



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 18 - October 25, 2021

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

- [Bus Safety Week](#) - Check out the great poster contest students can enter.
- [Secret Path Week](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Week](#)
- Virtual Book Fair. Ends October 28

Here is the link to your Virtual Book Fair:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166108>

Monday, October 18

- Staff PD (No School)

Tuesday, October 19

- Running Club at lunch **Just to clarify for all families, the Running Club at this time is only for the Grades 4, 5 & 6 students.

Wednesday, October 20

- Ukulele - Grade 4 - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 21

- A great day for teaching and learning

Friday, October 22

- Ukulele - Grade 2 & 3 - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, October 25

- Ukulele - Grade 5 & 6 - 12:02 p.m.

Principal's Message:

I hope you are enjoying this great extended fall weather. It has been another amazing weekend. Remember Monday is a Professional Learning Day for all staff and school will be closed. Thank you for all the support you give to Heritage Hills Elementary.

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 halfway through October and we have had some wonderful things already happen this month.

- 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 for Grades 4,5 & 6
- Ukulele Club for Grades 2,3,4,5 & 6
- [Virtual Book Fair](#) started and runs until October 28
- Jersey Day
- [Stakeholder feedback in Mission, Vision & Values.](#)
- [Bus Safety Week](#)
- [Secret Path Week](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Week](#)

Parent Volunteer Needed:

We are looking for a parent volunteer with a truck or large SUV who can return school recyclable containers to the bottle depot monthly. Please call (780) 467-7447 or email General.HHE@eips.ca if you are available. Thank you.

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 purchase books and resources for the school.

COVID-19 DAILY CHECKLIST & Brightspace:

AHS updated the daily checklists this week 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 \(Adult- 18 years & older\)](#)

- 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](#).
- To make it easier for parents and guardians to see what their children are working on, what's on the schedule and the latest news from the classroom, Brightspace Parent & Guardian is now available as a mobile app for iOS® and Android™. [Documentation has been created to support parents and guardians in navigating the mobile app.](#)

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

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Halloween:

This year we will be celebrating Halloween on October 29.

- If students choose to dress up they must come to school in costume and be prepared to wear it all day. There will be no changing into or out of costume during the day. Staff will not be able to assist with costumes. We ask that weapons for costumes stay at home. Please also be mindful of scary costumes as we want even our youngest learners to not be afraid.
- Students will be required to still wear their masks. They might want to consider how to incorporate their mask with their costume. We saw some great ideas last year.

Lost and Found:

Please remember to label all items. As the weather begins to turn cooler - mittens and toques are often left behind in hallways. All lost and found items are collected and checked for name labels and returned to students. Pictures of lost items are also taken and posted to Twitter. At the end of each two week period, any items that are unclaimed are donated.

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.

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.

School Portraits:

Retakes October 27 & 28.

Staff Contact Information:

We recently made changes to how families can contact staff.

If you'd like to reach out to your child's teacher directly, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or your [Brightspace Parent & Guardian](#) account. From there you can find the email contact information for all your child's teachers and reach out to them directly as needed.

To connect with school administration and main office staff, refer to the [online contact form](#) to send an email. From the online contact form, you can also send an email to report your child's absence.

If you're having trouble with your PowerSchool or Brightspace account, contact the school office. And, of course, we're always just a phone call away if you have questions or need assistance, **(780) 467-7447**.

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!

“By being yourself, you put something wonderful into the world that was not there before”

-Edwin Elliot