



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

September 26 - October 3, 2022

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Important Dates This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, September 26

- Ms. K. the Counsellor in the school
- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02p.m.

Tuesday, September 27

- Ms. K. the Counsellor in the school
- Bev Facey Physical Education 30 students visiting for select grades - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, September 28

Thursday, September 29

- Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation recognized at school. School Assembly at 1:20 pm

Friday, September 30

- No School - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Monday, October 3

- **Read In Week** Begins - 9:00 a.m. Kick Off Assembly - Choose Your Own Adventure
- **Dyslexia Awareness Month**
- Global Read Aloud Begins

Principal:

Last week was another busy and great week at Heritage Hills Elementary. This upcoming week in addition to our regular course work we will be learning and preparing for Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. First Nations, Metis and Inuit education is a part of regular instruction, however at different times during the year we have specific events. Orange Shirt Day can bring about many different emotions. Please note, our teachers work closely with EIPS First Nations, Metis and Inuit consultants to ensure the material shared with our students is age appropriate. Please continue to have conversations with your child at home about the meaning behind [Orange Shirt Day](#).

Rationale for this day: Creating a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation fulfills Call to Action #80 states that we need to “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.”

Terry Fox:

Friday was a wonderful day for our students, families and community members. Thank you for a wonderful Terry Fox Run and for those parents who joined us for our run. Thank you to our FAHHE for organising the pick-up and delivery of the popsicles to the school. Our students, staff and parents who attended really enjoyed them on the hot afternoon. My biggest highlight of the day was running with all our students, staff and parents. It was such a wonderful experience.

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_](#) for regular updates and posts.

Counsellor:

Parents often ask how they might supplement their children’s learning and enhance their understanding about Canada’s Indigenous history. The University of Alberta and Indigenous Canada created and offer a FREE, 12-lesson Online Course that explores the different histories and contemporary perspectives of [Indigenous peoples](#) living in Canada.

[Strathcona County Resources for Parents and Caregivers](#) is an initiative between Elk Island Public Schools, Elk Island Catholic Schools, New Horizon, Alberta Health Services and Family and Community Services. They offer **FREE educational presentations for parents and caregivers** from September to May. Workshop topics include adolescent development, youth depression and self-injury, promoting success in learning, sleep hygiene, test anxiety, breaking the cycle of anxiety, and more.

Opportunities:

Rock & Fossil Clinic

Does your child have an interest in geoscience? Help them learn what a career in the profession could look like at the upcoming APEGA Rock & Fossil Clinic, taking place on [Saturday, October 1](#).

Physical Education Ideas After School

[20 simple ways to get active with kids after school this fall](#)

School Store:

The school store will only be open one more week! Check out some of the new items added to the store. Store closes Tuesday, Oct 4. [Link](#) to the student store.

Learning Commons:

We are excited to see many of the new books acquired over the summer going out to our readers. Here are just a few things you might want to be aware of:

ECS - GR. 2 Students use a plastic bag to help reduce damage - especially from leaking water bottles. Each plastic bag has your child's library card attached. If they do not return their bag with their books, they will not be able to take out a book due to not having their library card.

All students are allowed two books each week as long as they have returned their previous week's books.

You can view your child's current checkouts by having them log in to their Destiny Account. Information on how to log in can be found in our [Family Handbook](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about the Learning Commons, please reach out to our Teacher Librarian - Theresa Wells-Taylor.

Orange Shirt Day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at HHE:

We will be having an assembly to remember the children, honour Survivors of Residential Schools and foster a spirit of reconciliation on Thursday, September 29. The assembly will begin at 1:20 pm. Parents are welcome to attend - there will be space reserved for parents on the risers along the back wall.

Strathcona County National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event:

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2022 will be hosted at Broadmoor Lake.

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

We are off to a great start already this school year. Many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement.

Here are a few highlights already:

- First Day of School
- Meet the Staff Evening and BBQ
- September School Council and FAHHE Meetings
- DOT DAY
- School Photos
- Terry Fox Run
- Morning Announcements lead by students have begun in both French & English
- Connecting with Bev Facey PE 30 students to learn various games.
- Ukulele Clubs have begun
- Fire Evacuation Drill & Hold and Secure Drill

School Photos and Yearbook:

This past week we had our individual school photos taken. Retakes for school photos have been scheduled for October 14. There will be more information to follow in the coming weeks.

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.

FAHHE Updates:



We are so excited to be able to offer the Bear Tracks Ice Melter fundraiser this year. Please find the ordering information [here](#).

\$30/16kg pail

Deadline: Monday, October 24th at 4:00pm

Delivery to the school middle of November



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Purdys chocolate fundraiser coming soon!

Membership - Every year membership in FAHHE must be renewed. Membership allows you to hold a position on the executive or exercise a vote during meetings. Please click [HERE](#) to complete the membership form for 2022-2023.

Hot Lunch - 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 Jaelyn at hhehotlunch@gmail.com.

Upcoming Hot Lunch:

Mucho Burrito

Thursday, October 13- Kinder B (ordering closes Oct 8th)

Friday, October 14 - Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Oct 9th)

Subway

Thursday, October 27- Kinder B (ordering closes Oct 22nd)

Friday, October 28 - Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Oct 23rd)

Order online at www.HealthyHunger.ca

Bottle Drive

Save the dates!! October 12th and 13th during parent teacher interviews, we will be collecting bottles. Stop by the trailer on your way into the school and drop your bottles off.

Ongoing Fundraisers



Order online through Mabel's Labels and choose support a fundraiser, then a portion of your purchase will go back to FAHHE.



Stop by COBS on Wye Road and tell them you're from Heritage Hills Elementary and a portion of your purchase will go back to FAHHE.



Shop at Save-on-Foods on Wye Road, submit your receipts to the office and we will receive 5% back.

Next Meeting: November 16 @ 7:45pm following the school council meeting.

Enjoy a great week everyone!

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... The man who never reads lives only one.”