



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

September 12 - September 19, 2022

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Important Dates This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, September 12

- Ms. Kropp, the counsellor, is at the school.
- [School Store opens](#)

Tuesday, September 13

- Ms Kropp, the counsellor, is at the school

Wednesday, September 14

- School Council 6:30 - 8:00, HHE Learning Commons or online at:
[School Council Link](#)

You can find respective agendas on School Website - [School Council](#) & [FAHHE](#)

Thursday, September 15

Dot Day - Students are encouraged to wear DOTS

Friday, September 16

- Junior Ukulele Ensemble (grades 2 and 3) at 12:02p.m.

Monday, September 19

- Deadline to request [Sibling Photos](#)
- Ukulele Club for grades 4 to 6 students at 12:02 p.m.

Principal:

With two weeks of school now behind us, students and staff are settling into routines in classes and within our school. This upcoming week, we have our first School Council & FAHHE meetings of the school year. Feel free to join us in person or online. We thank you for all your support for Heritage Hills Elementary.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call us at (780) 467-7447 or email us at General.HHE@eips.ca. You can also follow us on Twitter [@HeritageHills_](https://twitter.com/HeritageHills) for regular updates and posts.

DOT DAY:

We are excited to participate in Dot Day again this year. International Dot Day is a global event celebrated in over 190 countries. The day was created after Iowa Teacher, Terry Shay, introduced his students to the book, ***The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds***. This global celebration is about inspiring creativity, courage and collaboration.

At Heritage Hills Elementary this year, students are encouraged to wear dots on September 15th in recognition of Dot Day. Students will also complete a variety of activities based on the book.

In addition, you may be interested as a family to participate in our [Dots for Doors/Points pour les Portes project](#).

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. The school is required to record all student absences accurately, so please advise if your child is ill, or not ill, but away for personal reasons. An agenda note does not always make it to the office. A call to the office ensures 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.

Ukulele Club:

Welcome to a new year of ukulele! Rehearsals for Junior Ukulele Ensemble (grades 2 and 3) will start on Friday, September 16 at 12:02 during lunch recess. Students are to bring their own ukulele as well as a duotang for their music. Rehearsals for the Senior Ukulele Ensemble (grades 4 to 6) will begin on Monday, September 19 at 12:02, during lunch recess. Please don't forget your music duotang and your ukulele. If you have any questions about these two groups, please contact the music teacher Dr. Boyer.

School Photos:

K-6 students will have photos taken on **Tuesday, Sept 20**. Students who are absent on Tuesday or who are in the Mon/Wed Kindergarten class will have photos taken on Wed, Sept 21. Families may choose to have the photographer take a sibling photo, but you must complete the [request form](#) by Monday, Sept 19. Last year, it was very time consuming to gather siblings for a photo, so we are hoping to streamline the process this year.

School Store:

Gear up with some new back to school clothing - from ball caps to hoodies to new colourful t-shirts! The school store will open Monday, Sept 12 and close on Tuesday, Oct 4. [Link](#) to the student store.



SPORTFACTOR HERITAGE HILLS SPIRIT WEAR 2022



NEW SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE!

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps...

- 1 Simply scan the QR code or visit the HERITAGE HILLS online store at...
<https://heritagehillsstudentfall2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>
- 2 Choose your items and add them to your cart
- 3 Securely checkout with your credit card



ONLINE STORE DEADLINE - Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 2022 (11:59pm MDT)

FAHHE UPDATES:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. It was so great to be able to meet so many families at the BBQ at Meet the Staff night. We are looking forward to another amazing year at Heritage Hills and working together with the school council to bring some awesome opportunities to our students.

Executive for 2022-2023

Lisa Solamillo – President – fahhe.president@gmail.com

Andrea Kardal – Vice President – fahhe.vicepresident@gmail.com

Dani Till and Charlene Zacharuk – Co-Secretaries – fahhe.secretary@gmail.com

Marla Dorin – Treasurer – fahhe.treasurer@gmail.com

Financial Audit volunteers

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

Hot Lunch

We are excited to be able to offer hot lunch once again this year. We will be starting off with Panago on September 22 and 23rd.

We have changed online systems for the 2022-2023 school year. All lunches must be ordered through healthy hunger at www.HealthyHunger.ca. All families must create an account and register their children, instructions on how to register can be found by clicking this [link](#). Any questions or concerns, please email Jaclyn at hhehotlunch@gmail.com

Did you know there is a universal hot lunch fund to assist families who 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

Panago

Thursday, September 22 – Kinder B (ordering closes Sept 17th)

Friday, September 23 – Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Sept 18th)

Playground Update

Phase 2 of the playground is estimated to cost between \$180,000-\$200,000. With our fundraisers last 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.

Next Meeting: September 14th @ 7:45pm following the school council meeting. Meeting package can be found [here!](#)

Pets on School Grounds:

Thank you so much for having your pets on a leash while on school grounds. We have many students with allergies and some who are fearful of them. Please remember to avoid being near class lines and allowing students to pet them. This can cause unnecessary allergic reactions. Thank you.

Counsellor:

We are excited that some of our classrooms will be participating in The Linking Generations, [Volunteer Grandparent Program](#). The program brings generations together so they can share their knowledge and life experiences, and encourages volunteering and social responsibility in youth. Participating classroom teachers will be sending home information soon. *If you are or know of a grandparent who would like to volunteer at HHE through this initiative please contact Linking Generations.

Mental Health Sessions:

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Upcoming topics include strategies for positive mental health, resiliency and understanding depression. The list of [September 2022 sessions](#) is now available.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

“It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer.”

— Albert Einstein