



HERITAGE HILLS

ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

March 7 - March 14, 2022

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Mid-Point Review

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, March 7

- Start of SELebration Week
SEL Theme: Identifying and Managing Feelings

Tuesday, March 8

- SEL Theme: Establishing Self-Esteem
- SHINE Club will meet at lunch in the Art Room

Wednesday, March 9

- SEL Theme: Advocating for Self and Others
- Forest of Reading book club will meet at Lunch
- Hot Lunch - Subway - Kinder A
- School Council and FAHHE (6:30 - 8:00 pm) - Learning Commons

Thursday, March 10

- SEL Theme: Decision Making and Problem-Solving

Friday, March 11

- International Social Emotional Learning Day (SEL) Focus on GRATITUDE
- Hot Lunch - Subway - Kinder B and Grades 1-6

Principal's Message:

Hope you are enjoying a wonderful weekend. We had a large amount of snow this week. On Friday the snow around the school was already being removed from the sidewalks. This snowfall will hopefully provide some outdoor activities this week.

It has been nice to see parent volunteers in the school once again. It provides tremendous support for school staff and the students love to see you in the building. We hope to see you at our next School Council Meeting on Wednesday.

Once again, thank you for all the support you give to Heritage Hills Elementary and our students. 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

Covid and updated information

We are currently in the process of updating various documents on the school website as well as holding school committee meetings to see how the lifting of restrictions will change the way we are able to do things at HHE. Some things which have already started to occur is the mixing of different grade levels for clubs such as SHINE club and the ability to hold an in person Book Fair at the end of March.

Here are a few things we know for sure.

- *Physical distancing:* Students and staff will no longer need to physically distance.
- *Cohorting:* Students and staff will no longer need to cohort.
- *Large-Group Gathering:* Public-health measures on large-group gatherings will be removed, including athletics, performing arts, field trips, celebratory events, spectators and school-based meetings.
- *Capacity Limits:* Capacity limits and gathering limits—both indoors and outdoors—will be removed.
- *Masking:* The provincial indoor masking mandate has been lifted. Students are not required to wear masks at school or on buses.
- *Rapid COVID-19 Testing:* Volunteers no longer need to take a rapid test when entering an EIPS building.
- *Isolation requirements:* The provincial isolation requirements for those who test positive for COVID-19 symptoms or experience COVID-19 symptoms remain unchanged (see, [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Check List](#)).
- *Stay home when sick:* Anyone who feels unwell or has symptoms of respiratory illness should stay home (see, [Stay-at-Home Guide: For families](#), [Stay-at-home Guide: For Staff](#)).

Mission and Values:

Thank you to the numerous individuals who shared their thoughts with us. We are excited to share our mission and values with you. Our next step is deciding on our school mascot, based on the numerous submissions.

HHE Mission:

We create inclusive environments, inspiring individuals to experience growth.

HHE Values:

Collaboration, Respect, Integrity, Kindness, Accountability, Well-Being

Counselor:

Michelle will be in the school all day Monday and Wednesday and on Tuesday morning. The best way to connect is by reaching out via email to michelle.kropp@eips.ca



March 11, 2022

International Social Emotional Learning Day, what is it [SEL Day - Celebrate Social Emotional Learning!](#)

Resources for use at home

[Engaging Students & Families in #SELday - Google Docs](#)

[TEACHING GRATITUDE IS MY SUPERPOWER KIDS BOOK READ ALOUD STORYTIME ACTIVITIES - Bing video](#) 8.43 minutes long

[Gratitude Worksheets for Kids \(freeprintablebehaviorcharts.com\)](#)

Throughout the week, our morning announcers will be sharing an announcement based on the day's theme. Students will also have access to a variety of books in the Learning Commons focused on Social-Emotional Learning.

Spring break activities offered through Strathcona County

[Child, youth and teen programs | Strathcona County](#)

School Council and FAHHE Meeting - March 9:

Meeting will be in-person in the Learning Commons. Please [make a booking online](#) if you would like to attend in-person.

You also have the option to join virtually: [Click here to join the meeting virtually](#)

[School Council Agenda for March 9, 2022](#)

[FAHHE Meeting Package March 9, 2022](#)

Caregiver Education Series:

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Topics include structure and routines, building resiliency, mental health, anxiety, mindfulness, understanding depression, technology, body image, sleep and more. The list of [March 2022 sessions](#) is now available.

March Book Madness:

We love to participate in any competition that involves books. We are excited again this year to participate in [March Book Madness](#). This program has been going on since 2015. We encourage all classes to participate by voting directly on the official website, but also this year [EIPS](#) has created their own [voting bracket](#) for the books as well. Please feel free to place your vote in both places.

Measuring Success: Complete this year's Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is surveying teachers, students and families through its annual Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey. The survey acts as an annual check-up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as education quality, citizenship, family involvement, engagement levels, school climate and student wellness.

Throughout March, Grade Four students and teachers at Heritage Hills Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey doesn't take long to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also asked to take a survey, either online or by mail. Alberta Education will send families information about the survey directly. As with the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and asks questions about your school experiences. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we encourage you to participate. The survey deadline is March 25, 2022.

Results from the AEA Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each spring. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. Each fall, the results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities in the Division's Annual Education Results Report.

RELATED INFORMATION

[AEA Survey: Parent letter](#)

[AEA Survey: Methodology for rate calculation](#)

[Assurance and Accountability: Alberta's K-12 education system](#)

Have your say! The 2022 EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 14-27

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2022 EIPS Parent Survey—open from March 14-27.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

[VISIT EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY: March 14-27](#)

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

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.

Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech-language or motor-skill development—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in six of its elementary school locations. In fact, EIPS is now accepting applications for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2018 or 2019, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, visit eips.ca or call 780-417-8219 to learn more.

School Fees Survey (2022-2023)

As discussed at the school council meeting, please find below a link to a survey regarding school fees for the 2022-2023 school year. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

<https://forms.gle/xcoNGs1owsw4hiUc8>

FAHHE Update:

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 proceeds that evening when customers show our [flyer](#). You can print out the [flyer](#) or show it on your phone. Works for online orders too!

Monday, March 7th

Tuesday, March 15th

Thursday, March 24th

Little Caesars Pizza Kits

Little Caesars Pizza Kits Fundraiser – Coming in April! Stay tuned for more information.

Hot Lunch

Thanks to all your support of our hot lunches this year.

We have added a universal hot lunch fund to assist families who maybe can't afford the special lunch at this time. We have added a donation item to the menu if you would like to donate to the fund. If you would like to access the fund, please email hhehotlunch@gmail.com.

For March we will be having 2 hot lunches.

Subway

Wednesday, March 9th – Kinder A (Ordering has closed)

Friday, March 11 – Kinder B and 1-6 (Ordering has closed)

COBS

Wednesday, March 23rd – Kinder A (Order deadline March 16th)

Thursday, March 24th – Kinder B and 1-6 (Order deadline March 17th)

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

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

Playground Committee

We are so lucky to have been able to fundraise for an amazing playground at Heritage Hills when it opened. However, the building is not complete. There is a plan to add more equipment into the current playground on the back side where there is lots of open sand. We would like to create a playground committee who will work closely with the school and the county to fundraise and install the remaining equipment. Do you have a knack for writing? Do you love planning fundraisers? We are looking for individuals who can help apply for grants, seek sponsorships as well as plan some amazing fundraisers to make this playground complete. Please email fahhe.president@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2022, following the school council meeting .

Enjoy a great week everyone!!!

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality”

-Warren Bennis