



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 16 - January 23, 2023

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, January 16

- Ms. K at the school
- Grade 4-6 Ukulele Club

Tuesday, January 17

- Ms. K at the school
- Info Meeting for Minecraft Design Challenge - Gr 4-6 (new lunch club)

Wednesday, January 18

- Ms. K at the school
- Grade 4 Comic Club - during morning recess

Thursday, January 19

- Hot Lunch - Subway for Kindergarten Schedule B only today
***requests for hot lunch pickup must be done by 10:00 a.m. and only through email to hhehotlunch@gmail.com**
- Deadline to register for the Math Games Night for Parents (January 26th)

Friday, January 20

- Chess Club - 12:02 p.m.
- Grade 2-3 Ukulele Club
- Hot Lunch - Subway for entire school
***requests for hot lunch pickup must be done by 10:00 a.m. and only through email to hhehotlunch@gmail.com**

Monday, January 23

- Ms. K at the school
- Grade 4-6 Ukulele Club

Principal:

Last week was our first five day week of school for the 2023 school year and it was a great first week with our students. We did have some days when the Air Quality Index was high and we did stay inside for recess at those times. Hopefully that is behind us for now and we can resume regular recess outside.

On Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at our School Council Meeting, we discussed school fees for the 2023 - 2024 school year. We had a great discussion and received good feedback from all who attended. We will finalize our school fees for the 2023 -2024 school year in March. If you have any additional thoughts or comments please share them here: [google form](#).

We also discussed our School Education Plan and the Assurance Review. Please take the opportunity to look at our results and see how Heritage Hills has performed. [2021-22 HHE_SEP and Assurance Review.pdf](#)

Parent Engagement & Involvement:

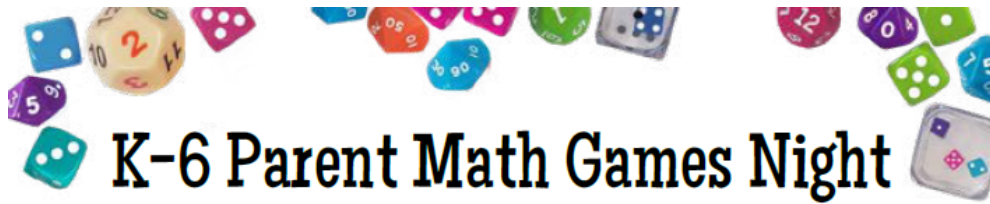
Parent engagement and involvement is one of our school priorities. It is actually a part of our Goal Two in the Heritage Hills School Education Plan.

We will create a vibrant and welcoming Heritage Hills School community that is inclusive of all stakeholders by engaging students, staff, parents, and the community. 95 % of survey stakeholders will agree that Heritage Hills is encouraging students to be responsible, respectful, and engaged citizens.

We have a vibrant School Council and Fundraising Society (FAHHE) which promotes many activities and school events. Some of these events include our hot lunch program and the Halloween Dance. We have great discussions at School Council Meetings and gain great feedback. We have also had many parents and grandparents in our school volunteering in a variety of ways which include working with students, working in the Learning Commons, assembling school furniture, giving presentations in areas of expertise and in many other ways. We are always looking for more opportunities for Parent Engagement and Involvement. Please share if you have any additional ideas or thoughts.

Math Games Night For Parents:

We have a K - 6 Math Games Night Scheduled for **Parents only** on January 26. This is an evening event for parents as we will be talking about curriculum and how parents can support their children in numeracy. It is an interactive event where parents will learn and play fun numeracy games to bring home to their families. Later in the spring we will have a Math Game Night which includes both parents and students. See registration below. Please RSVP by January 19th to erin.clarke@eips.ca.



K-6 Parent Math Games Night

Heritage Hills Elementary



Come spend an evening playing a variety of math games for Kindergarten to Grade 6! Each registered family will receive a packet of math games to play along with the presenter, and manipulatives will be supplied for use during the session (these manipulatives will be made available for purchase). Bring your best energy! Prizes are awarded for participation!

Benefits for Kids:

A fun way to review and strengthen basic math skills at home!

Children who are secure in their math skills will grow in self-esteem and have greater success in school.

Benefits for Parents:

A motivating, simple and economical homework support that reinforces concepts taught in school.

Your presenter will provide you with strategies, tips and tricks to help your child with math fluency.

Games Reinforce:

- Counting
- Problem Solving
- Basic Facts: $+$, $-$, \times , \div
- Place Value

WHEN:

Thursday, January 26th, 2023
6:00 - 7:30 PM

WHERE:

Heritage Hills Elementary Gym

RSVP To:

erin.clarke@eips.ca

By:

Jan 19th, 2023

Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks
p. 1-866-342-3386
p. 780-440-6284
f. 780-440-1619
info@boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com



Staffing Changes:

As we start the second half of the school year we have some staffing changes to support the learning of our students. Some additional funding has supported us in these changes.

- In French Immersion Grade Two, Mrs. Macdonald will now be full time and Mrs. Johnston will move to support our split classes in Division Two by teaching the Grade Five Science and Social Studies. She will also work with Division One French Immersion Students who qualify for Learning Disruption support in Literacy and/or Numeracy.

- Mrs. Clarke will be moving to support students qualifying for Learning Disruption Funding in Grades 1 - 4 Numeracy who qualified for this funding. This will be for 0.2 FTE of her teaching time and Mrs. Pontalliar will be teaching the Grade Three Class during those periods.
- We are also in the process of acquiring additional EA time to add additional support to classes

All of these changes will support student learning at Heritage Hills Elementary.

