



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

May 23 - May 30, 2022

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

- ❖ ABC Countdown Begins

Monday, May 23

- Victoria Day Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday, May 24

- ABC Countdown Begins - A - Animaux - Bring a stuffed animal to school.

Wednesday, May 25

- ABC Countdown - B - Buddy Reading - Classes pair up and Buddy Read
- Hot Lunch - Kinder group A

Thursday, May 26

- ABC Countdown - C - Chapeau - Students wear a hat to school.
- Grade 3 - Telus World of Science
- Kindergarten Open House - 6:30 p.m
- [HHE Art Show](#) - 6:30 p.m. Don't forget your non-perishable food item.

Friday, May 27

- ABC Countdown - D - Drop Everything and Doodle
- Theme Day: HHE Wear or School Colours - Last Friday of Every Month
- General Music Rock Show Grades 4-6. 9:30 am
- Hot Lunch - Kinder Group B and Grades 1-6

Monday, May 30

- **ABC Countdown - E - Exercise - Extra Exercise**

Principal's Message:

It's hard to believe we are now moving into the last week of May. This school year seems to be going by so fast. One of my favorite events of the school year is the ABC Countdown we do on the last 26 days of school. I am looking forward to our first event on Tuesday, May 24. This week we also have our Art Show on Thursday May 26th starting at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to seeing you Thursday evening.

Staffing Update:

We have some updates on staffing for the 2022-2023 school year. The staffing process will continue and changes may be made for a variety of reasons. This is what we currently have in place.

Principal - Mr. Bill Schlacht
Assistant Principal - Mme Tandy Atchison
Counsellor - Ms. Michelle Kropp

ECS - English - TBD
ECS - French - TBD

Gr.1 - English - Ms. Theresa Wells-Taylor & Mrs. Jenn O'Neill
Gr.1 - French - TBD

Gr. 2 - English - Mrs. Crystal Wujcik & Mr. Craig King
Gr. 2 - French - Mme Tandy Atchison (.5) & Mme Carmen Macdonald (.5)

Gr. 3 - English - Ms. Erin Clarke & Mrs. Diane Reinich
Gr. 3 - French - Mme Nayfe Choucair

Gr. 4 - English - Ms. Heather Whitney & Ms. Tanya Jordan
Gr. 4/5 - French - Mme Richelle Krys

Gr. 5 - English - Mr. Justin Mazur & Ms. Stacey Carruthers

Gr. 6 - English - Ms. Sheryl Checknita & Mrs. Christine Zunti
Gr. 5/6 - French - Mme Andrea Bernard

Learning Disruption Support - Mrs. Kim Johnson
Music - Dr. Monique Boyer
Teacher Librarian - Ms. Theresa Wells-Taylor

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

Counselor's Corner:

I will be at the school on Wednesday this week.
Here is a resource for parents on [Childhood Stress](#).

Paint Night With Connie Kulhavy, June 9, 6:30-8pm:

Earlier this year we had Metis artist Connie Kulhavy work with our Grade 3s, 4s and 4/5G. The parent volunteers who were able to volunteer commented on how wonderful the teachings were as well as the beautiful birch trees the students made.

We are excited to welcome Connie Kulhavy back to Heritage Hills Elementary for a special evening for parents. Connie will share Metis art and cultural teachings with us while also teaching us how to paint her amazing birch trees. Sign up as soon as possible - 30 spots available.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/brush>

Disabled Parking Stalls in Visitor Parking:

A parking placard allows people who cannot walk 50 metres (164 feet) to use disabled parking stalls. Please be respectful of people who require these stalls. If you do not have a placard, the disabled stalls cannot be used even for a short period of time. Thank you for your support.

Reporting Absences, Early Pick-up, and leaving the school grounds for lunch: ** you can now click a link on the school website, www.heritagehillselementary.ca under "Menu"

Parents, please communicate your child's absence, request for early pick-up, and permission to leave the school for lunch directly to General.HHE@eips.ca, which is checked regularly by the School Office staff. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your request or information will not be received by the Office staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance, arrivals, and departures of our students throughout the day.

When reporting a student's absence, a reason is necessary, ie. if they are home ill, particulars with respect to the illness are still necessary as part of the covid-19 screening requirement.

Provincial Achievement Tests:

Grades 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) Quick Facts for Students and Parents/Guardians

What are Provincial Achievement Tests? Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) are administered to students in grades 6 and have three main purposes: to determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn; to report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling; to assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

When are Provincial Achievement Tests administered? PATs are administered annually in May and June in English and French language arts, mathematics, science and social studies in grade 6.

