



HERITAGE HILLS

ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

October 23 - October 30, 2023

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, October 23

- Media Literacy Week
- Senior Ukulele
- Photo Retakes - K-6 classes
- Ms K in the School

Tuesday, October 24

- Photo Retakes - Kindergarten only
- Chess Club at lunch recess
- Ms K in the School

Wednesday, October 25

- Grade 6 Immunizations

Thursday, October 26

- Hot lunch ECS

Friday, October 27

- Grade Three Ukulele
- HHE Wear Day
- Hot Lunch K-6
- Family Dance - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Monday, October 30

- Ms K in the School
- Senior Ukulele

Principal:

As we move into our last full week of October, we have our Halloween Dance on Friday October 27th. This was a great event last year and we had a full house at the school. Students, Parents and Staff all dressed up for this event. We look forward to seeing you. We will be collecting for the food bank again that evening. Thank you to our School Council and FAHHE for organizing this wonderful event.

SHAKE DEM BONES!



HERITAGE HILLS HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE

OCTOBER 27, 2023 6:30-8:30PM

**BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY AND JOIN IN THE FUN!
FREE ADMISSION (FOOD BANK DONATIONS ACCEPTED)**

PARENT ATTENDANCE REQUIRED.

**PIZZA, TREATS & DRINKS CONCESSION (CASH ONLY)
PRIZES FOR BEST FAMILY COSTUME, ADULT COSTUME
AND KIDS COSTUME!**

Good-Bye to Madame Sweeney:

We are sad to say good-bye to Madame Sweeney. She has accepted a job with Alberta Education and will be leaving us later in the month. We wish Madame Sweeney all the best in her new position. We are currently in the hiring process and will keep you informed as we move forward.

Counsellor:

Many elements contribute to whether or not students embrace their educational experience. Studies continue to show that parent involvement is one important factor in helping students engage in their learning, and parent-teacher communication is a key aspect of promoting parent involvement.

Through regular communication with parents, teachers can share information about a student's good work and achievements. If a student begins to struggle with a certain subject or exhibits behavioral problems, the parent will already have a relationship with the teacher, which helps facilitate parent-teacher collaboration. This cooperative relationship empowers parents to step in and support the student at home, supplementing what the teacher is doing at school.

When conversations are flowing, students can see that teachers and parents have their best interests at heart. Effective communication helps establish a relationship of respect between teachers, parents, and students.

Discovering the best methods of communication and formulating messaging plans early in the year is important, as is maintaining consistent communication throughout the year.

Strathcona County's, FCSS is offering a online session is for parents and caregivers who may be concerned about their child's development and feel overwhelmed navigating how to get extra support for their child at home or in their school. *This information is helpful to teachers and school staff.*

In this session, representatives from CASA, Glenrose Pediatric Services, Robin Hood Association, and Family and Community Services will help parents and caregivers understand how to access local resources and services available to them.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the speakers.

You must pre-register for the session on [October 26, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.](#)

Yearbooks:

The 2022-2023 yearbooks were distributed on Friday. Orders for students who are no longer at HHE went home with a younger sibling or have been sent to their new

school where they should receive them next week. We have a few extra copies that can be purchased for \$22. Please contact the office for more information.

School Photos are now available for viewing!

- Go to mylifetouch.ca
- Click on "Student ID"
- Enter in your school's city, province, and school name
- Then click the blue button "Continue"
- Enter in your child's full name, student ID number and the relationship to student
- Then click on the blue button "Find Student"
- Once the image of your student comes up, you can click on the blue button "Yes this is my student"
- From here you can go onto order from one of our many photo package offerings

If you have any questions about this ordering process, please contact Lifetouch Customer Care Line on 1.866.457.8212

*Parents can find their child's ID number by logging into the PowerSchool Parent portal. Try looking at an old report card or click the Student Fees icon. The child's ASN will be listed at the top.

School Photo Retakes

The photographer will be here for retakes on Monday, October 23 (entire school) and again on Tuesday, October 24 (kindergarten only). If you would like your child(ren) to be called down for retakes, **please complete the following form by Monday at 8 am.**

Retake requests: <https://forms.gle/VGKe3gRzWaepVKGUA>

Halloween

In order for us to have a spooktacular Halloween celebration at school on Tuesday, Oct 31, please follow these guidelines:

- If students choose to dress up they must come to school in costume. Staff will not be able to assist with costumes.
- Leave weapons and props at home. Save those for trick and treating.
- Avoid scary/grotesque costumes. We do not want our youngest students to be afraid.
- Avoid costumes that portray other cultures.
- If your child's costume has a mask, they may wear it during the parade, but will be asked to take it off for the rest of the school day.

- There will be a school parade at 1:10. Parents are invited to come stand on and around the stairs in the common area and watch the fun costumes as they go by.
- Students are welcome to bring a festive treat for afternoon break for themselves. If they choose to bring a treat bag for other students, students will be asked to put it in their backpack to take home.
- A reminder that we are a Nut Aware school. We ask that as candy and treats start making an appearance next week that you refrain from sending food to school that contains nuts. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!
- If teachers require any volunteers they will communicate this with you directly.

