



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

September 27 - October 4, 2021

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### This Week at Heritage Hills:

#### **Monday, September 27**

- Ukulele Club Grade 5 & 6 at 12:02 lunch
- Parent Council Meeting 6:30 - 8:00

[Agenda](#)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

#### **Tuesday, September 28**

- A great day for teaching and learning

#### **Wednesday, September 29**

- [Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) being observed at school.  
Students encouraged to wear Orange Shirts.  
Virtual Assembly at 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Club Grade 4 at 12:32 lunch

#### **Thursday, September 30**

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NO SCHOOL)

#### **Friday, October 1**

- [Terry Fox Run](#).  
Students encouraged to wear Terry Fox shirts or Red & White

Online donations:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/HeritageHillsElementarySchool>.

### **Monday, October 4**

- READ IN Week Begins
- Ukulele Club Grade 5 & 6 at 12:02 lunch

### **Principal's Message:**

Hello everyone, hope you are enjoying a great weekend. It's hard to believe we are already in our last week of September. We are looking forward to another great week of school at Heritage Hills Elementary. As the number of COVID 19 cases rise in the province and local areas, safety protocols continue to change and evolve. We will keep you posted if changes occur.

We have our first School Council meeting on Monday and are still looking for a variety of positions. If you are interested, please remember to attend.

There is no school on September 30 as it is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day. We will be having a virtual school assembly on Wednesday, September 29th. Students are encouraged to wear orange on Wednesday.

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)

### **COVID-19 DAILY CHECKLIST:**

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 \(Adult- 18 years & older\)](#)

### **Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:**

We will be observing [Orange Shirt Day](#) on September 29, 2021 as well as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. On Wednesday, we will be holding a virtual assembly at 9:30 a.m for all students.

**Rationale:** Creating a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation fulfills Call to Action #80 that states, "honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process."

This September is the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. At EIPS, we do not want to diminish the teaching, symbolism and importance of Orange Shirt Day while we recognize the new statutory holiday. To that end, our focus is to show

direct ties to Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. All EIPS schools will lower flags to ½ mast on September 29th. Here are some additional resources that may be of benefit to continue conversations at home.

- [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) (NCTR)
- The [Strathcona Wilderness Centre](#) is hosting a free day of learning, sharing and building relationships with Indigenous Peoples. Events include an Indigenous Elder welcome and blessing, nature scavenger hunts, Indigenous performances and catering by Native Delights. Please bring a folding chair or blanket to enjoy the performers  
Food for sale on site  
Come experience Indigenous culture through play. Supported by Everybody Gets to Play.
- [APTN](#)
- [Fort Saskatchewan Multicultural Virtual Event](#)

## Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

As September comes to a close we reflect on all that has happened in such a short period of time.

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 [Education Plan](#) 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 drills.
- School Council meeting - September 27, 2021
- Students inserviced on new Physical Education items in fitness center
- Orange Shirt Day - being observed on September 29, 2021
- Terry Fox Run

## 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 on Mondays, during lunch recess, on **September 27th**. Our Grade 4 students will rehearse on Wednesdays, during lunch recess, starting **September 29th**. Once these two groups are established, Dr. Boyer will establish a time for the Grades 2 & 3, later in the Fall. 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](mailto:monique.boyer@eips.ca)

### 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.

### Terry Fox Run and Fundraiser:

Heritage Hills Elementary School is proud to be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run. We are doing a virtual assembly and school run on October 1.

Unfortunately, due to current COVID restrictions and limitations on spectators for sports, parents cannot run with us.

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.

Together, we can all make a difference. [#terryfoxschoolruns](#) [#tryliketerry](#)  
[@terryfoxfoundation](#)

### 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 open to Parents Thursday, September 30th.**

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

**BOOKING QR CODE:**



## 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.

## HHE Online Store:

The online store is now closed. Orders are scheduled to ship to the school in 4-5 weeks.

## 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.

## Running Club:

Running club began on Tuesday September 21, 2021. It will continue every Tuesday, at lunch from now until after November break. Starting November 18th we will be developing relay running skills twice a week.

**Who:** Interested and committed Grade 4, 5 and 6 students.

**What:** Develop and practice skills related to running, stretching, cool-down and relay running (baton passing/leads/anchor)

**When:** Tuesdays / Thursdays at lunch/recess from 12:02-1:02

**Where:** Outdoors at HHE if weather permits and then indoors in the gymnasium when it is too cold or slippery to run outside.

TBD: Possible competition to Butter Dome provided we are permitted by the Provincial Government to attend in February 2022.

Students joining the running team will compete for positions to compete at the Butter Dome competition starting in January. Students who do not earn a spot are still able to practice with the running team up to competition day but will not be going to the Butter Dome.

We are looking into Running Club Shirts and will provide an update once we have the online store setup.

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

### **Community and Strathcona County Information:** [Strathcona County Family Resource Network](#)

**Enjoy a great week everyone!**

**“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”**

— Stephen King, *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*