Are there any practice questions my child can do before writing Provincial Achievement Tests? Yes. Students can try out the released questions from previous provincial achievement tests that are located at <https://questaplus.alberta.ca>.

When will I find out my child's Provincial Achievement Test results? School staff share preliminary results with parents after the PAT administration. Individual Student Profiles (ISPs) are available to schools in the fall of the following school year. School staff will provide parents access to their child's ISP through at least one of the following options:

- Forward the PDF ISP electronically to parents using the school's digital system
- Print and mail a paper copy
- Sign-up parents for MyPass where they may access their child's account and results directly
- A record of the ISP must be retained in the student's record in accordance with the Student Record Regulation.

Want to know more?

More information and resources for provincial achievement tests are available on the Alberta Education website at <https://www.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests.aspx>.

The personal information collected for the purpose of the Provincial Achievement Testing Program and the support of programs, policy evaluation and measurement is under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

Student personal information will not be used or disclosed for any other purpose, without written consent or unless required to do so by law.

Questions regarding the program and the collection, use and disclosure of information may be directed to the Director, Student Learning Assessments and Provincial Achievement Testing, Alberta Education, 6th Floor, 10044 -108 Street, 44 Capital Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6 or by telephone at 780-427-6204 (Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free from outside the Edmonton area.)

Head Lice:

It is that time of year to make head checks for lice a regular part of your child's personal hygiene routine!

Head lice is one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. While head lice control is primarily a parent responsibility, parents, the school and community all have a role to play. We strongly encourage you to speak to your children about proactive behavior to prevent the spread of head lice. This includes not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories and to avoid head to head contact. Children should know that anyone can get head lice, it does not jump or hop from head to head and it is not dangerous. Although head lice is not considered a health issue it can cause stress, anxiety and economic hardship for staff, students and parents. It is essential that each family does its part at home by undertaking routine screening, early detection and removal of lice and nits as part of routine personal hygiene. Updated resources on how to properly screen and treat head lice are available on our school website or from school office staff.

Here are some basic facts about head lice.

Head lice infestations are common in school aged children and anywhere children gather.

Checking and treating children for head lice is a parent's/caregiver's responsibility.

Since head lice is a common problem in school children it is strongly recommended that you check your child's head weekly during the school year for head lice even if they are currently lice free.

- Head lice do not spread disease and are not associated with serious illness or a sign of poor hygiene.
- Children may have head lice but go weeks before showing symptoms. Misdiagnosis of head lice infestations is common. In some cases, lice can be mistaken for dandruff as they have similar symptoms and appearances.
- Head lice are spread mainly through direct head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact or through sharing of personal items like hats or brushes.
- Lice do not hop or fly, but can crawl at a rapid rate.
- A diagnosis of head lice requires detection of live head lice. Detection of nits alone does not indicate an active infestation. Children with live lice need to stay home and get treated and should not return to school until the live lice are gone.
- Topical insecticides such as Nix can be toxic, particularly if misused. Care should be taken to avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure. There are now non-pesticide containing products such as *Nyda* and *Resultz* approved for lice treatment.

- A good lice comb along with manual picking of head lice and nits (eggs) is an essential part of treatment for head lice. Topical treatments alone do not always kill all of the lice and do not remove the nits.
- Excessive household or school cleaning is not warranted following the detection of a case of head lice because neither head lice nor nits survive for an extended period of time away from the scalp.
- According to the Canadian Pediatric Society, exclusion from school and daycare due to the detection of the presence of active lice or 'nits' (eggs) does not have a sound medical basis. As such 'No nit' school exclusion policies are not recommended. Instead, sharing of personal items such as combs, brushes, hats and close head-to-head contact should be avoided.
- Families of children in a classroom where a case of active head lice has been reported will be notified as such. The school will work with the teacher, students and families to help prevent further transmission. Information on the prevention and treatment of head lice is available on our school website or at www.EIPS.ca

Source: Canadian Pediatric Society

Supply Lists 2022-2023 School Year:

Please find below the links for the supply lists for the 2022-2023 school year. The deadline for ordering is July 15, 2022 and the packages will be delivered to your home address.

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Kindergarten](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 1](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 2](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 3](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 4](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 5](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 6](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 5/6 French Immersion](#)

These links will be posted on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Write-On Stationery.

