



# HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

September 18 - September 25, 2023

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

#### **Monday, September 18**

- Ms. K, School Counselor, is here
- Senior Ukulele

#### **Tuesday, September 19**

- Ms. K, School Counselor, is here

#### **Wednesday, September 20**

- Ms. K Counsellor, is here in the afternoon and evening
- Hold & Secure Drill

#### **Thursday, September 21**

#### **Friday, September 22**

- Terry Fox Run - See information below
- Junior Ukulele

#### **Monday, September 25**

- Ms. K, School Counselor, is here
- Senior Ukulele

### **Principal:**

Last week was our first five day week of the school year. As I visit the classrooms each morning, I can see classroom routines are in place and students are building relationships with each other and the HHE Staff. My classroom visits each day give me an opportunity to know what is taking place in our classrooms and it also allows me time to continue to build relationships with all students.

Thank you to Trustee Boymook, HHE Parents and the HHE Staff who attended our September School Council Meeting. It was a very informative meeting and a great way to engage in conversation.

## **Terry Fox:**

HHE will be honouring Terry Fox in the annual Terry Fox School Run this Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to join us for this event. Our assembly will begin in the gym at approximately 2:25 pm. You are welcome to join us for the assembly, please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes prior. The run will take place on the field afterwards at approximately 2:50 pm. You are also welcome to join us on our run.

Regarding fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation, we are encouraging students to bring 'Toonies for Terry' on Friday. However, if your family wishes to make a donation directly to the Terry Fox foundation, the students will be bringing home collectable Terry Fox postcards this week. On the back of the postcard is a QR code that takes you directly to HHE's fundraising link with the Terry Fox Foundation. Or you can choose to use this [link](#). We thank you in advance for your generosity with this cause that is so dear to all of our hearts!

All students and families are encouraged to wear red and white the day of the run (and comfortable clothes/shoes) to support and honour our great Canadian hero and cancer research advocate, Terry Fox.

## **Cyberworld Presentation:**

Our School Council a few years back hosted a Cyberworld Presentation from Saffron. We have heard from families there is some interest in this again. We are excited to announce that EIPS Glen Allan School is hosting one this year on September 28, 2023. Feel free to [RSVP](#) and attend this wonderful presentation.

## **Allergies:**

We have several children with severe allergies in our school this year and we would appreciate all families helping us to be a nut-aware school. Avoid sending any foods for snacks and lunches that might put classmates at serious risk. If you have any questions about foods to avoid, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you for all your support and if you have any questions please be in touch with the school. It is going to be a great school year.

## **Amazing Things Happen at HHE:**

We are off to a great start already this school year. Many opportunities to promote safe and caring schools, citizenship, lifelong learning and parental involvement. Here are some highlights in the past week:

- Dot Day
- School Council and FAHHE meetings
- Weekly School Newsletter

## Student pick up and drop off:

Thank you to all the families who have been finding appropriate places to park and not using the staff parking lot to drop off and pick up students. Many EIPS and before and after school care employees park here throughout the day.

Also, please avoid bringing dogs on the school property in the mornings or after school. A number of people have allergies, it is easy to overwhelm an animal when children are crowding around and there have been incidents where people have been bit. We would appreciate it if you could wait with your dog(s) a short distance away and have your child come meet you whenever possible. Thank you!

## School Council and FAHHE News:

School council had our first meeting on September 13, 2023 in the Learning Commons of the School and it was a great meeting. We had Trina Boymook, our new School Board Trustee, attend our meeting. Ms. Boymook will be present at our next meeting which is taking place on November 15, 2023, and she will have some results from School Board school meetings that are taking place in October and Ms. Boymook also encourages parents to come and ask questions at the meetings. School Council is looking for parent volunteers to help out throughout the school year and this can be something as little as 1 hour from time to time, picking up supplies and dropping them off to the school, or helping out with hot lunch programs. It is a great way to become involved with the school. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please feel free to email me at [hheschoolcouncilchair@gmail.com](mailto:hheschoolcouncilchair@gmail.com) and I will add you to our volunteer list.

## FAHHE UPDATES

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. It was so great to be able to meet so many families at the BBQ on the teacher 's night. We are looking forward to another amazing year at Heritage Hills and working together with the school council to bring some awesome opportunities to our students.

### Executive for 2023-2024

Lisa Solamillo – President – [fahhe.president@gmail.com](mailto:fahhe.president@gmail.com)

Andrea Kardal – Vice President – [fahhe.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:fahhe.vicepresident@gmail.com)

Dani Till –Secretary – [fahhe.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:fahhe.secretary@gmail.com)

Erran Milligan – Treasurer – [fahhe.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:fahhe.treasurer@gmail.com)

### Upcoming events

Beartracks ice melt will be our first fundraiser, more information coming soon!

October 27th will be our 2nd annual Halloween Dance

Purdys chocolates will be here again in time for Christmas.

