



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 11 - October 18, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, October 11

- Thanksgiving - School Closed

Tuesday, October 12

- Running Club at Lunch

Wednesday, October 13

- Jersey Day - Students are encouraged to wear their favourite jersey.
- Ukulele - Grade 4 - 12:30pm

Thursday, October 14

- Virtual Book Fair Starts. Ends October 28
Here is the link to our Virtual Book Fair:
<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166108>

Friday, October 15:

- Grade 3 & 4 Entrance Closed All Day due to concrete construction. Students will use the front entrance.
- Ukulele - Grade 2 & 3 - 12:30p.m.

Monday, October 18

- Staff Professional Development Day- (School Closed)

Principal's Message:

Hope you enjoyed a great Thanksgiving Weekend. It is amazing how nice the weather has been this fall. As the cooler weather is starting to settle in we are noticing vehicles parking in our student drop off lanes either to wait for a few minutes with your child(ren) or to run to the doors with your child. I know this is only for a few minutes but does cause a huge backlog of vehicles very quickly. It creates a safety hazard on the roadway and for our students trying to cross through the parking lot. If you need to park for a few minutes please use our visitor parking or park on the road in front of the school. The drop off lanes work well when we use them as drop off only. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

As a staff we have been working on our Mission, Vision and Values Statements. We are now at that time in the process where we are looking for input from parents and our community. Your input is valuable in this process. It would be appreciated if you could take a few minutes to do this [short exercise](#). We will be doing a similar exercise with our students in the near future.

Thank you for a wonderful September and a great start to October.

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:

We are off and running in October with so many wonderful things happening for students, staff and families:

- Read in Week with many virtual guest readers. Mr. Schlacht and Mr. Samaratunga also read to many classes.
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- FAHHE meeting - see message below
- Running Club
- Ukulele Club
- [Virtual Book Fair](#) starts on October 14

COVID-19 DAILY CHECKLIST and Brightspace:

Please ensure you review this checklist daily with your children.

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

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

- Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is now reporting weekly COVID-19 case numbers in schools, along with the list of EIPS schools currently on illness outbreak. Data will be updated each Friday afternoon. [Reported COVID-19 Cases](#)
- In the event of students moving to online, please familiarize yourself with Brightspace as that is where you will find all learning information. This is also

the platform used to keep yourself informed of the happenings in the classroom, please follow this information for logging into [Brightspace](#).

FAHHE NEWS:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year, who can believe it's October already. First of all, those who are new to the school, FAHHE is the fundraising association for Heritage Hills Elementary. We are in the process of developing our fundraising plan and goals for the year and look forward to sharing them with the school community shortly. Our meetings for the time being will be held virtually and the links will be found on the school website, in the weekly newsletter as well as the parent facebook page.

We are currently looking to fill the positions of Vice-President and Treasurer, if either of these is of interest to you or you would like more information, please email fahhe.president@gmail.com

We want to hear from you! We would like to know what your feelings are around fundraising so that we can plan for this year. If you can please take a minute to complete the following survey, it would be greatly appreciated.

[Parent Fundraising Survey](#)

Membership in FAHHE must be renewed annually, please follow the link below to complete the membership form for the 2021-2022 year.

[FAHHE Membership Form 2021-2022](#)

Looking forward to another great year of fundraising at Heritage Hills.

Lisa Solamillo
President
fahhe.president@gmail.com

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.

School Bus Safety Week: October 17-23

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 17-23. The theme: Bus Rules Rock!, which focuses on the importance of being a responsible rider. Throughout the week, various activities are planned, including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, Heritage Hills Elementary reminds students and families all Division school buses are equipped with a bus-pass scanner, GPS technology, the Child Check-Mate system and surveillance equipment, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 160 buses. Families and students also have access to the Traversa Ride 360 app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child is scanned onto a bus.

For more information visit [EIPS Student Transportation](#) or contact 780- 417-8151.

Virtual Book Fair:

We are excited to offer a [Virtual Scholastic Book Fair](#). Our Virtual Fair will be held from October 14-October 28. New this year to reduce shipping costs - the books will be shipped to the school and then we will arrange pick up. Your books will be sent home with your child, but if you have ordered them for a special occasion (birthday, Christmas) - please reach out to Ms. Wells-Taylor (theresa.wells-taylor@eips.ca) to arrange pick up. Scholastic Book Fairs are a wonderful school fundraiser that goes to help purchasing books and resources for the school.

First Nations, Metis and Inuit:

The [October Upcoming Events, Support and Resources](#) has been updated. We are also excited to share the recent [blog post](#) regarding Learning From and With the Land. This summer, Heritage Hills Elementary had a boulder land based learning space installed. We are just in the beginning stages of learning more about land based learning with the help from EIPS First Nations, Metis and Inuit consultants.

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:

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, is proud to offer free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Upcoming Caregiver Education Sessions, Lunch & Learn Webinars, Drop-in Series and SEEDS Series are outlined in the [October Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#).

The [October edition of the AHS Addiction & Mental Health School Newsletter](#) is now available, focusing on understanding emotions. Themes, which are also available as individual social media graphics, include:

- [Understanding emotions](#)
- [Tense and release](#)
- [Self-Care](#)
- [Gratitude](#)

Enjoy a great week everyone!

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”

– Walt Disney