



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

February 20 - February 27, 2023

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, February 20

- Family Day School Closed

Tuesday, February 21

- Grade 5 & 6 Girls Basketball Club at Lunch Recess
- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 6 Students - Art Rm 12:02 p.m.
- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 4-6 FI Students - Rm 234 12:02 p.m.
- Gr.1 & 2 Reading Club - 2:06p.m.

Wednesday, February 22

- Ms. K. is in the school.
- **Pink Shirt Day**
- Grade 5 & 6 Boys Basketball Club at Lunch Recess
- Comic Club for Grade 4s at 10:06 a.m.
- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 4-5 English Students - Rm 219 - 12:02 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 6 Students - Art Rm 12:02 p.m. 📦
- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 4-6 FI Students - Rm 234 12:02 p.m. 📦
- Winter lesson for all classes with Jeremy Albert, our First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Advisor

Friday, February 24

- Chess Club - 12:02 p.m.
- Rehearsal for students performing at the Oil Kings Game - 12:02 (Gr 2-3 Ukulele is cancelled for this day)
- Theme Day: HHE Wear Day

Monday, February 27

- 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.
- SHINE Club - 10:06 a.m.

Principal:

Last week was filled with many wonderful activities at HHE including Valentine's Day, 100th day, knitting in Grade 3, Indigenous Peoples Map, Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, Random Acts of Kindness Day and hot lunch.

Each day when I visit our classrooms our students are engaged in their learning and they always have so much to share with me. Lately, many of the conversations with students in all grades was the topic of what our classrooms and home life were like when I started teaching. Our students had to think of life without the internet or computers. We have had some great conversations.

With Monday being Family Day, we have a short week in days of school but a very busy week in terms of activities at Heritage Hills Elementary. On Wednesday, we will be recognizing **Pink Shirt Day**. We do have a number of activities planned and we encourage all students, staff and parent volunteers to wear a **pink shirt** on Wednesday.

Thank you to those of you who have already registered for the 2023-2024 school year. All re-registrations need to be in by February 28th. At that time we will start to put together classes for the next school year. The earlier students are registered the more accurate our class configurations will be. Thank you for your support.

As the weather turns colder this week, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. If we can, we will try to go outside. In the morning, supervision does not begin out front until 8:10, if it is indoor recess, students can not enter the school until this time unless they are in BGC. The [Administrative Procedure 131](#) on Inclement Weather has been updated in January 2023. Please review to answer any questions you may have.

Black History Month:

Black History Month runs from February 1 - February 28, 2023. Some of the activities we are engaging in to bring awareness to Black History Month include several book displays. Here is an example of one [Book Display](#) at HHE. Our books feature 4 different topics:

- ★ Black Joy & Magic
- ★ Empowering Stories
- ★ Racial & Community Awareness
- ★ Black People Impacting the World

In addition to our book displays, our announcements every day feature information related to Black History Month.

If you are curious about some inspiring black Canadians who have made an impact in the world through science, arts, politics, activism or entrepreneurship check out this website: [Periodic Table of Canadian Black History](#).

Mid-Point Review Survey

As a staff, we regularly review our [School Education Plan](#). We are at the mid-point in the school year, we would like to receive feedback on items we have highlighted as areas of growth. Please take a moment to complete this quick [survey](#).

Thank you to those of you who have already taken the time to complete our survey. There were some responses which asked about volunteering in classrooms and the school. This year we have had overwhelming responses for volunteers. We thank all of you who have taken the time to volunteer at Heritage Hills. If you are looking to volunteer and not sure where to start, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Counsellor:

HHE will be celebrating [Pink Shirt Day Alberta | Alberta.ca](#) on Wednesday, February 22. HHE's theme for this year is, 'Make Bullying Extinct'. The entire school will be participating in a range of activities including several guests reading to students in classrooms. The Sherwood Park News will be visiting the school. All students will be receiving a cookie thanks in part to a generous donation from Save on Foods in Summerwood.

Strathcona County is hosting a FREE [Family Fun Night](#), February 24, 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Activities and a light meal provided. Guests must register in advance.

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.

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

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.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit

Thank you to all the parents who stopped by to visit with Cheryl Devin, our First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Consultant, and experience the large Indigenous Peoples of Canada map last week during Parent-Teacher Interviews. We hope you enjoyed it! We also had a special visit by Elder Wilson who came to talk to a class of Grade 5 - they will be participating in a special event next month related to Residential School Survivors and the Seven Sacred teachings.

On Thursday, we look forward to having Jeremy Albert, another one of our education advisors, teach our students about Winter from an Indigenous perspective. We were hoping to use the Outdoor Classroom, but the cold weather may require us to stay inside. Be sure to ask your child about the experience!



Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of

water. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—greyness indicates the presence of water.

School Council and FAHHE Updates:

Oil Kings Tickets

If you purchased tickets for the ukulele performance on Friday, February 24, your tickets have been electronically transferred to the email on your order form. Please check your email and accept the ticket transfer as you will need it for Friday. If you have any questions, please email fahhe.president@gmail.com.



New Ongoing Fundraiser – Tru Earth

We are excited to add Tru Earth as an ongoing fundraiser. All orders will be shipped directly to your home for free on orders over \$50.

Simply click on our link to shop and 20% of each sale goes back to FAHHE.

tru-earth.sjv.io/FAHHE

Casino

We have been allotted a casino for June 28 and 29 in Camrose. The shifts run from 3:00 pm-12:00 am. 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.

Upcoming Hot Lunch: Café bicyclette



As part of the Carnaval activities, we will be offering a tourtière and tarte au sucre (sugar pie) lunch from Café bicyclette.

March 8 –Kinder A and 1-6

March 9 – Kinder B

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!!!

“Being able to be your true self is one of the strongest components of good mental health.”

-Lauren Fogel Mersy, n.d.