



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

December 12 - December 20, 2022

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, December 12

- Ms. K is at the school
- Shine Club at 10:06 a.m.
- Grades 4 - 6 Ukulele 12:02 p.m.
- **Christmas Food Drive Items, Baby** - baby food, baby treats, formula, go go squeeze fruit,

Tuesday, December 13

- Ms. K is at the school
- **Christmas Food Drive Items, Baking** - box mixes, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cocoa powder, chocolate chips, vanilla extract, marshmallows, pie filling, icing

Wednesday, December 14

- **Christmas Food Drive Items, Dinner** - pasta, soup, box potatoes, chilli, KD, rice, salad dressings, shake n bake,

Thursday, December 15

- Hot Lunch - Kinder B
- Chess Club at 12:02 p.m. (Art Room)
- **Christmas Food Drive Items, Cooking essentials** - oil, spices, dressings, gravy packages, ketchup, mustard, hot sauce, soy sauce, jared sauces, mayo

Friday, December 16

- Hot Lunch - Grade 1-6 and Kinder A
- No Friday Ukulele until New Year
- **Christmas Food Drive Items, Soup** - broth, canned soup, boxed soup, crackers, lentils, rice, noodles, ramen, bouillon, canned vegetables

Monday, December 19

- Division Two Field Trip

Tuesday, December 20

- Theme Day: Pajama Day
- Last day of school for Christmas break

Wednesday, January 4

- First day of school for 2023

Principal:

It has been a great first four months of the school year and it has gone by very fast. As I reflect on this time, we have many celebrations to be thankful for. Our students are in classes regularly this year and we have had a variety of school and community events which include: Meet the Staff evening with hotdog dinner, Terry Fox Run with community participation, Orange Shirt Day Assembly with community invited, Read In Week with many readers from the community, a Halloween Dance with incredible attendance and a wonderful Christmas Concert and our Grade Six Students just completed the DARE Program and we had a wonderful DARE Graduation. We want to thank you for all your support and participation. We look forward to a great 2023 at Heritage Hills Elementary.

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.heritagehillselementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Suzanne Cleet at Heritage Hills Elementary at 780-467-7447.

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.

This week we will continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Strathcona Food Bank. This will be the final week for donations.

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

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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.

Knitting Needles:

The grade threes are looking for donations of knitting needles (specifically 5.5-6 mm) and yarn. If you have some that you are no longer needing, we would love to take them off your hands for a special project. Donations can go to the office. Thank you in advance.

Math Games Night - Parents:

In the new year, HHE will be hosting a Math Game Evening for parents. During this evening, parents will learn and play fun numeracy games. See the flyer [HERE](#) for more information. RSVP to erin.clarke@eips.ca.

Counsellor:

[12 days, 12 ways, to boost kid's empathy and create memories over the holidays](#)



[Key Strategies to Teach Children Empathy \(Sorted by Age\)](#)

Have your say, EIPS wants to hear from you!

The [Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) is now available. The report is a summary of how Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. Both the full report and an overview are available for readers.

Reflecting on this report and the past school year, EIPS wants to hear from you to gain a deeper understanding of your confidence in the Division and its strategic direction. As such, the annual EIPS Year-in-Review: Stakeholder Confidence Survey is now open. Thank you for your patience while we temporarily postponed the survey—it's now reopened. Complete the Year-in-Review Survey by December 18.

The survey covers a range of topics, including student growth and achievement, learning supports, teaching and leading, governance and resource allocations. The information gathered will help EIPS:

- assess stakeholder confidence—families, staff, Grade 12 students and community members;
- gather input to guide future decision-making;
- gather feedback to enhance its [Four-Year Education Plan](#); and
- provide a platform for families, students, staff and community members to have a voice in ensuring high-quality, student-centred learning environments in EIPS schools.

EIPS will share the results in the Annual Education Results Report 2022-23. **[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!](#)** Survey closes Dec. 18, 2022 If you've already completed the

2021-22 survey, there's no need to do so again. Your responses have been recorded and will be included in the Division data.

NOTE: EIPS encourages everyone to respond honestly. Your identity and answers are confidential and cannot be linked to you or your child's school. Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to complete the survey at school. Families who do not want their child to complete the survey simply need to advise their child's school.

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.

Parent Volunteer:

We are looking for a volunteer that would be willing to put together a drying rack for the art room. It will take approximately an hour and requires no tools, just some muscles. If you are interested please email Ms. Carruthers at

stacey.carruthers@eips.ca

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.

School Council and FAHHE Updates

Are you curious where our fundraising money goes? We fund things like cultural events or on site field trips that wouldn't otherwise be possible. We find creative ways to thank our teachers. Most of our funds, though, go towards school "asks" which could include anything from physical equipment (recess bins, indoor recess activities etc.) to Chromebooks and learning resources. Any annual surplus gets rolled over into our ongoing playground completion project.



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.

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 and 20th, 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 & have a very Merry Christmas

“May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.”

-Unknown