wednesday, May 4**

- Early Dismissal
- Hats On! for Mental Health
- Ukulele Rehearsal for grades 4 to 6 at lunch recess
- Garden Club at Lunch Recess - Kindergarten B Davies, Grade One, Grade Three, Grade Six
- SHINE Club at Lunch Recess
- Test Alert 1:55p.m.

- Ukulele Concert Invitation due from families

### **Thursday, May 5**

- Volleyball for Grade 6 students 3:20-4:20 p.m.
- COBS - Kinder group B Ordering Closes

### **Friday, May 6**

- Professional Development Day - No School for Students
- COBS - Kinder group A and 1-6 Ordering Closes
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### **Monday, May 9**

- Class Photos

## **Principal's Message:**

Hope you enjoyed another great weekend. It looks like spring is here now to stay. We are now in our last two months of school for the current school year. We are continuing to have many parent volunteers in our building working with students and staff. We appreciate all the time you are donating to Heritage Hills.

As we move into the last two months of the 2021-2022 school year, I would like to keep you informed of changes and planning for the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to welcome Ms. Heather Whitney into Grade 3. She will also be supporting students in Grade One with the additional funds we received from the Alberta Government for Learning Disruption Funding. Miss Lauren West will also be with us in Grade 2 until June 1st.

In preparation for the 2022-2023 school year we are looking very closely at school registrations. Currently we have 478 students registered. From here we will work closely with the staff to determine class configurations. Teachers in K-3 will also be very busy over the next few months attending various professional development sessions for the implementation of the English Language Arts and Math curriculum.

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](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca)

## **Counsellor:**

I will be in school Monday, Wednesday, and Tuesday morning this week.

Mental Health Week takes place May 2-8

A focus on positive mental health for students, families, schools and communities contributes to building a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.

Students who are mentally healthy are resilient and better able to learn, achieve success and build healthy relationships. Learn more about how to understand and promote positive mental health in schools.

**Wednesday, May 4** is Hats On! for Mental Health Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a hat to build understanding and bring awareness regarding mental health awareness.

The [Canadian Mental Health Association](#) developed a toolkit. AHS Addiction & Mental Health [family resources and programs](#) have made changes to recognize Mental Health Week. Several new programs have been added.

### Volunteer Parking:

Staff parking is used by school and district staff only. Please refrain from dropping off or picking up students in this area. The drop off loop flows quickly and there is visitor parking at the north end of the lot. The street also has ample parking. Parents who are volunteering in the school are asked to park in the visitor area or on the street.

### Yearbook:

The sales are now open to purchase a 2021-22 Heritage Hills Elementary Yearbook. Our Grade 5 & 6's yearbook team has met and is busy building this year's book. We have picked the colour theme and will get to meet with a Lifetouch representative in the coming weeks. To purchase your yearbook, please go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/Order/SelectJob> and put in the following "Yearbook ID", 14367222

### Change to Lunch Hour:

With the lifting of COVID restrictions, we continue to explore and test out our options. For the weeks of April 25 – 29 & May 2 – 6, ALL classes will follow this schedule:

- Recess 1202 – 1232
- Eat in class 1232 – 102

Lunch Clubs will adjust their time accordingly.

### Ukulele:

**Save the date!**

**Year End Ukulele Performance Wednesday, May 11 at 4:00pm in the gym.**

Students who are in one of the ukulele groups during the lunch hour will be performing at 4:00 pm in the gym. Please remember to return your invitation so Dr. Boyer has accurate numbers.

## Holding Children Close: Tips for uncertain times

Strathcona County has pulled together a handful of resources that may be useful for parents and caregivers to support children and youth during tough times.

[Holding Children Close: Tips for uncertain times](#) includes resources for families, as well tips they can try out at home when having difficult conversations with their children about traumatic events that may be occurring at the local, national or international level.

## Kindergarten Information Night 2022:

**Date: May 26, 2022**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Location: Heritage Hills Elementary**

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more.

Find it at: [Welcome to EIPS Kindergarten](#).

In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could take a few moments to fill in the ***EIPS Welcome to Kindergarten Survey***. As we prepare for the 2022-23 kindergarten classes, we want to ensure we have the necessary information to support all of our students. Please complete the survey by Thursday, May 4 through this [link](#).

Additional information about Heritage Hills Elementary's kindergarten program is available on the [school website](#).

Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to meeting you all soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office so we can assist you.

## FAHHE Update:

### Little Caesars Pizza Kits Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser, we exceeded our goal of \$2000 and successfully raised \$2382.

Kits will be available for pickup on the afternoon of May 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you are able to help volunteer sort/distribute the kits between as of 12:00, please email [fahhe.president@gmail.com](mailto:fahhe.president@gmail.com)

### Hot Lunch

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](mailto:hhehotlunch@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming Hot Lunch:**

#### **COBS**

May 12 – Kinder group B (Ordering closes May 5)

May 13 – Kinder group A and 1-6 (Ordering closes May 6)

#### **SUBWAY**

May 26 – Kinder group B (Ordering closes May 19)

May 27- Kinder group A and 1-6 (Ordering closes May 20)

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

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

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

### **ART Show:**

Mark your calendars. HHE is holding our first ever Art Show on May 26 at 6:30p.m. The art show will showcase all grades. Art will be displayed all around the school, so this is a an excellent opportunity to also check out the facility.

**Who:** All Families of HHE community

**When:** May 26 - 6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** HHE Elementary

**Admission:** A Non-Perishable Food Bank Donation or Cash Donation.

### **Bus Driver Appreciation:**

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 2

Join us on May 2 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of Heritage Hills Elementary, THANK YOU to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

### **Education Week 2022: May 2-6**

Education Week takes place May 2-6. Throughout the week, students and staff from Heritage Hills Elementary, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week continues to be Learning is a Journey highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience—including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more.

Heritage Hills Elementary is excited to celebrate Education Week and has a number of activities planned, including:

- Celebrating Canadian Children's Book with virtual author presentations from Stephanie Cooke and Celia Krampien.
- Recognizing Mental Health Week and participating in May 4th - Hats On! For Mental Health.

## Preparing for Kindergarten Series:

The EIPS Early Learning team has planned several sessions for families with children starting kindergarten in the fall to help prepare them for the year ahead. Sessions will take place throughout May and June.

We invite you to join us for any or all of the upcoming virtual sessions that fit your schedule. Many sessions have both a daytime and evening option.

Upcoming sessions include:

- Supporting a Successful Transition to School
- Self Help: Building independence
- Speech Sound Development
- Fine-Motor Development in Young Children
- Literacy in Kindergarten

The full list and schedule of sessions are available online:

[Preparing for Kindergarten Series: Sessions and Schedule](#)

NOTE: Links to register were sent to all families with children registered to start kindergarten in 2022-23. Presenters will send the links to join the actual sessions directly to all registered families closer to each event.

## Caregiver 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 [May 2022 sessions](#) is now available.

**Enjoy a great week everyone**

**"Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value."**

**-Albert Einstein**