



HERITAGE HILLS
ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 10 - January 17, 2022

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

****Ukulele, Running Club and Parent Volunteers ON HOLD****

Monday, January 10

- Welcome Back Students

Thursday, January 13

- Hot Lunch - Purple Perogy- Kindergarten A group

Friday, January, 14

- Hot Lunch - Purple Perogy- Kindergarten B group and 1-6

Principal's Message:

Happy New Year everyone and Welcome Back. It looks like warmer weather will be here for this week. I know we are all looking forward to it. It has been a while since we have seen our students and we are missing them. It will be nice to have them back at school tomorrow.

I understand there are many questions surrounding how returning to school will look for your child. Please review the [EIPS Operational Covid Guidelines](#).

For return to school on Monday, here are a few these things:

- Continued Masking is required
- **Continue to monitor your child for signs of illness and keep them at home if they have any symptoms.**

- All extra curricular clubs & activities have been temporarily suspended. When COVID-19 case counts stabilize, these activities will resume, such as Running Club, Ukulele, etc.
- No classroom parent volunteers in the school this week. Parent volunteers for Hot Lunch will still occur and will be required to wear medical grade masks.

We will continue to provide updates as we learn more.

Thank you for your support and all you do for Heritage Hills Elementary School. 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:

Wow! December was a great month with many opportunities for our students, especially the Fitness Challenge. Thank you for your support with our Fitness Challenge. Congratulations to 3R who finished in first place with 531.5 hours of fitness over 4 weeks. And an honorable mention goes to 4/5 G with 425.5 hours. We can't wait to share highlights for 2022.

Literacy at Home:

Looking for a way to support your child at home with literacy. Check out [January's Literacy At Home](#).

School Fees/School Council and FAHHE meetings:

Our School Council and FAHHE meeting will take place on January 26, 2022.
School Council - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
FAHHE meeting will start after School Council meeting.

Agendas will be posted to the school website this week.

[Virtual Link](#) - at this time we don't know if we will be able to offer our hybrid meeting like we did for December.

Dear Heritage Hills school families,
Under Alberta Education's School Fee Regulation, schools must consult with parents prior to setting school fees for the upcoming school year.

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on January 26, 2022 at 6:30p.m. During that time, I'll be sharing information about our current fee structure, posing specific questions about priorities, and asking you to provide your feedback as we plan for the 2022-23 school year. While many of these activities and services enhance students' educational experience, we want to ensure these fees aren't cost prohibitive for families.

Specifically, we will be asking for input on the following:

- Optional courses and associated fees
- Noon hour supervision
- Field trips and associated fees
- Extracurricular activities
- Non-curricular travel (for example, ski trips and band camps)
- Non-curricular goods and services (for example, student union and yearbooks)

I understand not all families will be available to attend the meeting but it's still important we get as much input from the school community as possible. Following the meeting, materials will be shared on our website (heritagehillselementary.ca) for your review, and an email address provided so you can submit a written response.

School administration will use feedback provided to help determine fees for 2022-23, which will then be shared at the next school council meeting, posted to our website and shared via link through email.

I look forward to hearing from you on January 26.

Bill Schlacht, Principal
Heritage Hills Elementary

FAHHE Update:

Fundraiser Updates

Thanks so much for your support with our fundraisers this year. Our first bottle drive raised \$700. Purdys was another huge success again this year, raising over \$2700. This past weekend our second bottle drive raised just under \$600. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Blaze Pizza Nights

For the month of March, Blaze pizza will be supporting the FAHHE by hosting a fundraiser each week where we receive 20% of the sales that evening when customers show or mention our flyer. Stay tuned for the dates.

Hot Lunch

Thanks to all your support of our hot lunches this year.
We will have 2 hot lunches in January.

Purple Perogy

January 12 – Kindergarten A group (Deadline has closed)

January 14 – Kindergarten B group and 1-6 (Deadline has closed)

A Cappella Catering

January 28 – Kindergarten B group and 1-6 (order deadline Jan 21)

Returning families: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

New family registration: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/heritagehills>

School Counselor:

Hope you all had a restful winter break. I know the weather made it easy to cozy in and enjoy some quiet time.

Family and Community Services has recently released their new program guide. Check it out for some fun program activities running from January to March.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/community-families/learning/online-program-guide/>

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education:

Rupertsland Institute is proud to re-open the Chromebook Initiative for the third time!

Families of Métis children who have not yet received a Chromebook can register for one to keep through the RECC Room link here:

<https://rli.connectedcommunity.org/home>

Please note: RLI is only able to support families of children who are citizens of the Métis Nation of Alberta and/or those who have self-identified their children as Métis at the time of registration with their current school. Questions?

education@rupertsland.org.

Honour Choir

The [Elk Island Regional Honour Choir Association](#) offers three auditioned choirs for students residing in and around Strathcona County from ages 5 to 9. The association's goals are to enrich the musical experiences of gifted amateur singers, grow a connection to the community in our youth and allow students to let their passions blossom. The Elk Island Regional Honour Choir is currently holding virtual auditions to join the choir! Auditions close **Jan. 16, 2022**. Weekly in-person rehearsals resume on January 10. Contact the [choir manager](#) or visit the [Honour Choir website](#) for more information.

Caregiver Education Sessions: January

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth.

Upcoming Caregiver Education Sessions, Lunch & Learn Webinars and Drop-In Series are outlined in the [January Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#).

Returning Student Registration for 2022-2023

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2022-23 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2022-23 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2022-23 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2022.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2022. [Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at 780-467-7447.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2022-23 school year on Feb. 1, 2022. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Heritage Hills Elementary's kindergarten program is available at <https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/>

Have your say, EIPS wants to hear from you!

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you to gain a deeper understanding of your confidence in the Division and its strategic direction. As such,

it launched a new annual survey entitled, EIPS Year in Review: Stakeholder Confidence Survey—open January 6-18.

The survey covers a range of topics, including student growth and achievement, learning supports, teaching and leading, governance, and resource allocations.

The information gathered will help EIPS:

- assess stakeholder confidence—families, staff, Grade 12 students and community members;
- gather input to guide future decision-making;
- gather feedback to enhance its [Four-Year Education Plan](#); and
- provide a platform for families, students, staff and community members to have a voice in ensuring high-quality, student-centred learning environments in EIPS schools.

EIPS will share the results in the *Annual Education Results Report 2021-22*.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Survey closes Jan. 18, 2022

NOTE: EIPS encourages everyone to respond honestly. Your identity and answers are confidential and cannot be linked in any way to you or your child's school. Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to complete the survey at school. Families who do not want their child to complete the survey simply need to advise their child's school.

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.

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.

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.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

***“New year—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story?
Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours.”***

—Alex Morritt