

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 4 - January 9, 2023

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Wednesday, January 4

- First Day of School after Winter Break
- Ms. K., Counsellor is in the school
- Staff Meeting Early Dismissal

Thursday, January 5

Friday, January 6

Chess Club meeting at noon recess **change of date

Principal:

Hope you enjoyed a great Winter Break and were able to spend time with family and friends. Thank you to our School Council, FAHHE and all Parents for the support you have given us in the first four months of the school year. We are looking forward to a great second half of this school year.

We welcome Mr. Ottewell to Heritage Hills Elementary. Mr. Ottewell will be teaching grade five while Mr. Mazur is away.

Learning Commons:

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Winter Reading Challenge. Don't forget you have until January 10 to submit to Ms. Wells-Taylor. Here is a fun activity you might want to try at home. Check out our <u>Virtual StickTogether Board</u>.

Athletics:

Mr. Mazur will be on leave for approximately five weeks. In his absence Mr. Ottewell will be teaching his Physical Education and Wellness classes and will be the school

contact for Athletics. Mr. Mazur has shared the names and email addresses of those parents who have shown interest in coaching this year.

Math Games Night - Parents:

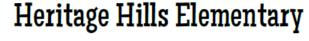
HHE will be hosting a Math Game Evening for parents. During this evening, parents will learn and play fun numeracy games. See the flyer for more information. RSVP (please let me know how many adults plan to attend) by January 19, 2023 to







K-6 Parent Math Games Night





Come spend an evening playing a variety of math games for Kindergarten to Grade 6! Each registered family will receive a packet of math games to play along with the presenter, and manipulatives will be supplied for use during the session (these manipulatives will be made available for purchase). Bring your best energy! Prizes are awarded for participation!

Benefits for Kids:

A fun way to review and strengthen basic math skills

at home!

Children who are secure in their math skills will grow in self-esteem and have greater success in school.

Benefits for Parents:

A motivating, simple and economical homework support that reinforces concepts taught in school.

Your presenter will provide you with strategies, tips and tricks to help your child with math fluency.

Games Reinforce:

Counting

Problem Solving

Place Value

→ Basic Facts: +, -, x, ÷

Thursday, January 26th, 2023 6:00 - 7:30 PM

WHERE: Heritage Hills Elementary Gym

RSVP To: erin.clarke@eips.ca By: Jan 19th, 2023

Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks p. 1-866-342-3386 p. 780-440-6284 f. 780-440-1619 info@boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com

WHEN:



Counsellor:

January can be a stressful month. Strathcona County's, Family and Community Services offer resources, such as;

- Video to help you understand the state of your own mental health: <u>Mental Health Literacy Pyramid Explained</u>
- Guide and resources to support your mental health, self-care and building resiliency: <u>The Working Mind: Self Care and Resiliency Guide by Mental</u> <u>Health Commission of Canada</u>
- Subscribe to receive ongoing, daily supportive text messages at no cost: <u>Text4Hope</u>
- A toolkit for use by mental health staff, school administrators, and health practitioners to support the promotion of mental health in initiatives: <u>AHS</u> <u>Ways to Wellness Toolkit</u>

Our school and others across our district, the province, and Canada will echo the messaging promoted by BELL TALK Day, on January 26th. "Keep listening, talking and being there for ourselves and each other."

Parent resources and guides are available to help parents start conversations about mental health with their children. Download the <u>Bell Let's Talk, Parent's toolkit</u> to begin your own conversation about mental health at home.

Returning Student Registration for 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 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 2023-24 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 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

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, 2023. **Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account**

For more information, contact the school office at (780) 467-7447.

School Council and FAHHE Updates

Are you curious where our fundraising money goes? We fund things like cultural events or on site field trips that wouldn't otherwise be possible. We find creative ways to thank our teachers. Most of our funds, though, go towards school "asks" which could include anything from physical equipment (recess bins, indoor recess

activities etc.) to Chromebooks and learning resources. Any annual surplus gets rolled over into our ongoing playground completion project.



The Senior Ukulele Ensemble will be performing at the February 24th Oil Kings game. We have tickets available for \$22 each.

Link to order form can be found HERE. Orders due by February 8th, 2023.

Casino

We have been allotted a casino for June 28 and 29th in Camrose. The shifts run from 3:00pm-12:00am. We need 5 volunteers per evening. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up <u>HERE</u>.

Hot Lunch

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

** Please note: if your child is absent and you would like to pick up their order you MUST email hhehotlunch@gmail.com BEFORE 10:00 am and it will be available AFTER 1:00 pm at the office. Please do not come earlier as it disrupts the distribution to the classes.

Upcoming Hot Lunch:

Order online thru www.HealthyHunger.ca

BOOSTER JUICE

Wednesday, January 11th – Kinder A (Ordering closes Jan 6th)
Friday, January 13th – Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Jan 7th)

SUBWAY

Thursday, January 19th – Kinder B (Ordering closes Jan 14th)
Friday, January 20th – Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Jan 15th)

Ongoing Fundraisers:



Order online through Mabel's Labels and choose support a fundraiser, then a portion of your purchase will go back to FAHHE.



Stop by COBS on Wye Road and tell them you're from Heritage Hills Elementary and a portion of your purchase will go back to FAHHE.



Shop at Save-on-Foods on Wye Road, submit your receipts to the office and we will receive 5% back.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2023 @ 7:45pm following school council.

Minutes from the November 16th meeting can be found <u>here</u>.

"Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year, make a resolution to be yourself.!!!"

-Unknown