



HERITAGE HILLS

ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

November 28 - December 2, 2022

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Important Dates This Week at Heritage Hills

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, November 28

- Ms. K is at the school
- Shine Club - 10:06 a.m.
- Treat Sale for VIP Packages at lunch recess
- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29

- Ms. K is at the school
- Treat Sale for VIP Packages at lunch recess
- Volleyball Practice Gr 5 & 6 students

Wednesday, November 30

- Treat Sale for VIP Packages at lunch recess
- 2M in class field trip in the afternoon

Thursday, December 1

- Chess Club at 12:02 p.m.
- Grade 6 Field Trip to the Legislature
- Hot Lunch - COBS - Kinder B (Ordering closes Nov 26th)

Friday, December 2

- Hot Lunch - COBS - Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Nov 27th)
- Junior Ukulele Ensemble - 12:02 p.m.
- Volleyball [Tournament Dec 2 & 3rd](#)

Monday, December 5

- [Canada Learning Code Week begins](#)
- [Computer Science Education Week](#) & [Hour of Code](#)
- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02 p.m.

Principal:

We had another great week at Heritage Hills Elementary. We now have three and a half weeks until our Christmas Break and we have a great deal on the agenda for that time. One of the big events coming up is our Christmas Concert, please see the information below. Thank you to our School Council and FAHHE for your help and support with this event.

Report cards: Report cards were posted on Friday. You can access them via your parent PowerSchool account. We are proud of the learning accomplishments of all our students.

Christmas Concert:

Our Christmas concert will be on Wednesday, December 7th and will be held at the Park Church in Sherwood Park. The seating capacity of the auditorium is 850 and we have almost 500 students. With one concert we would have to limit the number of tickets per family. For this reason we will be having two concerts. The schedule for the concerts are:

At this time the schedule will look like this:

Concert Wednesday, December 7, 2022:

5:40 pm - Doors Open for Division One Concert (Division One Parents will enter and leave through East Doors) - Door 4 (Entrance doors are marked)

6:00 pm - 6:45 Division One Concert

6:45 pm - 7:15 Transition Time For Parents

7:00 pm - Doors Open for Division Two Concert (Division Two Parents will enter through West Doors) - Door 2 (Entrance doors are marked)

7:15 pm - 8:00 - Division Two Concert

Doors/Entrances & Exits

When reviewing attendance and numbers we currently have:

162 families - in Division 1

115 families - in Division 2

At this time we are hoping not to have to give out tickets but please be mindful of the number of individuals you will be asking to attend. We feel that we can easily accommodate 3-4 family members.

When arriving, please enter through the appropriate door, and park accordingly. If you leave after the Division 1 concert, please exit the same way you entered as there will be a second group waiting to enter. When arriving at Park Church, please have one adult escort your child to the appropriate room (map will be provided later in the week as Dr. Boyer is just finalizing this information). If your family is

attending both concerts, please stay in your seats during the intermission and have only one family member escort your division 2 child to the appropriate room & collect div 1 child.

Due to internet issues at Park Church live streaming of the concert will not be possible this year.

Thank you to our amazing parent community who has helped with providing suggestions/ideas and helping with the logistics of our first ever HHE Live Christmas concert.

Supporting Learners:

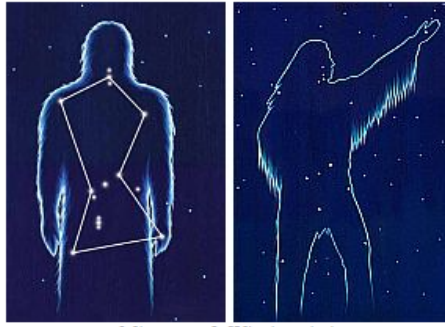
- We are pleased to welcome a new Educational Assistant in our French Immersion ECS classroom. Ms. Hemphill speaks French, has had diverse experiences working with children, and we are excited to have her join us.
- In recent weeks, teachers have been attending professional development sessions and visiting other schools to continue work with the new curriculum and to expand on literacy and numeracy skills.
- Teachers are in the process of retesting students using STAR tests to check on progress in the past two months and set goals for the next term.
- Mrs. Johnton, our Reading Support teacher, is working daily with small groups.
- We are currently reviewing the recent directives from Alberta Education and the best way to make use of Grade 2-4 Learning Loss Disruption Funding starting in January.

