



# HERITAGE HILLS

## E L E M E N T A R Y

# Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 4 - October 12, 2021

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### This Week at Heritage Hills:

#### **Monday, October 4**

- [Read In Week](#)
- Ukulele Club Grade 5 & 6 at 12:02pm

#### **Tuesday, October 5**

- [World Teachers Day](#)
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- Running Club at Lunch

#### **Wednesday, October 6**

- Early Dismissal
- School Photos in the Gymnasium
- Ukulele - Grade 4 - 12:30pm
- [FAHHE \(Fundraising Meeting\)](#) - 6:30p.m.

#### **Thursday, October 7**

- School Photos in the Gymnasium
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

#### **Friday, October 8**

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Ukulele - Grade 2 & 3 - 12:30p.m.

#### **Monday, October 11**

Thanksgiving - No School

## **Tuesday, October 12**

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Running Club at Lunch

## **Principal's Message:**

Hope you enjoyed another great fall weekend. Last week was a short week at Heritage Hills but we had a lot going on. On Wednesday, we had our Orange Shirt Day Assembly and we all continued to learn more about the impact of Residential schools. During the week students practiced for our Terry fox run that took place on Friday. We had a Terry Fox assembly prior to our students participating in the run. As a school we raised \$2 037 for Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to this great cause.

### **Attendance:**

Attendance is taken everyday at Heritage Hills Elementary, and reasons for absences must be noted. It is essential we are accurate in our attendance reporting. If your child is going to be away please let Ms. Wert in the office know. If you are sending an email to your child's teacher about an absence or reason please include Ms Wert as well at [general.hhe@eips.ca](mailto:general.hhe@eips.ca)

### **School Council**

We had our parent council meeting on Monday and it was a wonderful turnout. We did elections again and were able to appoint a chair. Congratulations to Kelly Annesty as our new Chair of the School Council. The Vice-Chair and Secretary positions still remain vacant.

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](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca)

### **Brightspace**

Many of our teachers send out weekly e-mails/newsletters. As we transition now into our second year of Brightspace, teachers will begin to phase out these e-mails and just post their weekly updates to Brightspace. To continue to keep yourself informed of the happenings in the classroom, please follow this information for [logging into Brightspace](#).

## **Ukulele:**

Ukulele Club is well under way. All students are welcome to join. Please bring your ukulele if you have one. If you have any questions please see Dr. Boyer. Students will meet in the gym:

Mondays - Grades 5 & 6 - 12:02

Wednesdays - Grade 4 - 12:30

Fridays - Grade 2 & 3 - 12:30

## COVID-19 DAILY CHECKLIST:

AHS has updated the daily checklists to address close-contacts in the household, for both children and adults .

Please ensure you review this checklist daily with your children.

[COVID-19 Daily Checklist \(under 18 years old\)](#)

[COVID-19 Daily Checklist \(Adult- 18 years & older\)](#)

## Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

October is upon us and we are excited for the amazing things that will be happening this month:

- [Read In Week](#)
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- [Dyslexia Awareness Month](#)
- [FAHHE first meeting on October 6, 2021](#)

We just wanted to highlight a few of the great things that happened in September.

- Virtual Terry Fox Assembly. Thank you for your donations for the Terry Fox Run. As a school we raised \$2,037
- Start of Running Club and Ukulele Club
- Theme Days: Dot Day, HHE Wear
- Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation virtual assembly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make HHE a great place for teaching and learning.

## School Portraits:

The photographer will be at the school in the Gymnasium October 6 & 7 for individual portraits. Retakes October 27 & 28. Sibling Photos will be available at lunch both days to accommodate Schedule A and B Kindergarten.

## First Nations, Metis and Inuit:

This past week we observed Orange Shirt Day and the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. These are the two videos that were shared with students during our assembly.

- [Video of Phyllis Webstad](#) and the origins of Orange Shirt Day
- Video of [N'we Jian, "We Won't Forget You"](#)

## Parent - Teacher Conferences:

Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 5 & Thursday, October 7. 10 minute conference. Parents will have the choice of a 10 minute conference either virtually using Microsoft TEAMS or phone. **Booking opened to Parents Thursday, September 30th.**

**BOOKING LINK:** <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/4wxzn>

**BOOKING QR CODE:**



## Improving Home-School Communication

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. The guide also offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, email communication and various social media efforts.

[Communication Protocol for Schools](#)

## Read In Week 2021 taking place October 4-8

Read In Week returns on October 4. This year's theme: "To Each Their Own Story." Through various activities, students will spend the week learning ways to tell their own stories and how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy.

Some of the activities planned for Read In Week include:

- Virtual Readers
- Mr. Schlacht & Mr. Samartunga reading to classes
- Highlighting Autobiographies and Biographies in the Learning Commons

Read In Week is a division-wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, families and community members. Heritage Hills invites all families to participate in Read In Week by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community. Don't forget to share what you've learned.

Throughout the week, you can post your own stories about Read In Week using the hashtag #eipsreads.

For more information visit [eips.ca](http://eips.ca) and [readin.ca](http://readin.ca)

## Pay School Fees Online

School fee information for the 2021-22 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or debit card—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2021.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees) and <https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Suzanne Cleet, Business Secretary at the main office at 780-467-7447.

## Celebrating World Teachers' Day: October 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encouraged all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

## 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.

## 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.

For your child, 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.

## Student Drop Off and Visitor Parking:

Please use the Drop and Go loop for student drop off. **Parking in the loop is not permitted, please use visitor parking.**

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.

If you are dropping off your child at the ECS, Grade 1 and Grade 2 doors, once supervision is present, we ask that you leave so that we can limit the number of individuals in these areas as well as encourage more independence with our youngest learners.

## 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. Please note that we are required to indicate the reason for all absences. 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](mailto:General.HHE@eips.ca).

## Community and Strathcona County Information:

### [Strathcona County Family Resource Network](#)

#### **Municipal Election 2021: Vote October 18**

The next municipal election, which includes the election of local school board trustees, takes place on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021. It's your opportunity to get involved in public education by casting your vote for a public school trustee.

[EIPS Trustee Election information](#)

[EIPS Trustee Candidate List](#)

Electors can cast their votes for municipal candidates—mayors, reeves, councillors, as applicable—and school board trustee candidates—public or separate. Voting stations are typically open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each municipality conducts the election for its residents and establishes formal voting station hours and procedures.

To learn more about election day procedures in your area, including opportunities for advance voting and voting by special ballot, visit:

[County of Minburn](#)

[Fort Saskatchewan](#)

[Lamont County](#)

[Strathcona County](#)

[Town of Bruderheim](#)

[Town of Lamont](#)

[Town of Mundare](#)

[Town of Vegreville](#)

[Village of Andrew](#)

[Village of Chipman](#)

**Enjoy a great week everyone!**

***“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”***

**- John F. Kennedy**

