



# HERITAGE HILLS

## E L E M E N T A R Y

# Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

May 30 - June 6, 2022

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## This Week at Heritage Hills:

### Monday, May 30

- ABC Countdown - E - Exercise - Extra Exercise

### Tuesday, May 31

- ABC Countdown - F- Freeze Day & Flip Flops - Each Student will get a Freeze on behalf of our School Council & FAHHE. Students are also encouraged to wear Flip Flops.
- Teacher's Pet - Soapstone - Grade One
- FAHHE will be holding a special meeting on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in order to approve a funding request from the school. Please use the following link to join <https://teams.live.com/join/9386897374591>

### Wednesday, June 1

- Early Dismissal
- ABC Countdown - G - Get Together and Game - Classes will get together and Game.
- Ordering Closes for Kinder A Hot Lunch for June 8.

### Thursday, June 2

- ABC Countdown - H - HHE Wear Day or school colours.
- Wetlands Presentation - Grade Five

### Friday, June 3

- **ABC Countdown - I - Interesting - Bring something or share something Interesting about yourself.**
- **Ordering Closes for Kinder B Hot Lunch for June 10.**

### **Monday, June 6**

- **ABC Countdown - J - Jersey Day - Wear your favorite jersey.**

### **Principal's Message:**

Hello everyone. Hope you enjoyed another great spring weekend. It's so nice to see the trees blossoming around the school and the community. Last Thursday, we hosted our first ever Heritage Hills Art Show at Heritage Hills Elementary. It was a phenomenal event and we would like to thank you for coming out and supporting this event. Our students were so proud to share their creativity.

We also hosted our Kindergarten orientation on the same evening. Thank you to all the ECS parents who attended. It made our evening that much better.

As the school year comes to an end, it has been a pleasure working with our School Council and FAHHE. Thank School Council president Kelly Annesty and FAHHE president Lisa Solamillo for their leadership and leading the meetings. Our AGM for both School Council and FAHHE will be on June 20 at 6:30p.m.

We would like to thank our School Council parents for supporting us and for always showing appreciation. After the long weekend we came back to school to enjoy an appreciation tree which was put up over the break. On each leaf was a comment from a student. There are over 500 leaves on the tree. In the staff room there were hand sewn bags which included a variety of seeds to plant and a great poem written just for us. We are very grateful to have a parent community like you.



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)

### **Paint Night With Connie Kulhavy, June 9, 6:30-8pm:**

Earlier this year we had Metis artist Connie Kulhavy work with our Grade 3s, 4s and 4/5G. The parent volunteers who were able to volunteer commented on how wonderful the teachings were as well as the beautiful birch trees the students made.

We are excited to welcome Connie Kulhavy back to Heritage Hills Elementary for a special evening for parents. Connie will share Metis art and cultural teachings with us while also teaching us how to paint her amazing birch trees. Sign up as soon as possible - 30 spots available.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/brush>

### **Updating Your Contact Information:**

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review their information the Division has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form available through the PowerSchool Parent Portal, families can review their information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important in case there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year. All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **June 13** at noon. After this time, EIPS will turn the form off for the remainder of the school year—available again at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year after you've moved.

If you have questions about the form or the PowerSchool Parent Portal, contact the school at 780-467-7447.

### **Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration**

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2022-23 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date & Time
EIPS Central Services	August 16 - 5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 16 - 6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17- 5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17 - 6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19 - 5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19 - 6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20 - 10 a.m.
SouthPointe School	August 18 - 5 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 18 - 6:30 p.m.

\* Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.

\*\* SouthPointe School locations are for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan.

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park  
SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

### [Register Now](#)

**Space is limited and pre-registration is required.**

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:

[eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](https://eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).

### School Fees:

REMINDER: 2021-22 school fees School fees for the 2021-22 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child's account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [eips.ca/schools/fees](https://eips.ca/schools/fees). And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2021-22 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2022.

## Student Transportation: 2022-23 registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2022.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation, visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](https://www.eips.ca/transportation).

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

## Summer Hours:

Throughout the summer break, Heritage Hills Elementary is closed. It reopens on August 22 at 9:00 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2022-23 school year.

Students return to school on August 30.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 29 to August 19

Open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phone 780-464-3477

Address 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed July 1- Canada Day

Closed August 1 - Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

## Disabled Parking Stalls in Visitor Parking:

A parking placard allows people who cannot walk 50 metres (164 feet) to use disabled parking stalls. Please be respectful of people who require these stalls. If you do not have a placard, the disabled stalls cannot be used even for a short period of time. Thank you for your support.

## Reporting Absences, Early Pick-up, and leaving the school grounds for lunch:

**\*\* you can now click a link on the school website, [www.heritagehillselementary.ca](http://www.heritagehillselementary.ca) under “Menu”**

Parents, please communicate your child’s absence, request for early pick-up, and permission to leave the school for lunch directly to [General.HHE@eips.ca](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca), which is checked regularly by the School Office staff. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your request or information will not be received by the Office staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance, arrivals, and departures of our students throughout the day.

