



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

December 5 - December 12, 2022

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Important Dates This Week at Heritage Hills

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, December 5

- [Canada Learning Code Week begins](#)
- [Computer Science Education Week](#) & [Hour of Code](#)
- Ms. K is at the school
- Shine Club 10:06 a.m.
- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02 p.m.
- Christmas Food Bank Drive - Breakfast: pancake mix, peanut butter, jam, honey, powdered milk, cereal, coconut milk

Tuesday, December 6

- Ms. K is at the school
- Grade 5 English Classes to Oil Kings Game (Evening)
- Christmas Food Bank Drive - Canned Goods: fish, meat, vegetables, sauces, soup, fruit, chickpeas, beans, pie filling

Wednesday, December 7

- Ms. K is at the school
- Heritage Hills Christmas Concert - [Map](#) - Please see information below
- Christmas Food Bank Drive - Pasta: dried pasta, sauces, tomato sauce, boxed pasta, KD

Thursday, December 8

- Chess Club at 12:02 p.m. (Art Room)
- Christmas Food Bank Drive - Lunch: tuna, canned meat, soup, crackers, KD, pudding, fruit snacks

Friday, December 9

- DARE Grad - Grade 6 - 1:00 p.m. - Gym unavailable.
- Junior Ukulele Ensemble - 12:02 p.m.
- Theme Day: Holiday Sweater/Shirt
- Christmas Food Bank Drive - Snacks: cookies, salsa, candy, granola, apple sauce, chips, tacos

Monday, December 12

- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02 p.m.
- Christmas Food Bank Drive - Baby: baby food, baby treats, formula, go go squeeze fruit, baby cookies

Principal:

Hope you were able to keep warm during the cold spell we had last week. It will be warming up for this upcoming week and our students should be able to spend some recess time outside. Please remind your children to wear boots and have warm winter dress.

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:

Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - PLEASE NOTE - MOST OF THIS INFORMATION HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST WEEK due to logistics and information from the Church.

Christmas Concert Information Map

5:40 pm - Doors Open for Division One Concert (Division One includes Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3)

Parents will enter and leave through **Door 2 - Entrance doors are marked**. Please escort your Division One child to the Fellowship Hall Room #105, leave them with their teacher and then head to your seat. All Division One students will meet here.

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm - Division One Concert - Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3.

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

- If you are not staying for the Division Two concert, please pick up your child from the Fellowship Room and exit through Door 2.
- If your family is attending both concerts, please pick up your Division One child from the Fellowship Room and take them back to your seats and have a family member escort your Division 2 child to the appropriate room.

7:00 pm - Doors Open for Division Two Concert (Division Two Parents will enter through - **Door 4 - Entrance doors are marked** / (Please escort your Division Two child to the marked room - either 113, 114, 115. [See attached map](#))

7:15 pm - 8:00 pm - Division Two Concert - Grades 4 - 6

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

If your child is in the Monday & Friday Ukulele club, please ensure they bring their ukulele to the church for the Christmas concert. As well, please ensure that both the ukulele and bag are clearly labelled with their name.

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.

Fee Waiver Application Deadline:

If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2022. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2022, or 45 days after registration.

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 using Visa or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

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 field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities and more.

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

Volleyball:

Thank you, to all students and parents that came to the volleyball tournament and helped to make it a SUCCESS! Thank you, to all students that came to volleyball this school year; Continue to practise and look for future opportunities to participate in volleyball and other extracurricular activities.

Coaches:

Do you have skills related to Basketball / Badminton / Track & Field or Cross Country Running and would like to help coach the students of Heritage Hills Elementary? Please email justin.mazur@eips.ca. Let him know which sports you have an interest in coaching, best way to reach you and when you would be available to coach during the day. There are opportunities to enter elementary tournaments so we will need to align practice seasons with these opportunities.

Shine Club:

Thank you so much for your toy and gift donations for the Strathcona Christmas Bureau so far. You have helped a number of families provide gifts this holiday season and would love to help out a few more. We are extending our collection until Thurs, Dec 8. 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!

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.



Also, from Dec 5-16 We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Strathcona Food Bank.

The students have thought of some fun theme days for donations;

Mon, Dec 5

Breakfast - pancake mix, peanut butter, jam, honey, powder milk, cereal, coconut milk

Tue, Dec 6

Canned goods - fish, meat, vegetables, sauces, soup, fruit, chickpeas, beans, coconut milk, pie filling

Wed, Dec 7

Pasta - dried pasta, sauces, tomato sauce, box pasta, KD

Thurs, Dec 8

Lunch - tuna, canned meat, soup, crackers, KD, pudding, fruit snacks

Fri, Dec 9

Snacks -cookies, salsa, candy, granola, apple sauce, chips, tacos,

Mon, Dec 12

Baby - baby food, baby treats, formula, go go squeeze fruit,

Tues, Dec 13

Baking - box mixes, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cocoa powder, chocolate chips, vanilla extract, marshmallows, pie filling, icing

Wed, Dec 14

Dinner - pasta, soup, box potatoes, chilli, KD, rice, salad dressings, shake n bake,

Thur, Dec 15

Cooking essentials - oil, spices, dressings, gravy packages, ketchup, mustard, hot sauce, soy sauce, jared sauces, mayo

Fri, Dec 16

Soup - broth, canned soup, boxed soup, crackers, lentils, rice, noodles, ramen, bouillon, canned vegetables

Donations will be accepted at any time, not just on the days specified. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.

Counsellor

Resources for parents

[Zones of Regulation](#) is a program used in schools and by parents that teaches children how to understand and communicate their emotions. It is key for adults and children to have a shared understanding. This resource is something I often share with parents trying to teach their children awareness and when children suffer from anxiety.

[Free Counselling via FCSS Strathcona County](#) is available to all Strathcona County residents. They accept walk-ins, they see children, youth, adults, and seniors. The service is FREE.

[Triple P Teen: Rudeness and Disrespect, Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 12 - 1:30pm - Family and parenting supports | Strathcona County](#) is a free online informative, supportive discussion for parents and caregivers.

Christmas Break

Heritage Hills Elementary will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023.

During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Open December 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Dec. 26, 2022 to Jan. 2, 2023

Open January 3; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. *for location and contact information visit

<https://www.eips.ca/contact>.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Returning Student Registration for 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12

students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023. [Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at (780) 467-7447.

Book Fair:

Thank you to all the parents who came out and supported the Book Fair! We raised \$5300. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our school that helps supply our school with supplies, resources and BOOKS for all students.

Food Bank

Strathcona Food Bank

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

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

School Council & FAHHE:

School Council and FAHHE Updates:



The Senior Ukulele Ensemble will be performing at the February 24th Oil Kings game. We have tickets available for \$22 each.

Link to order form can be found [HERE](#). Orders due by February 8th, 2023.

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.

Christmas Concert VIP Packages

Congratulations to our winners for the VIP packages. Winners have been notified by e-mail.

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 one more volunteer to help deliver on December 19th, if you're interested, please click [HERE](#) to sign-up. Cookies are to be dropped off at the school on Friday, December 16th.

Casino

We have been allotted a casino for June 28 and 29th in Camrose. The shifts run from 3:00pm-12:00am. We need 5 volunteers per evening. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up [HERE](#).

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.

** Please note: if your child is absent and you would like to pick up their order they will be available **AFTER 1:00pm** at the office. Please do not come earlier as it disrupts the distribution to the classes.

Upcoming Hot Lunch:

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.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2023 @ 7:45pm following school council.
Minutes from the November 16th meeting can be found [here](#).

Enjoy a great week everyone!!!

"You can't get too much winter in the winter."

– Robert Frost