



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 10 - October 17, 2022

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Important Dates This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, October 10

- Thanksgiving - School Closed

Tuesday, October 11

- Ms. K in the school
- SHINE club meeting - First Recess

Wednesday, October 12

- [Student/Parent/Teacher](#) Conferences
- Theme Day: Sports Jersey Day

Thursday, October 13

- Grade 6 Immunizations - 9 am
- Chess Club - Lunch Recess
- Hot Lunch - Kinder B - Mucho Burrito
- [Student/Parent/Teacher](#) Conferences

Friday, October 14

- Hot Lunch - Kinder A & Grades 1 - 6 - Mucho Burrito
- Junior Ukulele Ensemble - 12:02-12:32
- School photo retakes

Monday, October 17

- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02p.m.
- [School Bus Safety Week](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Week](#)

Principal:

This week is Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please be sure to sign up if you haven't already done so. All conferences will be in person at the school. We have had many parents and grandparents volunteering in our school. This has been a great benefit for our students. Thank you to those of you who have been in our school providing support.

Student Learning and Support:

In the month of September we have done a great deal of work testing students in Numeracy and Literacy. The data we learn from these tests will enable us to maximize instruction for our students. This will help us with differentiation and help us in determining support for our students.

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.

Parent - Student - Teacher Conferences & Bottle Drive:

Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 & Thursday, October 13. These will be in person for a 10 minute conference. Booking site is now open - it will close for bookings on Tuesday, October 11 at 4 pm:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/myapr>

A reminder of the School Council bottle drive fundraiser that is happening concurrently with interviews. Families are invited to drop off bottles at the bottle depot trailer in front of the school before heading into interviews.

Counsellor:

[Gratitude activities and discussions for families over Thanksgiving.](#)

Modelling gratitude enhances social emotional learning. Research shows that gratitude enhances development, brain activity, and mental health for ourselves and others.

Personal Property:

The responsibility for the safekeeping of personal property brought onto school premises rests with the owner of the property. Leave valuable items at home where they are safe as the school is not responsible for damage or loss of personal items.

Please refrain from sending your child to school with toys, stuffed animals, & Pokemon cards.

SHINE Club:

SHINE Club is excited to have our first initiative: **Birthday Bag Drive**. We will be collecting items to create birthday bags for families in need. Items we are collecting:

- paper bag - colour or "birthday themed. If possible the bags should not be taller than 13" as storage at the Food Bank is limited but should be large enough to hold the following items.
- plastic or paper table cloth
- paper plates
- paper napkins
- bag of balloons
- box or package of candles
- disposable tin cake pan or paper muffin cupcake papers (24)
- box or packaged cake mix
- container of prepared store bought icing
- little container of sprinkles

Items can be placed on table in the common area. We will be collecting items until October 27, 2022.

Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

The first week of October was a AMAZING! There was many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and community involvement.

- Morning Announcers
- Greeter Club welcomed all of our readers
- READ IN WEEK
 - Connected with Bev Facey
 - Connected with Oilers Organization
 - Welcomed over 23 French and English readers to the school - even got to hear Mr. Samaratunga read from his SAL office.

Family Dance:

Save the Date! HHE is hosting its first Family Dance, supported by School Council and Fundraising Association: **Friday October 28, 2022** from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the school gym.

Families are encouraged to dress up if you so choose, and join us for music, community and celebration. We're also collecting items for the Strathcona Food Bank @ the door, and will have a concession available (cash only).

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

(*click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EAEA823A6FF2-halloween> to sign up for a timeslot)

- Decorating/Setting up/Tearing Down
- Concession
- Music/DJ (develop a clean playlist, connect to school system or speaker)
- Greeter/Collection of Food Bank donations (community outreach component)

Parking & Student Drop Off At HHE

VISITORS: All visitors are welcome to park in visitor parking at the north end of the drop off loop, in front of the playground, or on the street. The main parking lot is reserved for staff only. Staff, Consultants and District Personnel come and go throughout the day and it becomes difficult if staff parking is full. Parents, please refrain from using the main lot when visiting or dropping off and picking up your child(ren). Thank you for your cooperation.

DROP OFF: Our student drop off loop works very well when students are dropped off and cars move along. If you are leaving your vehicle to walk your child to the door or visit the office, please do not park in the drop off loop. This can cause congestion very quickly. As the weather gets colder more families will use the drop off loop.

Pay School Fees Online:

School fee information for the 2022-23 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as extracurricular fees, lost library books/textbooks, yearbooks and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2022.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees . Alternatively, contact Suzanne Cleet at Heritage Hills Elementary at 780-467-7447.

Cutlery

Please ensure that you are sending cutlery as needed for your children's lunches. Thank you!

French Immersion Discussion:

The next area of work to begin with Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Three-year Engagement Strategy project is a discussion around French Immersion programming.

The first meeting for the French Immersion discussion is scheduled for Oct. 26, 2022. Next week, more information will be provided directly to all French Immersion families and those who've specifically subscribed to the French Immersion email distribution list.

Terry Fox Run:

Our school community raised \$1220.30 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to everyone for supporting such a great cause!

Enjoy a great week everyone!

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

-George Bernard Shaw