



# HERITAGE HILLS

## ELEMENTARY

# Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 22 - January 29, 2024

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

### Monday, January 22

- Ms K in the School
- Senior Ukulele Group at lunch recess
- Giant Indigenous Floor Map set up in the gym

### Tuesday, January 23

- Ms K in the School
- Chess Club at lunch recess in the Art Room
- Grade 5 Basketball tryouts at lunch recess

### Wednesday, January 24

- Relay Running Club at lunch recess
- [Bell Let's Talk Day](#)

### Thursday, January 25

- Hot Lunch - Bar Burrito - Kindergarten only
- Grade 6 Basketball tryouts at lunch recess

### Friday, January 26

- Grade 3 Ukulele Group at lunch recess
- Hot Lunch - Bar Burrito - entire school
- HHE Wear Day

### Monday, January 29

- Ms K out of the school for the week
- Senior Ukulele Group at lunch recess

## Principal:

Hope you enjoyed a great weekend. It looks like our weather is really going to warm up this week and we will be able to resume outdoor activities with our students. Please make sure your children come to school with appropriate dress to be outside at recess times and possibly during Phys Ed Classes.

## Assistant Principal:

On Thursday we said farewell to Mme Johnston and on Friday we welcomed Ms. Carruthers to the Assistant Principal position. Ms. Carruthers will be acting Assistant Principal until the end of the school year.

## Fees Feedback:

At our January 17, 2024 school council meeting, we had our first discussion regarding the upcoming 2024-2025 school fees. If you were unable to attend, we would appreciate [feedback and suggestions](#) you may have regarding fees.

**Bus Loop:** Families are welcome to use both the student drop off loop and the bus lanes on cold days when the buses are NOT running or during evening events. But, during regular school days when buses are running, NO vehicles are permitted to enter the bus loop or do u-turns at either entrance and pedestrians should never be walking across that space.

As the weather has become colder we have had many more families using the bus loop in the morning, which is not permitted. When you are dropping off your children please use the student drop off area; drop them off and move on. If you need to go into the school or park for a few minutes please use visitor parking or park on the road in front of the school. Once we have a traffic jam it becomes unsafe for our students.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping us to keep staff and students safe.

## Counsellor:

### Grandparents who Parent Support Group

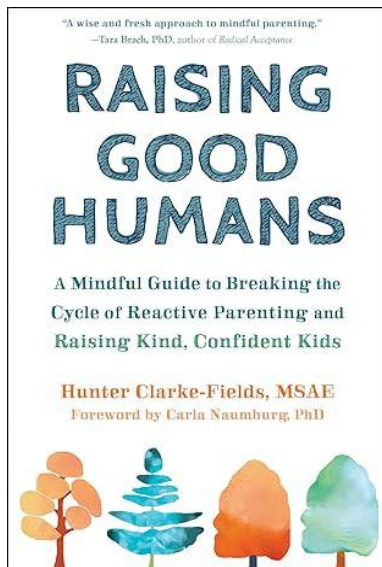
Connect with other grandparents who are raising their grandchildren

Meetings are 4th Monday of the Month  
6:30 - 8:00pm  
@BGC Fort Saskatchewan



**Meeting Dates:**  
January 22, 2024  
February 26, 2024  
March 25, 2024  
April 22, 2024  
May 27, 2024  
June 17, 2024

To register for Childcare or  
for more info call  
780-992-0103 ext. 303



### Book Recommendation

Raising Good Humans: A Mindful Guide to Breaking the Cycle of Reactive Parenting and Raising Kind, Confident Kids  
By Hunter Clarke-Fields

With this book, you'll find powerful mindfulness skills for calming your own stress response when difficult emotions arise. You'll also discover strategies for cultivating respectful communication, effective conflict resolution, and reflective listening. In the process, you'll learn to examine your own unhelpful patterns and ingrained reactions that reflect the generational habits shaped by your parents, so you can break the cycle and respond to your children in more skillful ways.

When children experience a parent reacting with kindness and patience, they learn to act with kindness as well—thereby altering generational patterns for a kinder, more compassionate future.



### Wellness Wednesday Program

This program empowers self care, builds self esteem and confidence while giving all kids that attend the program opportunities to build healthy relationships, make new friends and participate in new and exciting programs! 6:30-8:00 for ages: 6-15, cost of \$20 for a 10 Punch Pass (can be used for any evening program). Location: [3 Spruce Ave, Sherwood Park](#) (Spruce Club Location)

### HHE Athletics:

Athletics [schedule](#) for the year.

### Learning Commons:

**Book Fair:**

We will be holding our Book Fair on February 5 & 6. If you are able to help volunteer during the day on either of these days, please reach out to Ms. Wells-Taylor. ([theresa.wells-taylor@eips.ca](mailto:theresa.wells-taylor@eips.ca)).

## Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2024? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2024-25 school year at 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2024.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding HHE's kindergarten program is available on the school website: [heritagehillselementary.ca/kindergarten](https://heritagehillselementary.ca/kindergarten).

## Returning Student Registration: 2024-25:

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2024-25 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 2024-25 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 2024-25 returning student registration takes place Feb. 8-21, 2024.

One contact for each current PALS to Grade 11 student will receive the Returning Student Registration Form link through Permission Click on February 8. The recipient is based on which contact has been identified as the one to receive forms as listed on the most recent registration form, Correction and Verification Form or Student Information Update submitted to the Division. To review the contacts listed for each student, refer to the Student Information Update available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Only one contact can be selected to receive forms.

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

## FAHHE UPDATES

**Coyote Compliment a staff member**

Would you like to recognize a staff member for something they have done that you truly appreciated? Complete the google form below and we will send a card and small treat to the staff member on your behalf, thanking them for what they do.  
<https://forms.gle/BYTSK3bBU7Y1yKrb8>

### **Treat Days**

We have a few more treat days planned for the next month. Some orders will be placed online, while others will be paper order forms. Please check closely.

### **Confetti Sweets**

February 1st - Kinder B - Online ordering closes Jan 27th

February 2nd - Kinder A and Grades 1-6 - Online ordering closes Jan 28th

### **The Cotton Candy Shoppe**

February 22nd - Kinder B - [Paper order](#) forms due Feb 7th

February 23rd - Kinder A and Grades 1-6 - [Paper order](#) forms due Feb 7th

### **Chip Day**

March 6th - Kinder A - Online ordering closes March 1st

March 8th - Kinder B and Grades 1-6 - Online ordering closes March 3rd

### **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 [hhehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:hhehotlunch@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming Hot Lunch:**

#### **Bar Burrito**

Thursday, January 25th (Kinder B, ordering closes Jan 20th)

Friday, January 26th (Kinder A and Grades 1-6, ordering closes Jan 21st)

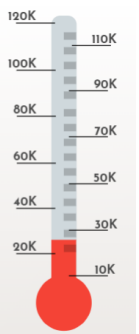
All lunches must be ordered through healthy hunger at [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca), all families must create an account and register their children.

Any questions or concerns, please email Jaclyn at [hhehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:hhehotlunch@gmail.com) **BEFORE** 10:00am and it will be available **AFTER** 1:00pm at the office. Please do not come earlier as it disrupts the distribution to the classes.

### **Fundraising Focus**

Our fundraising focus for the 2023-2024 school year is the completion of our outdoor playspace. We currently have about \$25,000 raised to go towards this



project. We are hoping to reach a goal of at least \$120,000. To help reach this goal we will be applying for a provincial matching grant in the spring so every dollar we raise until then counts!

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### 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.

**"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events;  
small minds discuss people"**

**-Eleanor Roosevelt**