



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

February 6 - February 13, 2023

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

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

- Grade 4-6 Ukulele Club 12:02 p.m.
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 4-5 English Students - Art Rm 12:02 p.m.
- Ms. K. is in the school.

#### **Tuesday, February 7**

- Grade 5 & 6 Girls Basketball Club at Lunch Recess
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 6 Students - Art Rm 12:02 p.m.
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 4-6 FI Students - Rm 234 12:02 p.m.
- French Immersion Public Consultation at Heritage Hills Elementary - 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.
- Ms. K is in the school

#### **Wednesday, February 8**

- Grade 5 & 6 Boys Basketball Club at Lunch Recess
- Comic Club for Grade 4s at 10:06 a.m.
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 4-5 English Students - Rm 219 - 12:02 p.m.

#### **Thursday, February 9**

- Teachers' Convention - School Closed

#### **Friday, February 10**

- Teachers' Convention - School Closed

#### **Monday, February 13**

- Ms. K in the School
- Grade 4-6 Ukulele Club 12:02 p.m.
- Minecraft Design Challenge - Grade 4-5 English Students - Art Rm 12:02 p.m.

## Principal:

It looks like this upcoming week is going to be much warmer. It is also the week of Teachers' Convention and there will be no school on Thursday or Friday.

\*\*\*Registration for the 2023 -2024 school year is now under way. Registration ends on February 28th. The earlier you register your children for the next school year the easier it will be for us to continue our planning and setting up new classes. We thank you for your continued support.

## Assurance Survey:

Alberta Education administers an Assurance Survey during February and early March each year. This survey is completed by all certificated staff, Grade 4 Students and Grade 4 Parents. School Staff and Grade 4 students will have opportunities to complete the survey at school. Grade 4 Parents will receive notification of the survey from Alberta Education through mail. Packages will be mailed out to all Grade 4 Parents. We encourage you to take the time to complete the survey as it gives us feedback on what we are doing well and areas for improvement.

## French Immersion Public Consultation at Heritage Hills Elementary February 7th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The district is hosting the second of three evening consultation events as they examine future directions for the French Immersion programming in EIPS. Parents are invited to attend this session and give feedback. There will be a formal session in the gym starting at 5:30 pm and then breakout sessions to follow.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 15 and Thursday, February 16. These will be *in person* for a 10 minute conference. Teachers try their best to stay on schedule. They will often set up a timer. The booking site is now open:

<https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/6wvvgp>

## Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada:

A special presentation will be happening in the gym on the evening of Wednesday, Feb 15 in conjunction with parent-teacher interviews. Cheryl Devin, one of our First Nations, Métis and Inuit consultants, will be offering a drop-in presentation. The large [Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada](#) will be set up in the gym and Cheryl will be available to help you explore, answer questions and also share insights about Métis culture and history. Families are invited to drop into the gym before or after their interview appointments.

## Counsellor:

[Alberta Health Services'](#) offers FREE online programming to parents and caregivers

of school-age children who want to learn more about addiction and mental health topics. Caregiver education topics in February include; Parenting Strategies for Positive Mental Health for children in grades K-6, Technology and the Teenage

Brain, and Understanding Self-Injury

February 17th is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Here are [50 ideas for parents](#) on activities that they can do with their children to reinforce kindness.

February 22 is [PINK Shirt Day](#). Students are encouraged to wear pink shirts to take a stand against bullying. There will be a number of school activities taking place.

## 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:

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.



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## 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** 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 met with our Lifetouch rep this week and have begun the plan for our 2022-2023 yearbook.

Sales for the yearbook have begun and can be purchased by logging into your PowerSchool Parent Portal. 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.

## School Council and FAHHE Updates:

**LAST WEEK TO ORDER TICKETS!!!**



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).

\*\* Please note: if your child is absent and you would like to pick up their order 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.

### Upcoming Hot Lunch:

#### 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.**

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**

**– Nelson Mandela**