



HERITAGE HILLS

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Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 8 - January 15, 2024

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, January 8

- Ms K in the School

Tuesday, January 9

- Ms K in the School
- Chess Club at lunch recess in the Art Room

Wednesday, January 10

- Ms K in the school
- Early Dismissal

Thursday, January 11

- ECS Hot Lunch- Opa! Restaurant

Friday, January 12

- Hot Lunch K-6 - Opa! Restaurant

Monday, January 15

- Ms K in the School

Principal:

Hope you enjoyed a great holiday break. We are looking forward to seeing our students again and continuing with their learning.

With the upcoming cold weather, please ensure that students come to school with appropriate winter clothing: warm socks, boots, snow pants, toques, face coverings and maybe even an extra pair of mitts. Lining up in the mornings prior to the first

bell and going outside for recesses will occur unless the weather is colder than -22C (with the wind chill).

Inclement Weather - Administrative Procedure 131 **Bus Suspension Due to Inclement Weather**

Staffing:

Our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Johnston has an opportunity to work at Alberta Education. Her last day at Heritage Hills Elementary will be January 19, 2024. We wish Mrs. Johnston all the best in her new position. We will keep you informed about our new Assistant Principal once the individual has been hired.

School Council Meeting

On January 17, we will start the process of looking at school fees for the 2024 - 2025 school year. We will be asking for your feedback. If you are not able to attend the meeting we will provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts online.

Counsellor:

In the new year, HHE is looking forward to offering small group sessions and classroom opportunities specific to friendships, communication, and boundaries. We hope to enhance understanding and rights related to our student's well-being.

New to Alberta is the Alberta Health Services Mental Health Help Line which is a 24 hour, 7 day a week, 365 days a year, confidential service that provides support, information and referrals to Albertans experiencing mental health concerns.

The line is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of nurses, psychiatric nurses, social workers, occupational therapists, and psychologists.

The service provides:

- crisis support
- mental health or addiction screening and assessment over the phone
- general information about a mental health or addiction topic
- information about local service options for addiction or mental health and how to access them
- strategies people can use at home to support their emotional well-being

HHE Athletics:

Athletics [schedule](#) for the year.

EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23: Now available!

EIPS' Annual Education Results Report 2022-23 is now available online. The report details how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. What shines through

in this year's Annual Education Results Report are the myriad programs and initiatives taking shape throughout the Division to ensure high-quality education, support student growth and achievement, and develop learners with the skills and knowledge needed to help them succeed.

EIPS invites you to read through this year's Annual Education Results Report 2022-23. Celebrate our collective achievements and discover how EIPS fosters environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

[**Annual Education Results Report 2022-23**](#)

Also available is a condensed version of the report: [**AERR 2022-23: Overview**](#)

RELATED INFORMATION

[**EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26**](#)

[**EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27**](#)

Did you know?

The Education Act requires every public school division in the province to have a Board of Trustees. The Board is made up of elected representatives who are accountable to you, the families, and to the community members of a school division who have elected each trustee. For EIPS, the Board provides overall direction and leadership, accepting responsibility for the Division's policies and procedures. You can view all current policies and procedures on the [**EIPS website**](#).

Cybersecurity Update: Important information for families

As part of EIPS' ongoing commitment to maintaining a secure and effective digital learning environment for students, the Division is implementing an important update to its cybersecurity protocols **Jan. 19, 2024**.

Enhanced Location-based Security for Student Accounts

Starting Jan. 19, 2024, access to student user accounts—used for platforms like PowerSchool, Brightspace and Google—will be limited to within Canada's geographical boundaries. This change is an essential step in strengthening our cyber defenses and ensuring the digital safety of students.

What Does This Mean for You and Your Child?

Location-limited Access: Your child's account will be accessible only when they're physically located in Canada. This includes all activities related to their schoolwork, such as submitting assignments, accessing study materials or sending EIPS account emails.

Seamless In-country Use: While in Canada, students will experience no change in how they access and use their accounts. The process remains as straightforward and user-friendly as always.

PowerSchool Access for Parents and Caregivers: This change will NOT impact parent and caregiver access to PowerSchool during periods of travel.

Why This Change?

The safety and privacy of students are paramount. This location-based access control is a proactive measure to prevent unauthorized access to students' accounts and protect sensitive information from potential cyber threats.

Questions?

For more information, contact the school office at 780-467-7447.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Together, we can ensure a secure and thriving digital learning environment for all students.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise families of any bus cancellations or changes to school operations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, email, SMS, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations or changes to school operations are guided by EIPS' [**Administrative Procedure 131: Inclement Weather**](#), which states: "school bus service may be suspended ... when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C including wind chill, in one or more regions." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services or school-related activities include adverse weather and poor road conditions.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on what they feel is safest during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2024? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2024-25 school year at 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2024.

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 HHE's kindergarten program is available on the school website: heritagehillselementary.ca/kindergarten.

Returning Student Registration: 2024-25:

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2024-25 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 2024-25 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 2024-25 returning student registration takes place Feb. 8-21, 2024.

One contact for each current PALS to Grade 11 student will receive the Returning Student Registration Form link through Permission Click on February 8. The recipient is based on which contact has been identified as the one to receive forms as listed on the most recent registration form, Correction and Verification Form or Student Information Update submitted to the Division. To review the contacts listed for each student, refer to the Student Information Update available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Only one contact can be selected to receive forms.

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Enjoy a great week

“I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.”

—Thomas Jefferson