



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

March 13 - March 20, 2023

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This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, March 13

- Week of Inspirational Math
- Ms. K in the School for the afternoon only
- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 4-5 English Students - Rm 219 - 12:02 p.m.
- Grade 4-6 Ukulele Club - 12:02 p.m.
- SHINE Club - 10:06 a.m.

Tuesday, March 14

- Pi Day Competition
- Ms. K in the School for the morning only
- 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 - 2:06 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

- Ms. K in the school
- 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 16

- Minecraft Challenge - Grade 6 Students - Art Rm 12:02 p.m.
 - Minecraft Challenge - Grade 4-6 FI Students - Rm 234 12:02 p.m.
 - COBS Hot Lunch - Kinder B
- *requests for hot lunch pickup must be done by 10:00 a.m. and only through email to hhehotlunch@gmail.com**

Friday, March 17



- Chess Club at 12:02 p.m.
 - Grade 2-3 Ukulele Club - 12:02 p.m.
 - COBS Hot Lunch - K-6
- *requests for hot lunch pickup must be done by 10:00 a.m. and only through email to hhehotlunch@gmail.com**
- Report cards are published after school
 - Math-a-thon forms and monies due

Monday, March 20

- International Francophonie Day
- 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:

For the last two weeks our students at Heritage Hills enjoyed Carnival. We had many activities which were both fun and great learning opportunities for our students and staff. We could not have done this without the time, work and support of our parents. Thank you for all the support you have given us to make this year's Carnival such a success. Together we can truly make a difference for our students.

We have had many days of indoor recess lately. It looks like the weather is going to warm up this week. We will be going outside for recess with the warmer temperatures. Please be sure your children are dressed appropriately to be outside during the day.

Have your say! EIPS' 2023 Annual Feedback Survey is now open until March 23. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2023 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For parents and caregivers.

Every year, EIPS conducts the feedback survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school

their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey input helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

[Visit EIPS.CA to take the survey: March 1-23](#)

You can also review Heritage [Hills Elementary School Education Plan](#) as well as 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](#)

Mindful March Challenges:

During the month of March over the school announcements, students will be given a Mindful March Challenge. These various challenges focus on intentions, awareness of body/feelings. Be sure to ask your child what the challenge was each day.

Week of Inspirational Math - March 13-17 :

At Heritage Hills Elementary, we are very excited to be celebrating Week of Inspirational Math again this year. Already there are many wonderful activities planned including:

- The Math--A-Thon fundraiser hosted by FAHHE is underway. Packages were sent home with children this week.
- We are excited again to be doing the **Pi competition**. Students who are wanting to participate are encouraged to start practising the digits of Pi to see who can repeat the most digits- this year, singing the song will not be allowed- students must say the digits. Prizes will be awarded.
- EIPS has also arranged community members to virtually join classrooms each morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Athletics - Grade 5 & 6 Basketball:

Thank you to the coaches for a wonderful job teaching our students throughout the last couple of months! We are grateful to have such great support of our students and HHE Athletics.

Our students represented Heritage Hills Elementary School at the Bev Facey Elementary Jamboree on March 11th and they all did a fantastic job.

If you have pictures from the Jamboree and would like to share them, please send them to Ms. Carruthers in the largest format possible at

stacey.carruthers@eips.ca

We will be starting Badminton soon and are looking for coaches interested in coaching the grade 5 and 6 students in a Badminton club. If interested, please email, Mr. Mazur at justin.mazur@eips.ca

Counsellor:

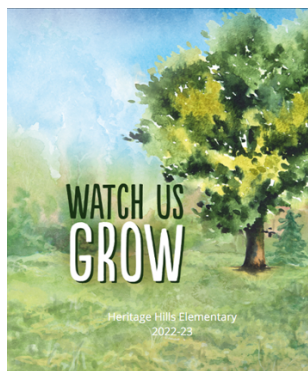
Parents and families are critical partners in helping their children develop social and emotional know-how. Parents can model the kinds of skills, attitudes, and behaviours that help children become successful in relationships. The

[Worry-Woos](#) offers information and resources that provide meaningful ideas to parents about social emotional learning.

SHINE Club Bake Sale:

Parents of SHINE Club members- the SHINE Club has decided to host a bake sale as an initiative to raise money for the **Stollery Children's Hospital**. If you are willing to help support this initiative, we are asking for donations of store-bought or home-made nut-aware treats to sell. If you are able to contribute, please fill out this [FORM](#). This will help us to plan for the sale. Thank you in advance on behalf of the SHINE Club.

Yearbook 2022-23 School Year:



Don't miss out on your chance to purchase our 2022-2023 yearbook.

Purchases can be made by signing into your Parent Portal.

The yearbook is an **optional** purchase.

Yearbook options:

Hard Cover \$27.00

Soft Cover \$22.00

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

First Nations, Métis and Inuit

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Jeremy Albert, our EIPS First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Advisor, had to rebook his lessons scheduled last week. We will be welcoming him on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon this week. Classes will meet outside, weather permitting.

HHE will be hosting a **Blanket Exercise for Parents** on Wednesday, March 22 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. This will be an **adult-only event** (no children). The Blanket Exercise is a powerful activity whether you are doing it for the first time or the fourth. It is an act of reconciliation that invites participants to reflect on our common history and enhance understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. *Grade 6 students will be participating in a student version of the Blanket Exercise later this spring. If you would like to attend, please [RSVP](#) by Monday, March 20.

School Council and FAHHE Updates:

Coyote Compliment a staff member

Is there a staff member that has gone above and beyond? Helped your child in a tricky situation? Been that smiling face that greets you when you walk in the door? Made an impact on your child's education? Complete the google form below and we will send a card and small treat to the staff member on your behalf, thanking them for what they do. <https://forms.gle/MkdNmijqdf58YM896>

Blaze Pizza

Blaze Pizza Emerald Hills is once again supporting our fundraising efforts. March 15th and 16th all purchases between 4:30pm and 7:30pm using the code 1266A will earn 20% back towards FAHHE. Purchases can be made in store, through the app and online. Check out the flyer here for more information.

Math-a-thon

This year our math-a-thon will be supporting the further development of our playground and outdoor play spaces.

We will be applying for matching grants in the Spring of 2024 so every dollar helps! Let's try and beat our record of \$16,127.

- For every 5 "slices" students complete they earn 1 pie
- The class with the most pies completed in Div 1 (K-3) and Div 2 (4-6) will earn a pizza party on March 23rd.
- For every \$50 in pledges, students earn a scoop of whipped cream to add to a teacher's plate to "pie a teacher"
- All students who return pledge sheets will be entered into a draw to throw the whipped cream pies
- Assembly will be held on March 23rd at 2:30pm for the pie throwing
- Please return all pledges and completed pie sheet (last page in package) to the school by Friday, March 17th.

Contact Lisa at fahhe.president@gmail.com for any questions or concerns.

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. This casino allows us to earn approximately \$20,000 to support our school.

The positions include (descriptions can be found on sign-up link):

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| General Manager | Count Room Supervisor | Cashier |
| Chip Runner | Banker | |

If you are able to help 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:

Order online at www.healthyhunger.ca

COBS

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

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

TBA

Thursday, April 13th and 27th – Kinder B

Friday, April 14th and 28th – Kinder A and 1-6

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.



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: April 12, 2023 School Council @ 6:30pm.

School Council March 8th minutes found [here](#).

FAHHE March 8th minutes can be found [here](#).

Enjoy a great week everyone

“The two most powerful warriors are patience and time”

- Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace.