



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

April 15 - April 22, 2024

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, April 15

- Ms. K in the school
- Bev Facey Travelling Theatre - all classes in the gym 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Sr. Ukulele practice at noon recess
- Running Club @ 12:02 p.m. - outside

Tuesday, April 16

- Ms. K in the school
- Running Club @ 7:30 a.m. - meet on the field
- F.R. Haythorne Jr High band performance for all classes - 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- Chess Club tournament - lunch recess
- Ukulele Concert @ 4 p.m. in gymnasium
- [**FR Haythorne Junior High**](#) Open House from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- [**Sherwood Heights Junior High**](#) Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

- Ms. K in the school
- Skipping Club - 10:06 a.m. - Bring your skipping rope
- Grade 1 field trip - Imagination Academy
- School Council Meeting & FAHHE 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 18

- Hot Lunch - entire school - (Boston Pizza)
- French Immersion Gr. 1-3 Field Trip - Art Museum

Friday, April 19

- Hot Lunch - ECS & French Immersion Grs 1-3 (Boston Pizza)
- Wear sunglasses because your future's so bright!

Monday, April 22

- Ms. K in the school

- Earth Day - wear Green and Blue - If you can Walk or Wheel (bike/scooter) to school - Pack a lunch that creates minimal garbage.
- Shoe Drive Begins
- Running Club practice 12:02 p.m.

Principal:

Hope you are enjoying the great spring weather we are having this weekend. This upcoming week is a busy one at Heritage Hills Elementary including our School Council Meeting and FAHHE meeting on Wednesday. With the nice weather, it is providing us with more opportunities to spend additional time outside with our students. We have had many field trips and school activities this year. Thank you to those of you who have been able to volunteer to help make these activities a success.

Please take a moment to also review the [additional April article](#) posted to the school website last week.

Counsellor:

We have received requests from parents and caregivers wanting information about programming and supports for them. Below are a few 'free' options available locally.

[Programs for Parents and Caregivers](#)

[BGC Canada offers Parenting Programs](#) not only to provide resources to strengthen family relationships, but also to help create a sense of community and connection to other parents experiencing similar challenges.



Triple P Teen - Digital Well-Being

Learn how to help your teen with the social and technological pressures they face in the world today. Together we will go through research-based ways we can support teens when they are feeling the pressure of their digital lives. Issues addressed include interacting with strangers online, understanding their digital identity and healthy relationships.

For parents / caregivers of youth ages 12 to 18 years

Thursday, Apr 18 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual (Online)

No Such Thing as a Bad Kid

Kids do not come with instruction manuals. Most parents may feel puzzled by their children's feelings and behaviors at some point in their parenting journey. Join us for a presentation that helps parents understand what's behind children's behaviors and learn how to support children with emotional and behavioral challenges.

For parent / caregivers of children ages 2 to 12 years

Thursday, May 2 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Location: Family and Community Services,

Kids Have Stress Too!

Stress is a normal part of everyday life for children and adults, but too much stress can be overwhelming. At this workshop, we will look at strategies that help children reduce stress and help parents learn how to support their child in developing effective coping techniques.

Limited free childcare is available.

For parents / caregivers of children ages 3 to 8 years

Saturday, May 25 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Millennium Place, Activity Room #3
2000 Premier Way,
Sherwood Park

Transitioning to Junior High

Transitioning from elementary to junior high school can be exciting and stressful at the same time. Learn strategies to support your teenager at this free workshop for parents and caregivers of youth transitioning schools.

For parents / caregivers of youth starting junior high in fall 2024

Wednesday, May 29 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Virtual (Online)

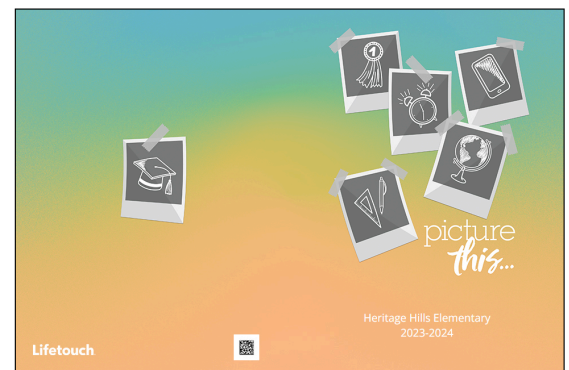
Spring Concert:

Our Spring Concert will be taking place on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. If your child is performing they will need to bring their ukuleles to school that day for the afternoon rehearsal. These students will be staying at the school after the bell at 3:20. Performers will need to bring a snack, a plain white top/shirt/blouse and black pants/skirt/trousers.

Doors open at 3:40 p.m. and the concert will begin at 4pm. **All families of HHE are welcome.**

Yearbook Sales:

Don't forget to order your 2023-2024 yearbook on your PowerSchool. There is a soft and hard cover option. The purchase of a yearbook is not required but is a great way to capture the memories of the 2023-2024 year at Heritage Hills Elementary.



Coyote Store:

[The Coyote Store](#) is open again for you to purchase any Coyote or HHE clothing/accessories. Items can be purchased through [this link](#). The store will close on April 30th and all items will be sent to the school and sent home with your student.

Education Week:

Education Week first started in 1928. It was created to celebrate and acknowledge all the great things that happen in schools around Alberta. At HHE, we have a week of events planned for our students and community.

Community is an important piece to education and we value our Heritage Hills community. Each role you have is important. If you would like to read to your child's class or come in and talk to the students about your career, please reach out to your classroom teacher to arrange a visit.

Skipping Club:

We had a great turn out for the skipping club last Wednesday. Reminder, If your child would like to participate, please make sure they come with a skipping rope. If you are unable to provide a skipping rope and your child would like to participate, please contact Ms. Wells-Taylor directly.

