



HERITAGE HILLS

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Heritage Hills Parent Weekly

April 22 - April 26, 2024

This Week at Heritage Hills:

Monday, April 22

- Ms. K in the school
- Earth Day - wear Green and Blue - If you can Walk or Wheel (bike/scooter) to school - Pack a lunch that creates minimal garbage.
- Shoe Drive Begins
- Running Club practice 12:02 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

- Ms. K in the school
- World Book Day: Bring a favorite book to school to read during silent reading
- Running Club @ 7:30 a.m. - meet on the field
- Chess Club Tournament @ lunch recess
- Badminton Grade 5 Girls only - lunch recess

Wednesday, April 24

- Journee nationale de l'immersion (National Day of French Immersion): Wear blue and white
- Skipping Club - 10:06 a.m. - Bring your skipping rope - National Skipping Day
- Class photos ECS A/C, Grades 1-6

Thursday, April 25

- Class photos ECS B & Maternelle
- 1W & 1O Field Trip - Butterfly & Wings
- 5/6H & 5K Field Trip - Sherwood Heights School
- Badminton Grade 6 Girls only - lunch recess

Friday, April 26

- HHE Wear Day

Monday, April 29

- Running Club practice 12:02 p.m.
- Division 1 Author visit - Ruth Ohi

Principal:

It looks like our weather pattern is changing for the better, hopefully this will now be for the season. I hope you are having time to enjoy the outdoors with family this weekend. Thank you to parents who attended our School Council meeting last Wednesday. On Wednesday, May 8, 2024 we will be having our AGM and there are many positions to be filled. If you are interested please join us at 6:30 pm on May 8.

Parent Workshop at Bev Facey High School:

Bev Facey School Council Sponsored Event - Parent Workshop on Anxiety- April 24 @ 6:30 PM

BFCHS School Council welcomes presenter Amanda Skwarok

Amanda is a Registered Provisional Psychologist with a Master's degree in Counselling Psychology and degrees in Elementary Education and Fine Arts. She has experience working with children and youth from varying backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs from ages 6 to 18 years old. She works with teens & young adults on a range of presenting concerns such as anxiety, depression, body image concerns, eating struggles, gender and sexual identity, friendship repairs, school struggles, struggles at home, self-esteem, and self-confidence, and much more.

Please sign up here if you will be attending <https://www.smores.com/n/hp025>

French Immersion Families:

Your dedication to supporting your child's bilingual journey is truly inspiring! In French Immersion, children not only learn a new language but also dive into a world of diverse cultures through stories and media integrated into the curriculum.

Encouraging your child to embrace language learning and participate in French activities outside of school is a key contributor to their success in the program. A great online resource for families new to French is [The French Experiment](#). Here, you can explore French children's stories and online lessons focusing on common vocabulary, like numbers, days of the week, and weather terms, with audio for pronunciation guidance. It's as much for parents as for students and can be explored together.

Here's a helpful tip: adjusting the playback speed of audio resources can aid comprehension for language learners. Look for the gear icon in most platforms' settings menu to slow down the tempo.

Your continued support and engagement play a vital role in your child's journey!

Counsellor:

[Junior High Journey](#) is an online information session for parents/caregiver with children entering junior high school. The information session offers strategies to support your teenager. It is Wednesday, May 29, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join Dr. Caroline Buzanko for a [Three-Part Online Anxiety Series](#) available to view at your own pace for April. Part 1: Understanding and Addressing Anxiety, Part 2: Emotional Intelligence for Children and Teens, and Part 3: Empowering Responses to Anxiety for Youth. Registration is open for the whole month of April. In person session for parents, [How Do I support my Children through Divorce and Separation](#) in person at The Fort Saskatchewan Public Library, April 23, 2024 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Registration in advance is required.

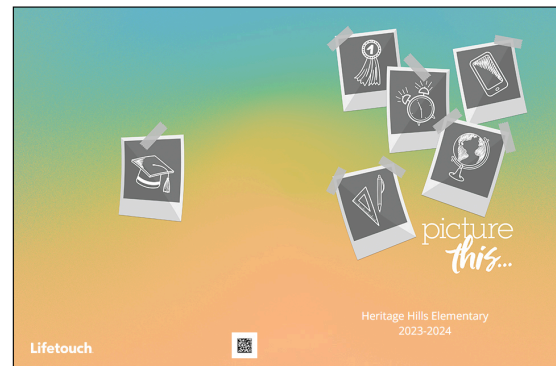
Earth Week Shoe Drive:

To celebrate Earth Week, the school will be participating in a "shoe drive" that is being organized by Strathcona County. We are encouraging any families who have any gently used shoes that are no longer being used to bring them in to donate.

