



# HERITAGE HILLS

## ELEMENTARY

# Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 10 - October 17, 2022

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Important Dates This Week at Heritage Hills:

Digital Citizenship Week

School Bus Safety Week

### Monday, October 17

- Ms. Kropp at the school
- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02p.m.

### Tuesday, October 18

- Ms. Krop at the school

### Wednesday, October 19

- Ms. Kropp at the school
- Practice Bus Evacuation Practice - 9:00 AM

### Thursday, October 20

- Kindergarten Practice Bus Evacuation - 9:00 AM

### Friday, October 21

- Junior Ukulele Ensemble 12:02 p.m.

### Monday, October 24

- Last day to order Bear Tracks
- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02p.m.

**Principal:**

Hope you are enjoying the great fall weather we are experiencing this year. Last week, we had Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences. We want to thank you for your participation in this event. Home and school communication is essential if we are to maximize student learning. Home and School communication can take place in a variety of ways which include: classroom newsletters, emails & phone calls with teachers and school staff, Parent Weeklies, participating in school events and attending school interview evenings. We have a variety of learning supports for our students at HHE and good communication will enable us to work together to support all our students.

### **A Day In The Life of a Teacher At Heritage Hills:**

A teacher's day can be very busy. Here is a typical day of a teacher at Heritage Hills Elementary. Teachers arrive at school anytime starting at 7:15. Some work with students while others complete their planning from the night before, such as photocopying and putting items up in their classroom. Some will start outside supervision at 8:10 and the rest of the staff will be out by 8:20. From that point until noon teachers are working with students. All teachers get a 30 minute lunch break but many run student clubs during their lunch hour or prepare for the afternoon. While the students are outside for their 30 minute lunch recess, teachers provide the supervision. From 1:00 pm - 3:20 pm teachers are back in the classroom with their students. Once the bus supervision is over, teachers sit on various committees, do sports clubs and prepare materials for the next day's lessons. In the evenings, teachers plan for instruction, do paper work, answer emails and a variety of other school tasks.

As you can see teachers have a very busy day. It's a great day, but very busy. If emails are sent during the day to teachers or phone messages are left, they will probably not have the time to answer them during the school day or even that evening. It may not be until the end of the next day before you get a response. But you will get a response.

### **Counsellor:**

Highlighting the positive and having meaningful conversations with your children about school matters. Parents and students often focus on what is wrong by ignoring what is going right. Here is a collection of [24 school day inspired questions](#) that are proven to overcome the 'yes' or 'no' one word responses and get your child talking.

### **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 tables in the common area. We will be collecting items until October 27, 2022. Thank you to everyone who has started sending in supplies!

### Amazing Things Happen at HHE:

October has already been filled with great things. There were 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.
- Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Chess Club

### 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)

## Scholastic Reading Club & Scholastic Book Fair:

[Scholastic Reading Club](#) is available again this year. Parents can [sign up](#) to Scholastic Reading Club using teacher codes and items purchased will be sent directly to their home. Parents can choose to sign up using Ms. Wells-Taylor's teacher code (RC208672). All rewards earned will go towards the school and future purchases for the school either in books or materials.

We are excited to have a Scholastic Book Fair again this year from November 21-25. We will offer some evening shopping events as well.

## 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](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees). Alternatively, contact Suzanne Cleet at Heritage Hills Elementary at 780-467-7447.

## 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 from 5:30 - 7:30 in the school gymnasium. This is the letter that was sent out to all French Immersion Families from the school district last week.

[Parent Engagement Letter-Parents](#)

## Monthly News from the First Nations, Métis and Inuit team:

**âcimowin, Kitachimowinaw, Our Story**

## September 2022

### Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- Gallery@501 in Sherwood Park has a wonderful [Alex Janvier exhibit](#)—on now until November 20—“The Healing Language of Alex Janvier” by world-renowned Denesuline artist, Alex Janvier, from Cold Lake First Nations, Treaty 6 Territory. Curated in partnership with the Janvier Gallery and Gallery@501, this exhibition features paintings, sketchbook drawings, video and audio works that reflect Janvier’s experiences within Canada’s residential school system.
- [Strathcona Museum and Archives](#) has two exhibits featuring Indigenous artists—Aaron Paquette’s immersive mural, The Past Shows Us The Way, and Shakihi: The Art of Connie Kulhavy.
- Strathcona County Hall in Sherwood Park is showcasing Métis artist Heather Shillinglaw’s art piece [miyotamon nanas - it is a good road in all directions](#).

### Direct Student Support

- The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) is continuing its partnership with Dolly Parton Imagination Library for its Oskaya Ayamichikewak Young Readers Program. MNA citizens can sign up for free children’s books mailed home each month. [Learn more](#)
- **Jordan’s Principle:** Learn more about Jordan’s Principle and the funding supports available for First Nations children—visit the [Assembly of First Nations](#) and [Government of Canada](#) resources.
- Welcome to Leaha Atcheynum, the newest member of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education team. Leaha identifies as a proud Métis woman with Cree ancestry and comes to us from Jackfish Lake, Saskatchewan, where her family still resides on their traditional Métis land. Her great-grandmother (chapan) comes from Saulteux First Nation and her great-grandfather was a French settler. Leaha is married into Sweetgrass First Nation where her husband and children are registered treaty members. Leaha and her family reside just east of Chipman, Alberta. She is an advisor with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education team where she supports staff, students, families and communities. Leaha has a degree in social work from the University of Regina.

### Resources of Interest

- Interested in learning more about how your school is engaging in truth-telling and the reconciliation process? Connect with Sherri Johnston, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Lead Teacher at the school.
- Interested in learning more about EIPS Division-wide work in First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education? Connect with the [Central Services Team](#) and read the Division’s [monthly blog](#).

- You may have noticed some recent and important additions at EIPS Central Services and at each Division school. Continuing on our learning journey of truth, understanding the meaning behind our land acknowledgement, and our commitment to the reconciliation process, the Treaty 6 and Métis Nation flag are now permanently displayed at each EIPS site. The official flag raising ceremony at Central Services happened in June and can be watched in its [entirety here](#) or a shortened video highlighting the Board of Trustees commitment can be [watched here](#). Please check with the lead teacher to find out more about the flag unveiling at your school.

## FAHHE UPDATES



This is the last week to get your orders in!  
Please find the ordering information here.  
\$30/16kg pail  
Deadline: Monday, October 24th at 4:00pm  
Delivery to the school middle of November



Get your Christmas lists ready to go, Purdys chocolate fundraiser coming soon with delivery in time for the Holidays!

### 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 Jaclyn at [hhehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:hhehotlunch@gmail.com).

Upcoming Hot Lunch:

*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](http://www.HealthyHunger.ca)

*Boston Pizza*

Thursday, November 17th - Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Nov 12th)

Friday, November 18th - Kinder A (Ordering closes Nov 13th)

### *Jugo Juice*

Wednesday, November 23rd – Kinder A (Ordering closes Nov 18th)

Friday, November 25th – Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Nov 20th)

### **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!**

**“Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.”**

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*