Social Emotional Learning in the Digital Life:

The [link](#) provides a wonderful resource to talk with your child about their digital presence. Appropriate for Grades 6-8. Topics include:

Talk About How Your Child Can Avoid the Negative Effects of Oversharing

Talk About How Your Child Can Manage Their Digital Habits

Talk About How Your Child Can Stay Safe When Chatting with Others Online

Talk About How Your Child Can Resist the Pressure to Always Be Connected

Talk About How Your Child Can Understand and Respond to Digital Drama

ABC Countdown:

Heritage Hills Elementary students and staff are excited to celebrate the last 26 days of school as a team through an ABC Countdown. This fun countdown starts 26 days before the end of the school year. We have brainstormed fun theme days to celebrate this wonderful year of learning. We know this time of year can create a wide range of emotions for students and staff and the hope is to savour the days remaining with a little bit of fun. These special event days will help us build our school community and bring closure to the end of the year with great lesson opportunities and of course, FUN. Please feel free to participate in as many days as you like, no obligation. We are also thankful to the School Council and FAHHE who will be supporting a few of our upcoming event days.

Tuesday, May 24 - A	Animaux - Bring a stuffed animal to school.
Wednesday, May 25 - B	Buddy Reading - Classes pair up and Buddy Read
Thursday, May 26 - C	Chapeau - Students wear a hat to school.
Friday, May 27 - D	Drop Everything and Doodle
Monday, May 30 - E	Exercice - Extra Exercise - Students will be provided with some extra time.
Tuesday, May 31 - F	Freeze Day & Flip Flops - Each Student will get a Freeze on behalf of our School Council & FAHHE, students encouraged to wear Flip Flops to school.

HHE Mascot Feedback

After going through many student suggestions, we have narrowed down five possible mascots for HHE. We ask you to look through the meanings and symbolism of each animal in this [document](#), and then provide us with your feedback in this [form](#). Over the next few weeks, students will provide their feedback and staff will collaborate to go through all the feedback before making the final decision.

Yearbook:

The sales are now open to purchase a 2021-22 Heritage Hills Elementary Yearbook. Our Grade 5 & 6's yearbook team has met and is busy building this year's book. We have picked the colour theme and will get to meet with a Lifetouch representative in the coming weeks. To purchase your yearbook, please go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/Order/SelectJob> and put in the following "Yearbook ID", [14367222](#)

Year End Assembly:

Save the date! Our year end assembly and farewell to our Grade Sixes will be taking place on Tuesday, June 28th at 9am. We look forward to celebrating our year of learning with you. Further information to come in the next few weeks.

Kindergarten Information Night 2022:

Date: May 26, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Heritage Hills Elementary

Agenda:

6:30 - Meet in the Gymnasium for a formal presentation then tour the classroom.

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more.

Find it at: [Welcome to EIPS Kindergarten.](#)

In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could take a few moments to fill in the ***EIPS Welcome to Kindergarten Survey***. As we prepare for the 2022-23 kindergarten classes, we want to ensure we have the necessary information to support all of our students. Please complete the survey through this [link](#).

Additional information about Heritage Hills Elementary's kindergarten program is available on the [school website](#).

Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to meeting you all soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office so we can assist you.

ART Show:

Mark your calendars. HHE is holding our first ever Art Show on **May 26 at 6:30p.m.** The art show will showcase all grades. Art will be displayed all around the school, so this is a an excellent opportunity to also check out the facility.

Who: All Families of HHE community

When: May 26 - 6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m.

Where: HHE Elementary

Admission: A Non-Perishable Food Bank Donation or Cash Donation.

Please Sign-up in advance: <http://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/r7tyk>

FAHHE Update:

Financial Audit volunteers

We need 2 volunteers to audit the financials from last year before our upcoming AGM June 20th. Please email fahhe.president@gmail.com to help out.

Playground Update

Phase 2 of the playground is estimated to cost between \$180,000-\$200,000. With our fundraisers this year we are slowly on our way and have about \$4000 raised already which equates to about 2%.

Playground Committee

WE NEED YOU! We need committee members to help us reach our \$200,000 fundraising goal. We are hoping to apply for a matching grant from the Alberta Government, but we need to raise the funds to match. We are looking for corporate sponsorships, donations, and even other small grants to help us reach our goals. Please email fahhe.president@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out or would like more information.

Hot Lunch

Did you know there is a universal hot lunch fund to assist families who maybe can't afford the special lunch at this time. If you would like to access the fund, please email hhehotlunch@gmail.com.

Upcoming Hot Lunch:

SUBWAY

** Please note change in days for the Kinder classes, if you have already ordered, your order was automatically moved**

May 25 – Kinder group A

May 27- Kinder group B and 1-6

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

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

_Next Meeting: AGM June 20 @ 7:45pm following school council AGM.

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.”

– Maya Angelou