We will be collecting shoes at the school from April 22 - 26.

Yearbook Sales:

Don't forget to order your 2023-2024 yearbook on your PowerSchool. There is a soft and hard cover option. The purchase of a yearbook is not required but is a great way to capture the memories of the 2023-2024 year at Heritage Hills Elementary.



Coyote Store:

[The Coyote Store](#) is open again for you to purchase any Coyote or HHE clothing/accessories. Items can be purchased through [this link](#). The store will close on April 30th and all items will be sent to the school and sent home with your student.

Badminton Club:

Badminton Club has started up at HHE for the Grade 5 & 6's. It will run for the next several weeks on Tuesdays (Grade 5) and Thursdays (Grade 6). Due to the high volume turnout, it will be alternating girls and boys, starting with girls this week. Focus will be on skills and technique. If there are any parents that would like to assist in coaching badminton, please contact www.general.hhe@eips.ca

Save The Dates:

Save the date for these upcoming events:

BOGO Book Fair - May 21 - May 23, 2024

Art Show - May 22, 2024

Kindergarten Information Night - May 23, 2024 - 6-7pm

Sports Day - May 31. Rain-out day - June 25.

Lunch on the Land - June 21, 2024 - 12:02 - 1:02 p.m.

Year End Assembly - June 26, 2024 - 9am

Update regarding Grade 6 PATS:

Alberta Education has made the decision to not administer the Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature (ELAL) and Mathematics Provincial Achievement tests (PATs) this school year. The government continues to work on updating these standard tests to align with the new curriculum. Grade 6 students will not have PATS for these two subjects this May and June.

Grade 6 students will still write the following tests in June:

- Grade 6 French Language Arts Partie A/B (French Immersion students only)
- Grade 6 Social Studies (French Immersion and English students)
- Grade 6 Science (French Immersion and English students)

Additional Information provided on [Alberta Education](#).

School Supply List 2024-25:

It's that time of year again when we are looking at school supplies for the next school year. To make it easier for you and to provide consistency for all our students, school supply lists for each of our grades are listed below. You can order your child's school supplies through Write-On Stationary or purchase them on your own. Please see the information for each grade below.

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 1](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 2](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 3](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 4](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 5](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Grade 6](#)

[Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK - Class/Grade Kindergarten](#)

<https://www.write-on.ca/shop/>

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"

- School Name: Heritage Hills Elementary - SHERWOOD PARK
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.
- **Deadline to Order: August 1, 2024**

Run Wild:

Leading Edge Physiotherapy RunWild is a challenging, competitive, and fun event with races designed for every level of runner and walker. This event raises awareness for the Zebra Centre to help in providing supplies such as toys, clothing, toiletries and blankets as well as the important services to help kids feel safe, supported and strong!

The Sherwood Park run will be taking place on Sat, May 4/24 at the Greengrove Park in Glen Allen. More information about this race can be found on their [website](#) and students brought home information last week.

Inclement Weather:

Spring is upon us and the weather can be up and down. We ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather each day. Dressing them according to the weather forecast will help them fully enjoy their time outside during recesses.

FAHHE Updates:

AGM

Save the date, Wednesday, May 8th are the AGMs for both School Council and FAHHE starting at 6:30pm.

School Council has the following positions available: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and COSC Representative, if you are interested or would like more information please contact hheschoolcouncilchair@gmail.com

FAHHE has the following positions available: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, if you are interested or would like more information please contact fahhe.president@gmail.com

Hot Lunch

Upcoming Hot Lunch: May 14 (Kindergarten) & May 15(entire school) - COBS

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.

**** 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.

Fundraising Focus

Our fundraising focus for the 2023-2024 school year is the completion of our outdoor playspace. We currently have about \$70,000 raised to go towards this project. We have reached this total with the support of our hot lunch and treat days, using our casino revenue from last year, as well as budgeted items that have had the cost covered by the school (Christmas concert, Carnival activities and staff Christmas lunch to name a few). 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 either COBS in Sherwood Park 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: Wednesday, May 8th AGM for both School Council and FAHHE
FAHHE AGM Agenda can be found [here](#).

Complete your census online starting May 1, 2024

The 2024 municipal census begins May 1. Watch your mail in late April for your personalized PIN number. We strongly encourage residents to use the online platform for its efficiency, convenience, and security.

Starting May 13, our dedicated census workers will conduct door-to-door collection for households that have not yet participated, while the online option remains open throughout this period.

Visit [Strathcona.ca/census](https://strathcona.ca/census) for more information.

**"Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will
fall behind you."**

Walt Whitman