Parent Volunteer Needed:

We are looking for a parent volunteer (or a few) who would be willing to put together some new Phys. Ed equipment carts and fill some new balls with air. Please contact Ms. Carruthers at stacey.carruthers@eips.ca if you are interested and available to help anytime during the school day this week.

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.

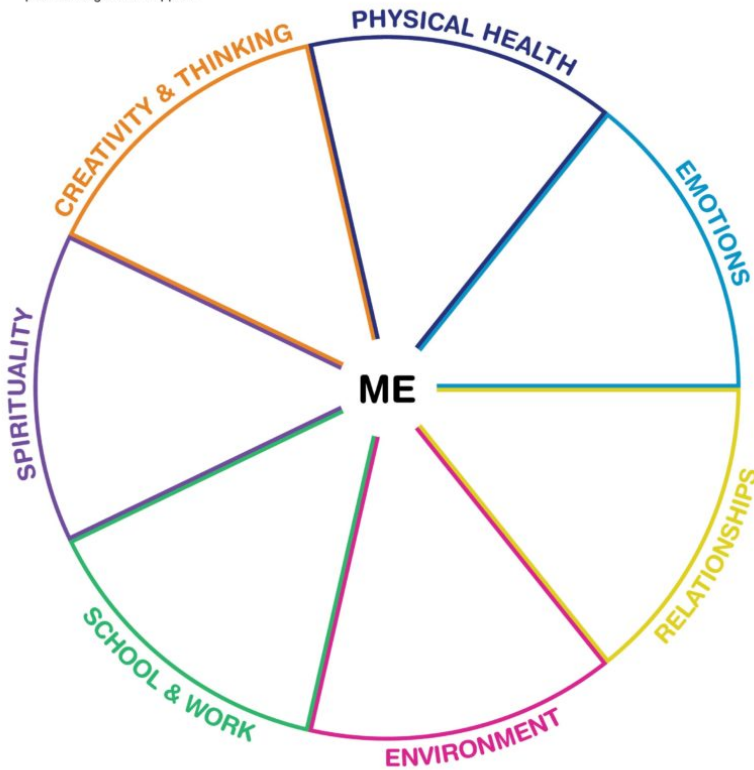
Counsellor:

[Canada Wide Mental Health Resources, Programs, and Supports](#) sponsored by BELL Talk Day 2023

The Wheel of Well-Being

Kids Help Phone 

Kids Help Phone's Wheel of Well-Being can help you see the different parts of your life in full circle. You can print the wheel to write your answers to the questions and take notes on what well-being means to you as you go. If you ever need support in any of these areas, it's important to reach out for help. You can always talk to a friend, Elder, teacher or parent/caregiver for support.



Visit [KidsHelpPhone.ca](https://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

Call 1-800-668-6868

Text 686868

[The Wheel of Well-being](#)

Visit this website to find parent resources, including guidelines on how to talk to your children about emotions.

Head Lice:

Make weekly checks for head lice a regular part of your child's personal hygiene routine!

Head lice is a common problem faced by school-aged children and their families. Cases of head lice often increase following school breaks due to such things as sleepovers. While head lice control is primarily a parent responsibility, parents, the school, and community all have a role to play. Talk to your child and try to normalize lice as common in school children. Lice have been around for a long time, they are not dangerous, any student can get them, lice do not carry germs and do not make you sick; they are found in both clean and dirty hair, and they can easily be treated using a special lice shampoo. Also, talk to your child about

proactive behaviours they can take to help prevent the spread of head lice. This includes avoiding head contact, and not sharing combs, hats, pillows, and hair accessories. Your child should know that teasing other students about head lice is unacceptable because just like the common cold, anyone can get head lice. It's essential that each family does its part at home by undertaking weekly [head checks](#). Early detection and removal of live lice and nits (eggs) should be part of routine personal hygiene. For further information, visit the [AHS website](#) or contact 811 [Health Link](#).

School Fees 2023-2024:

At our School Council Meeting on January 11, 2023 we discussed school fees for the 2023 - 2024 school year. I understand not all families were able to attend the meeting but it's still important we get as much input from the school community as possible. Therefore, please utilise the following [google form](#) to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas regarding school fees for the next school year..

School administration will use feedback provided to help determine fees for 2023-24, which will then be shared at the March school council meeting, posted to our website and shared via link through email.

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.

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 you MUST email hhehotlunch@gmail.com BEFORE 10:00am and it will be available AFTER 1:00pm at the office. Please do not come earlier as it disrupts the distribution to the classes. The School Office will no longer be taking any messages to do with hot lunch.

Upcoming Hot Lunch:

SUBWAY

Thursday, January 19th – Kinder B (Ordering closes Jan 14th)

Friday, January 20th – Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Jan 15th)

PANAGO

Thursday, February 2nd – Kinder B (Ordering closes Jan 28th)

Friday, February 3rd – Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Jan 29th)

IHOP

Wednesday, February 15th – Kinder A (Ordering Closes Feb 10th)

Friday, February 17th – Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Feb 12th)

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: March 8, 2023 @ 7:45pm following school council which starts at 6:30 P.M.

Enjoy a great week everyone

"Turn your wounds into wisdom."

— Oprah Winfrey