

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

September 20 - September 27, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, September 20

• HHE will be a polling station all day - gym unavailable

Tuesday, September 21

Lots of Learning at HHE

Wednesday, September 22

• Super exciting day to learn something new at HHE

Thursday, September 23

• A great day for teaching and learning

Friday, September 24

- Bus Evacuation 9:00 a.m.
- Little Elk Island Adventures for ECS (9:30 am)

Monday. September 27

Virtual School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Click here to join the meeting

Principal's Message:

We have had another great week of school at Heritage Hills. This past week it was a pleasure to watch many of our students learn how to use the equipment in the fitness center. They have been very excited. The bouldering wall is something new to many of our students but safety is our number one priority.

Heritage Hills Elementary is a great school because students, staff, parents and the community work together very well. Thank you for your support and all you do for our students and school. We will be having our first School Council Meeting of the year on Monday, September 27. This will be a virtual meeting. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Brightspace is a tool EIPS implemented during the 2020-2021 school year. It will be your child's teacher's main way of communication. If you are not familiar with Brightspace please look at the guide below.

Brightspace for Parents: Parent Guide.

Keep up to date on **EIPS Operations Guidelines 2021-2022**. In addition, our **School Handbook** may be useful.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call us at (780) 467-7447 or email us at **General.HHE@eips.ca**

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

September has already been a very exciting month with great things happening at HHE. Here are just a few highlights:

- First Week of School orientation of the school and procedures.
- Staff began work on creating mission and vision statements for Heritage Hills during Professional Development Day.
- Staff reviewed the School <u>Education Plan</u> and began work on how to carry out strategies and measures.
- Learning new Covid procedures and protocols
- Noon hour clubs Ukulele Club starting up
- Meet the Teacher Virtual Classroom Tours
- International DOT DAY Wednesday, September 15, 2021
- Participation in Memorial Pet Food Drive
- Evacuation Drills and Bus Evacuation drill happening this week.
- School Council meeting September 27, 2021
- Students inserviced on new Physical Education items in fitness center

Ukulele Club:

We will be starting up a Ukulele Club for students at Heritage Hills Elementary. We will first start with our grade 5 and 6 students. Our first rehearsal will be during lunch recess on **September 27th**. If your child is interested in learning more about the Ukulele please remind them to join us. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the school or email **monique.boyer@eips.ca**

Terry Fox Run and Fundraiser:

Heritage Hills Elementary School is proud to be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run. Let's get our fundraising going and show everyone how we can "try like Terry"!. Donate to: http://www.terryfox.ca/HeritageHillsElementarySchool. Teachers will also be collecting Toonies \$\$\$ for Terry cash donations daily.

We are doing a virtual assembly and school run October 1.

Together, we can all make a difference. #terryfoxschoolruns #tryliketerry @terryfoxfoundation

Mandatory Masking Inside the School:

All staff, students and visitors are required to don a mask in all indoor areas of the school. Scarves, neck gaiters, bandanas and masks with ventilation holes do not offer adequate protection and are not allowed.

You may want to put clean, unworn masks in a ziploc bag or a container. Students are encouraged to change their mask throughout the day.

Students will have opportunities to remove their masks when eating, when engaging in physical activities, when playing outside or when proper physical distancing is available.

HHE Online Store:

The on-line store is now open and will close September 27th. Typically orders arrive at school a couple of weeks after the order deadline.



https://heritagehillsstudent2021fall.itemorder.com/sale

Student Drop Off and Visitor Parking:

Please use the Drop and Go loop for student drop off. Upon entering the loop, proceed as far down the loop as possible to make room for other vehicles. Visitor parking is available at the North end of the loop. Drop off and parking is also available on Heritage Drive. Please do not park in the staff parking lot as staff, consultants and other EIPS employees come and go throughout the day.

Visitors:

Please use the main (front) entrance, sign in (including COVID Screening) and check in with the main office staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Scholastic Reading Club:

<u>Scholastic Reading Club</u> is available again this year. Parents, you can <u>sign up</u> to Scholastic Reading Club using teacher codes and items purchased will be sent directly to your home. The Learning Commons' teacher class code (RC208672) is attached to Ms. Wells-Taylor. All rewards earned will go towards the school and future purchases either in books or materials. Thank you for your continued support with literacy at HHE.

Spectators at Athletic Events:

In order to limit potential spread of COVID-19 during EIPS athletic events, spectators are not permitted at practices and games at this time. We ask that when dropping off or picking up student athletes outside the school, parents and guardians maintain a 2-metre distance from other families.

School Portraits:

The photographer will be at the school October 6 & 7. Retakes October 27 & 28. More information to follow.

Absences, Lates, Appointments, Leaving for Lunch and Leaving Early:

If your child will be leaving to go home for lunch, leaving school early or absent for the day - please call and notify the office. An agenda note does not always make it to the office.

In the morning if your child is not walking in with their class, they must go through the front doors and check into the office before going to class. If you are dropping your child off, and the class is not outside, direct your child to the office. A call to the office ensures that everyone will know where your child is to be at all times. Please call us with this information at **(780) 467-7447** or email at **General.HHE@eips.ca**.

Community and Strathcona County Information:

Thank you to the many families who participated in the

Alex Memorial Pet Food Drive.



Enjoy a great week everyone!

Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.

-Jim Bishop