



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

September 11 - September 18, 2023

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, September 11

- Fire Drill Practice - 9:55 am
- Ms. K, School Counselor, is here

Tuesday, September 12

- Ms. K, School Counselor, is here
- Terry Fox Run practice (Grades 4-6) Lunch Recess

Wednesday, September 13

- School Picture Day

Thursday, September 14

- School Picture Day - ECS and any absent students from Wed

Friday, September 15

- Dot Day - wear DOTs. Be creative! Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Team Logos all are in the shape of a DOT.
- Junior Ukulele Starts (Grade 3s)

Monday, September 18

- Ms. K, School Counselor, is here
- Senior Ukulele Starts (Grades 4-6)

Principal:

The upcoming week will be our first five day week of the school year. We have had a great start to the school year. Thank you to those of you who came out to meet the staff last week. Our School Council and FAHHE did a wonderful job in providing a Hotdog BBQ for all of us. This has turned into a great community event. We shared the HHE School Staff Collective Resume and here is some of what we shared.

Heritage Hills Staff 2023-2024 Collective Resume:

We are starting off the school year with 31 school staff.

Years of PostSecondary Education: 144 years

Years of Experience: 547

Collectively staff have worked in 156 schools which include: Elementary, Junior High, High School, Elementary Junior High, Junior Senior High in both urban and rural settings. We have staff who have taught at the university level, other provinces and in other countries.

Our staff have many talents, skills and hobbies which include : Cooking, baking, gardening, reading, running, weight training, staff who passionate and very skilled at teaching reading and literature, we have a gymnast, hikers, a brailist, knitters, quilters, walkers, dancers, a staff who is trained in Orton Gillingham for Dyslexic Readers, cross country skiers on staff. We have a ukulele master, an orff master, an organizer, a trauma trained individual, photographers, coaches, singers, golfers, and our staff speak many different languages including French, Spanish, Polish and more. Many staff have an appreciation for music and they love to spend time with their families.

We have staff who have been semi finalists for the Alberta Teaching Excellence Award and we even have a staff member who has won this award.

We have staff who have received the Grit Team of The Year Award, Middle School Team Teaching Award, In school administrator of the year award for Province of Alberta, leadership certificate from the Government of Alberta, Women of Vision award, Pride of Strathcona Award, & Mayor's Award.

This is the Heritage Hills Elementary Team who will be working, caring and looking after your children this school year. They are an amazing Team.

Cyberworld Presentation:

Our School Council a few years back hosted a Cyberworld Presentation from Saffron. We have heard from families there is some interest in this again. We are excited to announce that EIPS Glen Allan School is hosting one this year on September 28, 2023. Feel free to [RSVP](#) and attend this wonderful presentation.

Allergies:

We have several children with severe allergies in our school this year and we would appreciate all families helping us to be a nut-aware school. Avoid sending any foods for snacks and lunches that might put classmates at serious risk. If you have any questions about foods to avoid, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you for all your support and if you have any questions please be in touch with the school. It is going to be a great school year.

Dot Day:

We are excited to participate in Dot Day again this year. International Dot Day is a global event celebrated in over 190 countries. The day was created after Iowa Teacher, Terry Shay, introduced his students to the book, ***The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds***. This global celebration is about inspiring creativity, courage and collaboration.

At Heritage Hills Elementary this year, students are encouraged to wear dots on September 15th in recognition of Dot Day. Students will also complete a variety of activities based on the book.

In addition, you may be interested as a family to participate in our [Dots for Doors/Points pour les Portes project](#).

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

We are off to a great start already this school year. Many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement. Here are a few highlights already:

- First Day of School
- Meet the Staff Evening and BBQ
- Home Phone Calls & Newsletters

Student pick up and drop off:

Thank you to all the families who have been finding appropriate places to park and not using the staff parking lot to drop off and pick up students. Many EIPS and before and after school care employees park here throughout the day.

