



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

February 25 - March 11, 2024 (2 weeks)

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

#### **Monday, February 26**

- Counselor at School
- Senior Ukulele Practice at lunch recess

#### **Tuesday, February 27**

- Grade 5 Basketball - lunch recess
- Counselor at School
- Chess Club-lunch recess

#### **Wednesday, February 28**

- Pink Shirt Day
- Hot Lunch - Fat Burger - Kinder

#### **Thursday, February 29**

- La Girandole Dance Company - in school event, all day
- Leap Year - Theme Activities in the Common Area
- Strathcona County Waste Presentation - Grade 4
- Grade 6 Basketball practice - gym at lunch recess
- Hot Lunch - Fat Burger - Kinder & Grades 1-6

#### **Friday, March 1**

- Professional Learning Day for Staff - School Closed for Students

#### **Monday, March 4**

- Counselor at School in the afternoon
- Senior Ukulele Practice at lunch recess

#### **Tuesday, March 5**

- Counselor at School
- Chess Club at lunch recess

- Grade 5 Basketball practice - lunch recess in gym

### Wednesday, March 6

- Counselor at School
- Relay Running Team practice - lunch recess in gym
- Hot Lunch - Subway - Kinder
- Chip Treat Day - Kinder
- Early Dismissal

### Thursday, March 7

- Grade 6 Basketball practice - lunch recess in gym

### Friday, March 8

- Chip Treat Day - Kinder & Grades 1-6
- Hot Lunch - Subway - Kinder & Grades 1-6
- Grade 3 Ukulele Practice at lunch recess

### Monday, March 11

- Counselor at School
- Senior Ukulele Group practice at lunch recess

## **Principal:**

Hope you enjoyed the great weather we have been experiencing this last while. It looks like things will be cooling off a lot this upcoming week. Be sure to have your children dressed for the colder weather. Thank you to everyone for completing the returning student registrations. We will now start the planning process for setting up classes for the next school year. The budget process has not yet been completed so we will have to wait to complete the staffing process.

This upcoming week many of our staff will be at professional development focused on numeracy and the new science curriculum. We will also have our professional development day on March 1 focused on furthering our Metis Knowledge with Knowledge Keeper - Connie Kulhavy.

This week also includes Pink Shirt Day. Students will be doing a variety of activities in their classrooms discussing the history of [Pink Shirt Day](#), [Bullying](#) and continuing our focus from Random Acts of Kindness Week - All Kinds of Kindness. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink on Wednesday.

Please note EIPS' 2023-2024 Annual Feedback Survey will open on March 1st. We will be posting the survey link to the school website on March 1st.

## **New Staff:**

I would like to welcome Shyla Locke as our Assistant Principal for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Madame Locke comes to us from out of district and is a bilingual teacher.

## **La Girandole Dance Company, Rendez-vous de la Francophonie & Carnaval:**

The La Girandole dance company will be joining us again this year on Thursday, February 29th to share dance and cultural development of French Canadian Culture with our students. Each class will have an opportunity to spend time with them in the gym on Thursday.

School Staff are planning for Carnaval 2024 which will take place the last week before Spring Break, March 18 - 21. We are looking forward to a great week of activities, fun and learning with Bonhomme.

## **Counselor:**

### **Foundations of Connection: How to Communicate with Your Your**

Presented by Saffron Centre

You can check it out online [here!](#)

### **Cyberworld: What happens When Youth Press Send?**

[Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)

### **No Such Thing as a Bad Kid: Understanding What's Behind Children's Behaviours - Presented by Strathcona County Family Resource Network**

Here are some videos from the presentation if you missed it!

[What is Stress?](#)

[Executive Function](#)

[Zero to Thrive: Parenting with Balanced Caregiving](#)

[Happy Healthy Little Ones Circle of Security Parenting Being With and Shark Music](#)

## **HHE Athletics:**

There have been recent updates to the Athletics calendar. Please take a look at how these changes may affect your child(ren). The calendar is a great place to find out dates and times for tryouts and practices. Athletics [schedule](#) for the year.

## **Assurance Survey**

Once again, Alberta Education is surveying teachers, students and families through its annual Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey. The survey gathers feedback on the quality of education provided by school authorities and their schools, which they then use to help understand how they're doing and plan for the future.

Throughout February, Grade 4 students at Heritage Hills Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey doesn't take long to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in this grade are also asked to take a survey online. Alberta Education has mailed families information about the survey directly. As with the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and asks questions about your school experiences. If you have a child in these grades, we encourage you to participate. The survey deadline is March 1, 2024.

Results from the AEA Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each spring. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. Each fall, the results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities in the Division's Annual Education Results Report.

RELATED INFORMATION:

[\*\*AEA Survey: Information for parents and guardians\*\*](#)

[\*\*AEA Survey\*\*](#)

[\*\*Assurance and Accountability: Alberta's K-12 education system\*\*](#)

## **EIPS Summer School: Registration opens March 15**

Mark your calendars! Registration for EIPS Summer School opens March 15. For more information, see the [\*\*Summer School\*\*](#) page on Next Step's website.

## **EIPS Annual Education Results Report**

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [\*\*EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23\*\*](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

### **March Spotlight: cultivating high-quality learning environments and experiences**

[\*\*Power of Kindness:\*\*](#) Creates welcoming, inclusive, respectful, and safe learning environments in schools

[\*\*Building Blocks:\*\*](#) How effective planning, management and infrastructure is supporting learning

[\*\*Raising the bar:\*\*](#) Evidence-based practices that are enhancing teaching and learning in EIPS

## RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

## Did you know?

Alberta Education provides funding to EIPS. The provincial government's funding framework allocates funding directly to the Division, who then allocates funding to individual schools. Every year, EIPS prepares a budget in the spring based on projected enrollment, funding and student-focused initiatives directed by the Board of Trustees. Learn more about [K-12 Education Funding in Alberta](#) and the [EIPS Budget](#).

## Kindergarten Registration is Open!

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

To register, simply complete the online registration form at [eips.ca/kindergarten](https://eips.ca/kindergarten). 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 Heritage Hills Elementary's kindergarten program is available on our [website](#).

## FAHHE Updates:

### Stay Tuned!

Math-a-thon coming soon

Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser coming soon

### 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.

### 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:

#### Subway

Wednesday, March 6th – Kinder A (Ordering deadline March 1st)

Friday, March 8th - Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering deadline March 3rd)

### Nitza's Pizza

Thursday, March 14th – Kinder B (Ordering deadline March 9th)

Friday, March 15th – Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering deadline March 10th)

### Carnaval

Thursday, March 21st – Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering deadline March 16th)

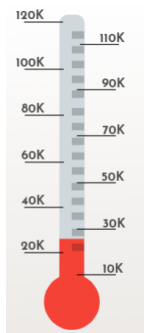
All lunches must be ordered through healthy hunger at [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca), all families must create an account and register their children.

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 either COBS in Sherwood Park 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>

### Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, March 13th School Council @ 6:30pm followed by FAHHE**

FAHHE minutes from the January meeting can be found [here](#).

School Council minutes from the January meeting can be found [here](#).

**"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.**

**The second best time is now."**

**— Chinese Proverb**