When reporting a student’s absence, a reason is necessary, ie. If they are home ill, particulars with respect to the illness are still necessary as part of the Covid-19 screening requirement.

## Supply Lists 2022-2023 School Year:

Please find below the links for the supply lists for the 2022-2023 school year. The deadline for ordering is July 15, 2022 and the packages will be delivered to your home address.

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Kindergarten](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 1](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 2](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 3](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 4](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 5](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 6](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 5/6 French Immersion](#)

These links will be posted on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Write-On Stationery.

## ABC Countdown:

Heritage Hills Elementary students and staff are excited to celebrate the last 26 days of school as a team through an ABC Countdown. This fun countdown starts 26 days before the end of the school year. We have brainstormed fun theme days to celebrate this wonderful year of learning. We know this time of year can create a wide range of emotions for students and staff and the hope is to savour the days remaining with a little bit of fun. These special event days will help us build our school community and bring closure to the end of the year with great lesson opportunities and of course, FUN. Please feel free to participate in as many days as you like, no obligation. We are also thankful to the School Council and FAHHE who will be supporting a few of our upcoming event days. You can also find ABC Countdown days listed on the School Calendar on the website.

Monday, May 30 - E	<b>Exercise - Extra Exercise - Students will be provided an extra exercise</b>
Tuesday, May 31 - F	<b>Freezee Day &amp; Flip Flops - Each Student will get a Freezie on behalf of our School Council &amp; FAHHE.</b>  <b>Students are also encouraged to wear Flip Flops.</b>
June 1 - G	<b>Get Together and Game - our SHINE Club has come up with the idea of grades getting together for a period or so and doing a game with another class. This may include - Tug-o-War, Skipping, etc.</b>
June 2 - H	<b>HHE day Wear</b>
June 3 - I	<b>Interesting - Students are encouraged to bring something or share something Interesting about yourself.</b>
June 6 - J	<b>Jersey Day - Wear your favorite jersey.</b>
June 7 - K	<b>Be Kind - Students will be encourage to write a kind note to someone</b>



## 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**

## 2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,450 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS. EIPS, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2021-22 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2021-22 Parent Survey results: Heritage Hills Elementary](#)

The survey results for Heritage Hills Elementary have helped us identify the following areas of strength and opportunities for growth:

Areas of strength:

- Creating an environment where students are encouraged to try their best.
- Providing rich teaching and learning opportunities for students to demonstrate growth in literacy and numeracy
- Quality of Education and Teaching your child is receiving at school.
- Providing a safe and caring environment for students

Opportunities for growth:

- Developing a richer understanding of First Nations, Metis and Inuit culture and history.
- Providing families with resources and information on the knowledge, skills and attitudes their child is learning for future success in life.
- Providing families with resources and information available to support their child's learning.



## Year End Assembly:

Save the date! Our year end assembly and farewell to our Grade Sixes will be taking place on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We look forward to celebrating our year of learning with you. **You must sign up to attend so we have accurate numbers for fire code regulations.** Please sign up to attend at this link:

<http://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/j2nkh>

## Lunch on the Land:

Save the Date! We are excited to invite families to join us at Heritage Hills Elementary on June 21 for Lunch on the Land. Students will take their lunches outdoors and enjoy a picnic on our school grounds. Families are encouraged to join as well. We will start this at 12:02. More information in the coming weeks.

## Treaty 6 and Metis Nation Flag Raising:

If you have driven past EIPS Central Services recently, you may have noticed the addition of two new flag poles. As a further commitment toward reconciliation, and as an affirmation as Treaty partners, EIPS will be raising Treaty 6 and Metis Nation flags on June 13. Schools are busy planning staff professional development and student learning experiences to understand the significance of each flag. Heritage Hills Elementary will have a Flag Raising Ceremony on June 21.

## FAHHE Update:

### Special Meeting of FAHHE

We will be holding a special meeting on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in order to approve a funding request from the school. Please use the following link to join

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9386897374591>

### Financial Audit volunteers

We need 2 volunteers to audit the financials from last year before our upcoming AGM June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please email [fahhe.president@gmail.com](mailto:fahhe.president@gmail.com) to help out.

### Playground Update

Phase 2 of the playground is estimated to cost between \$180,000-\$200,000. With our fundraisers this year we are slowly on our way and have about \$4000 raised already which equates to about 2%.

### Playground Committee

WE NEED YOU! We need committee members to help us reach our \$200,000 fundraising goal. We are hoping to apply for a matching grant from the Alberta Government, but we need to raise the funds to match. We are looking for corporate sponsorships, donations, and even other small grants to help us reach our goals. Please email [fahhe.president@gmail.com](mailto:fahhe.president@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out or would like more information.

## **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:**

### **Panago**

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Kinder A (ordering closes June 1)

Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Kinder B – 1-6 (ordering closes June 3)

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

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

**Next Meeting: AGM June 20 @ 7:45pm following school council AGM.**

**Enjoy a great week everyone!!!**

**"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn."**

**— Ralph Waldo Emerson**