Also, please avoid bringing dogs on the school property in the mornings or after school. A number of people have allergies, it is easy to overwhelm an animal when children are crowding around and there have been incidents where people have been bit. We would appreciate it if you could wait with your dog(s) a short distance away and have your child come meet you whenever possible. Thank you!

School Council and FAHHE News:

Hello HHE Families,

On behalf of the School Council, thank you so much for attending our BBQ that took place on the Meet the Teacher night at HHE. We worked together with the Fundraising Association to serve over 500 hotdogs to everyone who came out. We are currently looking for volunteers to come and help with some activities throughout the school year. If you are able to help in any capacity can you please let us know at hheschoolcouncilchair@gmail.com. Volunteering can be as little as an hour to help organize or pick up/drop off items at the school. We are looking to

build a volunteer database to help with events throughout the school year and it is a great way to become involved with the school and your children.

We encourage you to come out and attend our first meeting which is taking place on September 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. It truly is a great way to have your voice heard at our school and to meet the School Board Trustee as well.

It was nice to see the school having so many families in the building on September 6th as HHE is truly a wonderful building.

Hopefully we will see you at the School Council meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30pm. [Agenda can be found on the school website.](#)

Pay School Fees Online:

School fee information for the 2023-24 school year will be posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) in late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay online using a credit card.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If you're unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2023.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [eips.ca](#). Alternatively, contact Amanda Trach, at Heritage Hills Elementary at 780-467-7447.

Download the SchoolMessenger App:

Heritage Hills Elementary and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform for communicating with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add communications@eips.ca and general.hhe@eips.ca to your safe sender list to avoid having important messages funneled into your junk mail folder.

You can directly manage your phone and email subscription preferences through [SchoolMessenger](#). Simply log in to your account—or create one if you don't already have one—and select the message types you'd like to receive to each phone number and email address on file.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in your inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the App Store or Google Play today.

Counsellor:

Cyberworld Presentation

On Thursday, September 28, Glen Allan is hosting a presentation for parents and caregivers on practicing Internet safety with children and youth and on responding to technology-facilitated sexual violence.

This two-hour presentation from Saffron begins at 5:30 p.m. We will be exploring strategies to promote safe Internet usage by children and youth. Covering a variety of topics from social media to gaming and chatrooms to live streaming, we will discuss ways to promote boundary-setting and options to protect privacy online. The presentation includes a discussion on pornography and the sexually explicit content that youths may be exposed to, focusing primarily on the effects this has on their developing brains and relationships, as well as on strategies for navigating these difficult conversations. We will also discuss sexting and review the Criminal Code. The presentation includes content on relevant trends in technology-facilitated sexual violence – such as sextortion, grooming, luring, and child sexual abuse material. The goal is to encourage parents and caregivers to feel equipped to both prevent and respond to these issues by identifying the warning signs, creating a dialogue with youths, and recognizing the resources available to support them.

[RSVP Here](#)

Required Documentation for each student:

Parents are required to complete the following forms for each of their children in Heritage Hills Elementary. If you haven't already submitted your child's forms:

[Code of Conduct](#): **only required for Grade 1-6 students

[Student Responsible Technology Use Agreement](#)

If you are planning on volunteering in our school this year, please complete the following form. Only one form is needed per person, you do not need to complete a form for each child on the [Volunteer Form](#)

Music:

Ukulele clubs will be starting again this year. The senior group (grades 4-6) will be starting on Monday, September 18 and will run every Monday during noon hour recess. The junior group this year will be for grade 3 students. This group will meet every Friday during noon recess. The first rehearsal will be on Friday, September 15th.

If your child is new to the school and would like to join one of the ukulele groups, please contact Dr. Boyer by email.

HHE Athletics:

This month students in grade 4-6 will have the opportunity to practice for our Terry Fox School Run day, September 22, 2023. Practices for Div 2 students will be at lunch recess on Sept. 5, 12 and 19.

Mr. Mazur will be looking for parent coaches starting in Mid-September.

Enjoy a Great Week Everyone

**The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of
their dreams.**

- Eleanor Roosevelt