First Nations:

As the Orion constellation becomes more prominent in our night sky, it is interesting to note that in Cree mythology, this constellation is known as Wesakechak who is a trickster and hero. Cree stories begin, move forward and end with him. Stories about Wesakechak are to be told only in the winter when he stands tall in the sky. In Cree, he's called Mistapiw, also translated as the Giant who can capture spirits and transfer them from one spirit being to another. So the next time you look up at the starry sky with your children, see if you can spot this trickster/giant.



Wisakaychak on the Cree star map
© [Native Skywatchers](#)



Mistapew & Wisakaychak
Sources: [Wilfred Buck](#); [Atchakosuk](#)



Wisakaychak creates the Sun and the Moon
Source: [Lance Cardinal](#)

<http://judy-volker.com/StarLore/Myths/Native American North America2.html>

<https://science.ucalgary.ca/rothney-observatory/community/first-nations-skylore/orion>

Music:

The Senior Ensemble (Grades 4-6) will be singing at the Oil Kings' game on Friday, February 24th. A poster with details will be going home with the ukulele players on Monday. Come out and support us.

Book Fair:

Thank you to all the parents who came out and supported the Book Fair! Final totals will be shared in next week's weekly. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our school that helps supply our school with supplies, resources and BOOKS for all students.

Head Lice:



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, <https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/parent-information/head-lice> or from school office staff.

Christmas Bureau and Food Bank Donations for the Holidays:

Dear Heritage Hills Families,

As the holiday season quickly approaches, it is time to begin thinking about the importance of ensuring all of our community members have the opportunity to celebrate with their families. As a school community we would like to continue our tradition of supporting our community. We will be partnering with the Strathcona Christmas Bureau and the Strathcona Food Bank to collect donations to help families who may need a little extra support to make Christmas happen this year.

Currently the Christmas Bureau is in need of gifts for boys and girls ages 8-17, as well as adult gifts. Of course any donation is gratefully accepted!

Monday, November 28-Friday, December 2 (Christmas Bureau Gift Donations)- Gifts for boys and girls ages 8-17, and adult gifts

Monday, December 5 -Friday, December 16 - (Strathcona Food Bank) - watch the parent weekly for theme days for non-perishable food items starting on Monday, December 5th.

If you would like to make a cash donation and receive a tax receipt - please feel free to visit their website at www.strathconachristmasbureau.com - and note you are from Heritage Hills School. You can also scan the QR code which will take you straight to their website.

Thank you in advance for helping to make the holiday season bright for everyone in our community.
Happy Holidays!



Strathcona Christmas Bureau

If your family, or someone else's you know could use some support - the Strathcona Christmas Bureau can be accessed by individuals and/or individuals can make a referral for another person or family. Applications will be accepted Tuesday, November 1st to Wednesday, November 30th.

<https://www.strathconachristmasbureau.com/am-i-eligible>

Food Bank

Strathcona Food Bank

Individuals and families can apply for hampers, by phoning 780-449-6413.

<https://strathconafoodbank.ca/hungry/>

School Council & FAHHE:

Next Meeting: January 11, 2023 @ 7:45pm following school council.

Thank you!

Thank you for all your support of our fundraisers this year. The Beartracks fundraiser brought in over \$6000 that will go to benefit our students.

Purdy's Pickup

The chocolates will be available for pick up on Friday, December 2nd from 4-7pm and Saturday, December 3rd from 9am-12pm. They can be picked up from the garage at 635 Sherwood Hills Estates.

Treat Sale: Christmas Concert Draw: VIP Packages

We are offering up 2 VIP packages for each concert. Each package will include front row reserved parking and 4 front row reserved seats.

Students can come purchase a treat during the lunch recess Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will be entered into the draw.

1 entry \$1

5 entries \$3

10 entries \$5

The draw will be done on Friday, December 2nd.

Milk and Cookies

School council and FAHHE are excited to bring a Holiday treat to the staff and students. On December 19th/20th, we will be delivering some milk and cookies to everyone in the school.

We are looking for donations of nut free cookies, if you're interested, please click [HERE](#) to sign-up. Cookies are to be dropped off at the school on Friday, December 16th.

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

Upcoming Hot Lunch:

COBS

Thursday, December 1st – Kinder B (Ordering closes Nov 26th)

Friday, December 2nd – Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Nov 27th)

WOK BOX

Thursday, December 15th – Kinder B (Ordering closes Dec 10th)
Friday, December 16th – Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Dec 11th)
Order online at www.HealthyHunger.ca

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.

Enjoy a great week everyone!!!

“No one has ever become poor from giving.”

- Anne Frank