



HERITAGE HILLS

ELEMENTARY

Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

January 15 - January 22, 2024

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, January 15

- Ms K in the School
- Yearbook committee meeting at lunch recess for grade 5&6 students

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

- K-12 French Immersion Information Night, Trinity Baptist Church, 6 - 7:30 pm
- School Council 6:30 pm
- Relay Team tryouts at lunch recess in the gym

Thursday, January 18

- Mme Johnston's last day at Heritage Hills Elementary

Friday, January 19

- A great day for teaching and learning
- Grade 3 Ukulele Group at lunch recess

Monday, January 22

- Ms K in the School
- Giant Indigenous Floor Map set up in the gym
- Senior Ukulele Group at lunch recess

Principal:

With the extreme temperatures last week, we experienced a full week of indoor recess. Lining up in the mornings prior to the first bell and going outside for recess will resume unless the weather is colder than -22C (with the wind chill). Please

ensure students come to school with appropriate winter clothing: warm socks, boots, snow pants, toques and face coverings

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

Fees:

Under Albert Education's School Fee Regulation, schools must consult with parents prior to setting school fees for the upcoming school year.

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on January 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. During that time, I'll be sharing information about our current fee structure, posing specific questions about priorities, and asking you to provide your feedback as we plan for the next school year. While many of these activities and services enhance students' educational experience, we want to ensure these fees aren't cost prohibitive for families.

Specifically, we will be asking for input on the following:

- Optional courses and associated fees
- Noon hour supervision
- Field trips and associated fees
- Extracurricular activities
- Non-curricular goods and services (for example, student union and yearbooks)

For your reference, below is the link to the school fees information located on the [Heritage Hills Elementary School website](#). The webpage includes the current School Fees Schedule for 2023-2024, as well as information on waiver of fees, refunds and student transportation fees.

I understand not all families will be available to attend the meeting but it is still important we get as much input from the school community as possible. We will be also providing a google form to provide feedback.

Assistant Principal:

Thursday, January 18th will be Mme Johnston's last day at Heritage Hills Elementary. We wish her all the best as she moves to Alberta Education. Once we know of the replacement for Mme Johnston, we will let you know.

Counsellor:

[Alberta Health Services](#) offers online workshops for parents and caregivers on Mental Health Literacy (MHL). MHL is the knowledge and understanding that helps us become responsible, effective and successful in living full and healthy lives. With good mental health literacy we learn how to take better care of ourselves, our loved ones and our communities.

Topics that are currently highlighted include; *anxiety, behavior challenges of school aged children, self-regulation, love, empathy, and connection, play your way to positive mental health, positive mental health, sleep health, technology, youth, and mental health, and stress.*

HHE Athletics:

Happy New Year! Thank you to our coaches and players for a fantastic volleyball season. A special thank you to Roseland Bussing for providing transportation to our visiting teams for our December 15th volleyball tournament.

Our relay team held tryouts on January 10th and will hold another tryout next Wednesday at lunch recess in the gymnasium.

Basketball will start the week of January 23rd. Please see the schedule below for more information.

Athletics [schedule](#) for the year.

Ukulele:

Junior ukulele group will resume on Friday, January 19 during lunch recess.
Senior ukulele group will resume on Monday, January 22nd during lunch recess.

Learning Commons:

Damaged Books: Please note that if a page rips at home, please do not attempt to tape it with regular tape. Instead place a note on the book for Ms. Wells-Taylor to see. Regular tape actually does further damage to the book. Reminder that if your child spills water or food on the book or loses a book, they will be charged for the book. Fines are put through PowerSchool.

Book Fair:

We will be holding our Book Fair on February 5 & 6. If you are able to help volunteer during the day on either of these days, please reach out to Ms. Wells-Taylor. (theresa.wells-taylor@eips.ca).

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.

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

FAHHE UPDATES

Coyote Compliment a staff member

Would you like to recognize a staff member for something they have done that you truly appreciated? 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/BYTSK3bBU7Y1yKrb8>

Treat Day

Our next treat day will be Confetti Sweets on February 1st for Kinder B and February 2nd for Kinder A and Grades 1-6. Ordering for this one will be through Healthy Hunger just like hot lunch. Orders will close on January 27th and 28th.

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 hhehotlunch@gmail.com.

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:

Bar Burrito

Thursday, January 25th (Kinder B, ordering closes Jan 20th)

Friday, January 26th (Kinder A and Grades 1-6, ordering closes Jan 21st)

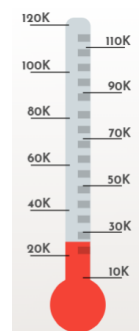
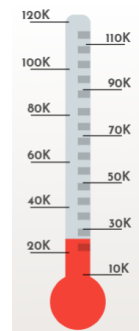
All lunches must be ordered through healthy hunger at www.healthyhunger.ca, all families must create an account and register their children.

Any questions or concerns, please email Jaclyn at hhehotlunch@gmail.com

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Fundraising Focus

Our fundraising focus for the 2023-2024 school year is the completion of our outdoor playspace. We currently have about \$25,000 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!



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. Simply click on our link to shop and 20% of each sale goes back to FAHHE.

tru-earth.sjv.io/FAHHE



<http://ecoc.sjv.io/FAHHE>

Next Meeting: January 17th @ 630pm followed by FAHHE @7:45pm
FAHHE meeting package can be found [here](#).
School Council November Minutes [here](#) and January Agenda [here](#).

Enjoy a great week

**“Snowflakes are one of nature’s most fragile things, but just look what
they can do when they stick together.”**

- Vesta Kelly