Help Needed:

We are looking for a volunteer to help tape badminton rackets where the tape has come off the handle. We also have a few dramatic play items that require building. If you are able to help. Please contact Ms. Wells-Taylor directly.

Masked Reader:

During ABC Countdown, we are looking at possibly doing a Masked Reader competition. If you have an inflated adult costume you would be willing to let us borrow, please contact Ms. Wells-Taylor directly.

Sports Day:

The sports day committee will be meeting to finalize an event date. With many field trips being confirmed we just want to make sure there are no scheduling conflicts.

ABC Countdown:

As shared at the School Council Meeting, ABC Countdown is a Heritage Hills tradition. We are excited to do it again this year. If you have any suggestions for school wide activities that you are willing to help with during ABC countdown, please feel free to e-mail Ms. Wells-Taylor. We are always looking for suggestions to add to our list. Remember both English and French words apply.

Save The Date:

Save the date for these upcoming events:

Art Show - May 24, 2024

Kindergarten Information Night - May 25, 2024

Lunch on the Land - June 21, 2024

Year End Assembly - June 26, 2024

Update regarding Grade 6 PATS:

Alberta Education has made the decision to not administer the Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature (ELAL) and Mathematics Provincial Achievement tests (PATs) this school year. The government continues to work on updating these standard tests to align with the new curriculum. Grade 6 students will not have PATS for these two subjects this May and June.

Grade 6 students will still write the following tests in June:

- Grade 6 French Language Arts Partie A/B (French Immersion students only)
- Grade 6 Social Studies (French Immersion and English students)
- Grade 6 Science (French Immersion and English students)

Additional Information provided on [Alberta Education](#).

Literacy Corner:

Literacy skills are something that students use and practice long after they leave the classroom. [Reading Rockets](#) has some fun ways you can support children with their literacy skills at home. From something as simple and powerful as [reading aloud](#) to building [reading adventure packs](#), there's lots of great ideas to help literacy at home be practical and engaging.

[Start With A Book](#) can help you find books and activities based on your child's passions and interests. Whether they're obsessed with [dinosaurs](#) or are a budding [artist](#), you'll find all sorts of interesting topics to explore along with books and activities to bring these topics to life.

Earth Week Shoe Drive:

To celebrate Earth Week, the school will be participating in a "shoe drive" that is being organized by Strathcona County. We are encouraging any families who have any gently used shoes that are no longer being used to bring them in to donate.

We will be collecting shoes at the school from April 22 - 26.

Journee nationale de l'immersion:

On April 24th, we will champion the vital role of French Immersion programs by celebrating Canada's National French Immersion Day. French Immersion remains the optimal route to bilingual proficiency within Canada's education system and contributes significantly to bilingualism across the country. This is a day to highlight the remarkable contributions of individuals and organizations, including students, teachers and schools, devoted to promoting French Immersion!

Sometimes, people think being bilingual simply means knowing two languages, but it's much more than that. Language is a powerful way to show how we see the world. Through language, people communicate not only words, but subtle nuances of meaning. Whether through idioms, metaphors, or word choice, language reflects cultural values, societal hierarchies, and historical contexts. For instance, greetings in different cultures may reflect attitudes toward politeness, hierarchy, and familiarity. Languages often have words or expressions that are untranslatable, capturing unique cultural concepts and experiences. French Immersion helps students gain exposure to ways that languages interact and change over time; students can participate in the global community in more ways, get information from more places, and learn more about people from other cultures. Well worth celebrating!

To gain insight into the subtleties of language, families can explore [1000 images on the tip of my tongue](#) to discover and compare common expressions and figurative language in English, French and Spanish.

School Supply List 2024-25:

It's that time of year again when we are looking at school supplies for the next school year. To make it easier for you and to provide consistency for all our students, school supply lists for each of our grades are listed below. You can order your child's school supplies through Write-On Stationary or purchase them on your own. Please see the information for each grade below.

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 1](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 2](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 3](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 4](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 5](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 6](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Kindergarten](#)

<https://www.write-on.ca/shop/>

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.

Run Wild:

Leading Edge Physiotherapy RunWild is a challenging, competitive, and fun event with races designed for every level of runner and walker. This event raises awareness for the Zebra Centre to help in providing supplies such as toys, clothing, toiletries and blankets as well as the important services to help kids feel safe, supported and strong!

The Sherwood Park run will be taking place on Sat, May 4/24 at the Greengrove Park in Glen Allen. More information about this race can be found on their [website](#) and students will bring home more information this coming week.

FAHHE Updates:

Little Ceasar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser

This is the last week to get your orders in!! Ordering closes April 21st with delivery the week of May 6th

Order online with this link:

<https://www.pizzakit.ca/fundraising-products?shop=1&t=lc&sf=1>

Fundraiser ID# 439847

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.

**** Please note:** if your child is absent and you would like to pick up their order you **MUST** email 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 \$55,000 raised to go towards this project. We have reached this total with the support of our hot lunch and treat days, using our casino revenue from last year, as well as budgeted items that have had the cost covered by the school (Christmas concert, Carnaval activities and staff Christmas lunch to name a few). 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://ecoc.sjv.io/FAHHE>

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17th School Council @ 6:30pm followed by
FAHHE**

FAHHE meeting package can be found [here](#).

Complete your census online starting May 1, 2024

The 2024 municipal census begins May 1. Watch your mail in late April for your personalized PIN number. We strongly encourage residents to use the online platform for its efficiency, convenience, and security.

Starting May 13, our dedicated census workers will conduct door-to-door collection for households that have not yet participated, while the online option remains open throughout this period.

Visit Strathcona.ca/census for more information.

Enjoy a great week everyone

**"April is a gentle reminder that life's transformations are beautiful
and inevitable."**

— Ellen Lovell