Remembrance Day

HHE is preparing for a whole-school assembly to recognize Remembrance Day on Nov 3 at 10:40 am - this is the last day we are together prior to Fall Break. Parents are welcome to attend. More details to come.

We are currently looking for students who could form our colour guard. If your child is in Cadets, Scouts, or Girl Guides, and would like to participate, please contact Mr. King at craig.king@eips.ca.

Many of HHE families have military connections and we would like to honour them by displaying their photo from our front foyer televisions. To build our tribute, please send a photograph of your military family member in uniform to stacey.carruthers@eips.ca

First Nations, Métis and Inuit



Blanket Exercise - November 16 - 6:30 - 8 pm

We are hosting a *parents-only* evening at HHE in the gym on November 16. HHE families get the first opportunity to RSVP. This event will be opened to other school communities on October 30. RSVP [here](#).

The Blanket Exercise is a powerful experiential learning opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. It is a 1 ½ hour interactive simulation that shares the story of colonization and the lived experiences of First Nations, Métis and Inuit over 500 years of shared history. The exercise was developed by KAIROS and Indigenous Peoples as a response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and helps participants begin to understand the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous Peoples

and the Crown. If you have attended a Blanket Exercise in the past or if this is your first time, it is a very impactful, thought provoking activity.

To learn more about this activity, visit: <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>

Alberta Education - Parent Focus Group

On October 30, Alberta Education will host a focus group to collect insight from parents about updates to the old [My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource website](#) into a brand new space hosted on new.LearnAlberta.ca. The focus group will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. The Alberta School Councils Association has been asked to identify 10-12 parents from metro, urban and rural school divisions, representing students from kindergarten to Grade 12 to participate in this focus group. If you are interested, please fill out this [application form](#).

HHE Athletics

Congratulations to all runners who participated in the Autumn Classic, last Saturday at Rundle Park! HHE finished 15th out of 23 teams and had 9 total runners. For reference, the first place school had 69 runners! Good job runners! Thank you to Coaches Saranchuk, Zacharuk and Gromnisky for their help with practices and the race. There will be more running opportunities later in the year.

Volleyball tryouts will continue for grade 5's on Tuesday October 24th and for grade 6's on Thursday October 26th. Teams will be posted on the gymnasium wall soon after teams are made by our volunteer coaches.

Athletics [schedule](#) for the year.

From Alexa to Algorithms: Parenting in the era of AI:

Join the University of Alberta and Amii for an engaging 45-minute online webinar designed to boost AI literacy for parents of kids of all ages, from kindergarten to graduate students. The session will focus on global citizenship, online safety, and education and career guidance.



Don't miss this fun and informative opportunity to empower your parenting in the age of AI, ensuring your kids thrive in tomorrow's tech-driven world.

Event Details:

Date: Nov. 2, 2023 Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 p.m.

Location: Virtual [REGISTER NOW](#)

School Council and FAHHE News:



Order Deadline Monday, October 23rd at 4:00pm



We are excited to offer the Purdys Chocolate fundraiser again this year. Unfortunately, they did not send us catalogues this year, but products can be viewed online [here](#).

Follow the link below to join our campaign (Campaign # 69787)

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1767324-109720>

Order deadline November 25th, pick up December 9th. Contact Dalyce at dmzuk@hotmail.com for any questions.



FundScrip gift card fundraiser coming soon! We've had a lot of requests for gift cards, so we will be offering this in time for Christmas. For an idea of what stores are available, you can check out the order form [here](#). Stores include: Real Canadian Superstore, Sobeys, Safeway, Esso, Shell, McDonald's, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Mark's, Old Navy, Mastermind Toys, Dollarama, Walmart, Indigo and Canadian Tire to name a few.

Halloween Dance

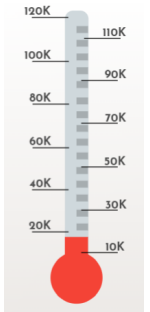
Friday, October 27th from 6:30-8:30pm join in the fun for our 2nd annual Halloween Family Dance. Free admission (food bank donations accepted), parent attendance required. There will be a pizza, treats and drinks cash only concession. Come dressed in your costume, there will be prizes for best family costume, best adult costume and best kids costume. Volunteers needed for concession, please sign up [here](#).

Treat Day

Our next treat day will be a chips treat day on November 1st/3rd. Orders are due Wednesday, October 25th. Watch for order forms coming home or print your own [here](#).

Fundraising Focus

Our fundraising focus for the 2023-2024 school year is the completion of our outdoor play space. We currently have about \$17,500 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!



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

FAHHE September 13 minutes can be found [here](#).

School Council September 13 minutes can be found [here](#).

Enjoy a Great Week Everyone!

“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.”

-Mahatma Gandhi