



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 30 - February 6, 2023

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### **This Week at Heritage Hills:**

#### **Monday, January 30**

- No school (PD Day)

#### **Tuesday, January 31**

- Ms. K at the school
- Grade 5 & 6 Girls Basketball Club at Lunch Recess
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 6 Students - Art Rm
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 4-5 FI Students - Rm 234

#### **Wednesday, February 1**

- Grade 4 Comic Club - during morning recess
- Grade 5 & 6 Boys Basketball Club at Lunch Recess
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 4-5 English Students - Rm 219
- Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal

#### **Thursday, February 2**

- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 4-5 FI Students - Rm 234
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 6 Students - Art Rm

#### **Friday, February 3**

- Chess Club - 12:02 p.m.
- Grade 2-3 Ukulele Club - 12:02

#### **Monday, February 6**

- Ms. K at the school
- Grade 4-6 Ukulele Club - 12:02
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 4-5 English Students - Rm 219

## Principal:

Hope your children enjoyed another great week at Heritage Hills Elementary. This week may be a little on the cool side and we will have to watch the weather for possible indoor recesses. Registration for the 2023 - 2024 school year runs from February 1 - 28. Please have your child(ren) registered during this time as we will start our staffing process for the 2023 -2024 school year in March. The more accurate our student numbers are helps us in building our classes as effectively as possible.

## Thank You:

In recent months we have had many parents volunteering their time at Heritage Hills Elementary. Parents & Grandparents have volunteered in a variety of ways which include: hot lunch, participating in classroom activities, putting together new furniture, shelving books in the learning commons, participating in field trips, supervision, sharing your expertise with classes, Parent Math Evening and in a variety of other ways. We want to thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated. You do make a difference for our students.

## Math Games Night For Parents:

Thank you to everyone who attended our Math Games Night For Parents. I enjoyed the evening and the opportunity to see you and engage in some great conversations. I hope you enjoyed the evening as well and learned some additional ways you can work with your children on numeracy skills.

## Counsellor:

While parents cannot protect their children from every danger that life may present them with, there are a number of things you can do to foster skills necessary to create and maintain healthy relationships and stop bullying. [PREVnet](#) offers resources and information about bullying, for parents.

February 22 is [PINK Shirt Day](#). Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink shirts to take a stand against bullying.

## 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.

## Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [eips.ca/kindergarten](https://eips.ca/kindergarten).

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Heritage Hills Elementary's kindergarten program is available at [www.heritagehillselementary.ca/kindergarten](https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/kindergarten)

### Mascot:

We are happy and proud to announce Heritage Hills Elementary is the home of the Coyotes! The decision to be the Coyotes was based on the votes from our HHE staff and community. This summer, we worked with EIPS communications to develop our new mascot. We love that the coyote represents togetherness, playfulness, knowledge and it is a member of the Heritage Hills wildlife.



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COYOTES

The [school store](#) is open for any families who would like to order some new HHE apparel. The store will remain open until Feb 15.

## Download the SchoolMessenger App

HHE and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform to communicate with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add [communications@eips.ca](mailto:communications@eips.ca) and [general.hhe@eips.ca](mailto:general.hhe@eips.ca) to your safe sender list to avoid having important messages funneled into your junk mail folder.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates from both the Division and your child's school direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather

than searching to find an old message buried in their inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the App Store or Google Play today.

### **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.

### **Yearbook 2022-23 School Year:**

Our student yearbook team of 50 Grade 5&6 students, and our Lifetouch rep, are excited to begin designing the 2022-23 Heritage Hills yearbook.

Sales for the yearbook begin Monday, January 30, 2023. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, please log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal to place an order. Payment is required at the time of ordering.

#### Yearbook options:

Hard Cover \$27.00

Soft Cover \$22.00

The yearbook is an **optional** purchase.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **Heritage Hills Elementary School Basketball Club:**

This is an open invitation to all students in Grades 5 and 6 who love basketball. We will be running some practices for any students that are interested in improving their basketball skills. We will run these practices on Tuesday and Wednesdays at lunch recess. For any Grade 5 and 6 girls that are interested, we will begin this Tuesday and Grade 5 and 6 boys will play on Wednesdays. We have three parent volunteers who have stepped up to help run these clubs. We hope to see you there!

### **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](mailto:hhehotlunch@gmail.com).

**\*\* Change to Procedure -Please note:** if your child is absent and you would like to pick up their order or have it given to someone specific, you **MUST** email [hhehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto: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 messages regarding hot lunch changes.

### **Upcoming Hot Lunch:**

#### **PANAGO**

Thursday, February 2nd – Kinder B

Friday, February 3rd – Kinder A and Grade 1-6

#### **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](http://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 @ School Council @ 6:30pm and FAHHE @ 7:45pm following school council.

School Council January 11th minutes found [here](#).  
FAHHE January 11th minutes found [here](#).

**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**