



# HERITAGE HILLS

## ELEMENTARY

# Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

**January 29 - February 5, 2024**

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

#### **Monday, January 29**

- Senior Ukulele Group at lunch recess

#### **Tuesday, January 30**

- Grade 5 Basketball tryouts at lunch recess

#### **Wednesday, January 31**

- PD Day - No school for students

#### **Thursday, February 1**

- Grade 6 Basketball tryouts at lunch recess
- Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Confetti Sweets Treat Day

#### **Friday, February 2**

- Grade 3 Ukulele Group at lunch recess
- Morning running club @7:30am
- Confetti Sweets Treat Day

#### **Monday, February 5**

- Ms K in the School
- Senior Ukulele Group at lunch recess
- Parent-Teacher conferences

### **Principal:**

We have had a huge change in our weather. We ended last week with some great temperatures. On Friday, many classes went skating for their Physical Education time and we had outdoor recess. This next week is looking to be another great week for outside activities.

Our ECS registration starts on February 1st. It would be great to see at least two classes in our French Immersion and English programs.

### **January 31st Professional Learning Day:**

Wednesday, January 31st is a Professional Learning Day for Staff. There will be no school for students on that day. Our staff are excited to be engaged in continued learning. As a staff we will be learning several topics together and then staff will have some time to engage in selected learning with colleagues from HHE and other EIPS Schools.

As a school staff we will be learning about:

- Creating Personalized Land Acknowledgments and protocols from our First Nations, Metis and Inuit consultant.
- Our School Education Plan (SEP)
- Student Data Collection and Assessment

### **Spotlight on Staff - Assistant Principal: Ms. Carruthers**

I am delighted to introduce myself as your acting assistant principal. I have been a teacher with Elk Island Public Schools since 2002. I received my Master in Education from the University of Victoria and have been working towards leadership the past few years. Many of your children have seen me in the hallways or been part of a student leadership team I have co-lead with other staff. I have a passion for learning and teaching and I am committed to working collaboratively with our staff, families and community. In my spare time, I love reading, running and CrossFit. I also have a passion for photography and lead the Yearbook team with our grade 5's and 6's.

I look forward to continuing to nurture our school community throughout the rest of the school year. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or ideas.

### **Parent - Teacher Conferences:**

Parent - Teacher conferences for term 2 will be taking place on Mon, Feb 5 and Tues, Feb 6. Please book a time with your child's homeroom teacher using the following link or QR code. [Interview Booking link](#)



## **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.

Thank you to the families who have already completed the feedback form. We wanted to clarify a few questions that have already come up.

## **Lunch Leaders:**

During the 2022-2023 school year, Ms. Wells-Taylor brought forth the idea of lunch leaders at school council. School council provided feedback and we decided to move forward with lunch leaders. Lunch leaders are students who expressed interest in working with the younger grades during lunch. They will often play games with the students or read to a group once the students have finished their lunch. Lunch leaders do not replace Noon-Hour Lunch Supervisors which are EIPS employees. We are currently reviewing lunch leaders again as parent feedback suggests they would like to see lunch leaders discontinue.

## **Lunch Supervision:**

At HHE, we have the following Noon-Hour Supervision.

Lunch supervision fees go towards the classified staff supervisors and are cost recovery. If there are not enough fees collected, the school is required to cover the cost out of the school budget. We have 19 classrooms and 10 supervisors and this gives us a ratio of approximately one supervisor for every two classrooms. Certificated staff are teachers but they are not paid out of lunch supervision fees. This is assignable time for them and is a part of their regular job duties.

The following are some of the responsibilities of our noon hour supervisors:

- Supervise and ensure student safety within an assigned area of the play.
- Assist students with coming inside after outside play.
- Watch students in different classrooms while they eat
- Help monitor behaviour and encourage positive interaction between students
- Encourage students to follow classroom lunch rules and handle minor infractions
- Make sure students dispose of garbage in receptacles and recycling containers
- Many of our noon hour supervisors also have First Aid Training.

## **Field Trips:**

Field Trips are planned by grade groups or by individual classroom teachers. If wondering about the process, please refer to [Administrative Procedure 260](#) to have a clearer understanding of the different types of field trips. Every year, teachers decide on the field trips they feel complement what students are learning in school.

## Bus Loop:

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. Parking in Staff Parking is not permitted at any time.

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

## Counsellor:

[Triple P Discussion Group](#) - Dealing with Disobedient - For parents and caregivers of children 2 to 10. Offered Wednesday, January 31, from 12 to 1:30, online, it is free.

### [AHS Caregiver Series](#)

January's topics include Sleep and Your Family's Mental Health and Body Image and Eating Disorders.

Safety on the internet. The website, "The Door that's not Locked" found at [www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca](http://www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca) raises awareness about things kids are doing online and discusses the risks associated with the internet. In a very user friendly format, many tips and safety strategies are provided for parents, teachers and kids.

A series of 6 magazines designed to provide a quick overview of common mental illnesses for teens. Each resource includes associated supports & resources.

## HHE Athletics:

Athletics [schedule](#) for the year.

## 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](http://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

### 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:**

## COBS

Wednesday, February 14th - Kinder A (Ordering deadline Feb 9th)

Friday, February 16th - Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering deadline Feb 11th)

## Fat Burger

Wednesday, February 28th - Kinder A (Ordering deadline Feb 23rd)

Thursday, February 29th - Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering deadline Feb 24th)

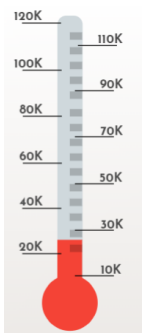
All lunches must be ordered through healthy hunger at [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca), all families must create an account and register their children.

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!



## 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.



All orders will be shipped directly to your home. Simply click on our link to shop and 20% of each sale goes back to FAHHE.

[tru-earth.sjv.io/FAHHE](http://tru-earth.sjv.io/FAHHE)



<http://ecoc.sjv.io/FAHHE>

Enjoy a great week everyone

**"Integrity is choosing courage over comfort; choosing what is right over what is fun, fast, or easy; and choosing to practice our values rather than simply professing them."**

**-Brené Brown**