### **Financial Audit volunteers**

We are looking for 1 volunteer to audit the financials from last year if you're interested, please email [fahhe.president@gmail.com](mailto:fahhe.president@gmail.com) to help out.

### **Hot Lunch**

We are excited to be able to offer hot lunch once again this year. We will be starting off with Panago on September 27th and 29th.

All lunches must be ordered through healthy hunger at [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca), all families must create an account and register their children.

\*Returning families need to re-register their children into their new teacher for the school year\*

Any questions or concerns, please email Jaclyn at [hhehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:hhehotlunch@gmail.com)

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 [hhehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:hhehotlunch@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming Hot Lunch:**

#### **Panago**

Wednesday, September 27th – Kinder A (ordering closes Sept 22nd)

Friday, September 29th – Kinder B and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Sept 24th)

#### **KFC**

Thursday, October 12th - Kinder B (Ordering closes Oct 7th)

Friday, October 13th - Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Oct 8th)

#### **COBS**

Thursday, October 26th - Kinder B (Ordering closes Oct 21st)

Friday, October 27th - Kinder A and Grade 1-6 (Ordering closes Oct 22nd)

### **Fundraising Focus**

Our fundraising focus for the 2023-2024 school year is the completion of our outdoor play space. We currently have about \$17,000 raised to go towards this project. We are hoping to reach a goal of at least \$120,000. To help reach this goal we will be applying for a provincial matching grant in the spring so every dollar we raise until then counts!

**Next Meeting: November 15th @ 7:45pm following the school council meeting.**

### **Update your PowerSchool information**

The EIPS Correction and Verification Form is available online through your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Use the form to access and update your child's records

information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and medical information. Reviewing the form and submitting updates ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child.

When reviewing the form, pay close attention to all listed phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information. Also, if you recently moved, now is the time to ensure the Division has your updated address. Throughout the year, the Division and school uses the listed information to communicate with families about important information, including updates, the latest news and events.

Review and update the form by Sept. 22, 2023.

For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form, contact the school office at 780-467-7447.

### **Pay School Fees Online:**

School fee information for the 2023-24 school year will be posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) in late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay online using a credit card.

Don’t forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child’s account to cover the cost of certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If you’re unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2023.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [eips.ca](#). Alternatively, contact Amanda Trach, at Heritage Hills Elementary at 780-467-7447.

### **Download the SchoolMessenger App:**

Heritage Hills Elementary and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform for communicating 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.

You can directly manage your phone and email subscription preferences through [SchoolMessenger](#). Simply log in to your account—or create one if you don’t already have one—and select the message types you’d like to receive to each phone number and email address on file.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates 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 your inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the App Store or Google Play today.

## HHE Required Documentation for each student:

Parents are required to complete the following forms for each of their children in Heritage Hills Elementary. If you haven't already submitted your child's forms, please complete these at your earliest convenience:

- [Code of Conduct](#): \*\*only required for Grade 1-6 students
- [Student Responsible Technology Use Agreement](#)
- If you are planning on volunteering in our school this year, please complete the following form. Only one form is needed per person; you do not need to complete a form for each child on the [Volunteer Form](#)

## Counsellor:

At HHE we are diligent to plan around students' medical needs. We ask parents to reach out to Maureen Wert and/or the Counsellor to let us know if your child has emergent medical needs. If you're uncertain if your child's needs are emergent, please reach out. Thank you.

Children with English as a second language (ESL) and/or Multiple Language Learners (MLL) will be doing screening assessments over the next two weeks. If you have not identified your child as an English as a second language learner, please reach out to Maureen Wert and/or the Counsellor so they can be considered for screening.

## Caregiver Series:

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics include understanding anxiety and parenting teens in the 21st century. This list of [September 2023 sessions](#) is now available.

## HHE Athletics:

This month, students in grade 4-6 will have the opportunity to practice for our Terry Fox School Run day, September 22, 2023. Practices for Div 2 students will be at lunch recess on Sept. 5, 12 and 19. Terry Fox School Run Day is September 22nd.

HHE Athletics [schedule](#) for the 2023-24 school year including tryouts, practices and meets.

HHE is looking for coaches for the following clubs: Grade 5 volleyball (mixed); Grade 6 basketball (boys); and Grade 6 basketball (girls). Please email, Mr. Mazur at

[justin.mazur@eips.ca](mailto:justin.mazur@eips.ca) if you are interested in coaching these teams this school year. Identify the team by sport and grade(s) that you are responding for.

Here is the tryout, practice and tournament [schedule](#). Coaches will need to complete the following forms prior to working with Heritage Hills Elementary students. They are available in the office upon request.

1. Confidentiality Undertaking and Declaration for Volunteers (Form 490-2)
2. Request to Waive Fees for Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check (Form 490-3)
3. Volunteer form
4. [Administrative Procedure 491: Volunteer Coaches and Supervisors](#)

**Enjoy a Great Week Everyone**

***"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it."***

**— Albert Einstein**