



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

February 27 - March 6, 2023

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, February 27

- First day of Carnaval
- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 4-5 English Students - Rm 219 - 12:02 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28

- Ms. K in the school
- La Girandole - French Canadian dancers will be doing lessons with classes all day in the gym
- Winter Lesson in the Outdoor Classroom for French Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2, 4j, 4/5K, 5M, 5C, and 6Z
- 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, March 1

- Staff Meeting Day - early dismissal
- Ms. K. is in the school
- Wear a toque 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, March 2

- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 6 Students - Art Rm 12:02 p.m.
- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 4-6 FI Students - Rm 234 12:02 p.m.

Friday, March 3

- Professional Learning Day - School Closed to Students

Monday, March 6

- Second week of Carnaval activities
- 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.
- SHINE Club - 10:06 a.m.

Principal:

It was another busy week at HHE. We recognized Pink Shirt Day, many clubs, and final prep work for Carnaval. We are looking forward to some warmer temperatures next week. We now have four weeks until Spring Break and two of those weeks are short weeks. Report Cards will be posted on Power School on Friday, March 17, 2023.

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](#).

You can check out our [Mid-Point Review](#) that highlights some of the things that have already happened at HHE this school year.

Assurance Survey

Measuring Success: Complete this year's Alberta Education Assurance Survey
Once again, Alberta Education is surveying teachers, students and families through its annual Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey. The survey acts as an annual check-up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as education quality, citizenship, family involvement, engagement levels, school climate and student wellness.

The AEA survey is sent to

- Small schools (fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12)—based on jurisdiction requests for more reportable survey data at the school level, the survey is expanded to include all students in grades 4 and above and their parents and guardians.
- Large schools (120 or more students in grades 4-12)—only students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and their parents and guardians are included in the survey. These grades are considered to be a reasonably representative sample of students.

Throughout February, Grade 4 students at Heritage Hills Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely

anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey doesn't take long to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in these grades are also asked to take a survey online. Alberta Education will send families information about the survey directly. As with the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and asks questions about your school experiences.

If you have a child in these grades, we encourage you to participate. **The survey deadline has been extended to March 17, 2023.**

Results from the AEA Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each spring. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. Each fall, the results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities in the Division's Annual Education Results Report.

RELATED INFORMATION

[AEA Survey: Parent letter](#)

[AEA Survey: Methodology for rate calculation](#)

[Assurance and Accountability: Alberta's K-12 education system](#)

Counsellor:

[Rainbows](#) offers a curriculum for children, youth, adults, couples, and communities that consists of journals, activities, games, and stories that are *designed to help participants express their feelings and move through grief*.

Each curriculum addresses the topics of Self, Family, Belonging, Fears, Blame, Trust, Forgiveness, Stepfamilies, Feelings, Changes, God (in the religious editions), Transitions, Coping, Reaching Out, and Acceptance.

The Rainbows Curricula consists of 12 weekly meetings and two Celebrate Me Days. Weekly meetings are 30 – 120 minutes keyed to the age group of the participants.

The small groups consist of 3 – 5 participants, in the same age group, and a trained adult facilitator who guides the discussion as a loving listener.

Strathcona County, FREE spring break programming

Creative Outlet – For youth in grades 4 to 6

Creativity helps children express themselves and can be a great way for them to learn how to take care of their mental health.

Regulation Station – For children in grades 1 to 3

Emotions can be hard to understand. All feelings are okay but not all behaviours are okay. We will help children learn more appropriate ways to name and process emotions through art, music, drama, and storytelling.

For dates, times and locations, visit: strathcona.ca/FamilyResourceNetwork

Athletics:

Basketball- we are happy to announce that the Basketball Club is in full swing. We are fortunate enough to have three parent-volunteers working with the students of Heritage Hills Elementary on their basketball skills.

There will be a 3-on-3 tournament hosted by Bev Facey High School March 11 and students from the basketball club have a chance to play in this tournament. Spots are limited to 6 players per team for grade 5 / 6 boys and girls (24 players total) . As there are far more students in the Basketball Club than spots in the tournament, not all players will be able to be in the 3-on-3 tournament. Cost is \$30 per team, to cover the cost of Refs and Rental. The draw will be sent home with permission forms for students to participate in the tournament.

Skating with Mr. Mazur - Due to weather we have postponed skating. Classes 4J, 4/5 K, 5C, 5M and 5/6 B will skate on Monday (6th), Wednesday (8th) and Friday (10th) of March. Permission forms have been sent home to the Primary parent email for each student. If you would like to volunteer to help tie skates for your child's class or can stay and volunteer for multiple classes please email, Mr. Mazur @ justin.mazur@eips.ca . Identify yourself, your child and the time that you would like to volunteer. [Skating/Broomball Schedule](#).

Yearbook 2022-23 School Year:

Don't miss out on your chance to purchase our 2022-2023 HHE yearbook! Login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal to make a purchase.

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

Jeremy Albert, an EIPS First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Advisor, will be coming to visit HHE to provide an Indigenous lesson about winter. The land-based lesson will take place in the Outdoor Classroom (the rock arrangement by the playground). All classes will get a chance to participate in the lesson on Feb 28, March 6 or March 7. The classes scheduled to participate on Feb 28 are the following: French Kindergarten, all Grade 1 and 2s, 4J, 4/5K, 5M, 5C, and 6Z. Please dress your child warmly to fully enjoy the 30 minute outdoor experience (boots, snow pants, mitts, tuques, etc.).

Carnaval

HHE will be celebrating Carnaval from Feb 27 - March 10. This week, all students will learn a few fun words in French, make Carnaval masks, learn how to dance the jig with dancers from La Girandole, wear their favourite tuques on Wednesday, play winter-themed games, and watch for Bonhomme to make an appearance. Joyeux carnaval!



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:

Casino

We have been allotted a casino for June 28 and 29th 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 lunch from Café bicyclette.

March 8 –Kinder A and 1-6 (Deadline to order March 3rd)

March 9 – Kinder B (Deadline to order March 3rd)

COBS

Thursday, March 16th Kinder B (Deadline to order March 11th)

Friday, March 17th Kinder A and 1-6 (Deadline to order March 12th)

Ongoing Fundraisers



Order online through Mabel's Labels and choose support a fundraiser, then 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.



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.



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

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!!!

“Happiness cannot be traveled to be owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.”

– Denis Waitley