



November 2017

Principal's Message

October was a very busy month and it looks like November is going to be more of the same. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who came into classes to help make our Halloween activities such a huge success. There were so many great costumes and the hallways and classrooms were filled with a great deal of excitement and energy.

Thank-you to all parents that were able to attend our Parent Teachers conferences that occurred on October 11-12. We would also like to thank our parents for their generous support of our book fair. We raised \$4158.30. All of the money raised is used to purchase books for our library.

SouthPointe School will hold our Remembrance Day ceremony Thursday, November 9th starting at 10:30. We are pleased to have Wesley Kopp a veteran from the Canadian Armed Forces as our guest speaker during our ceremony. A special thanks to Mrs. Zapesocki, Carole Bossert, Ms. Cohan, Miss. Hiebert, and Mrs. Dykstra for their help in planning and organizing the ceremony. I would also like to thank all of our student leaders for their help during the ceremony.

I would also like to thank all of the people that supported the Bottle Drive fundraiser here at the school. The Fundraising Association of SouthPointe School has done a tremendous amount of work in organizing and running this project. Thank you!

Please mark your calendars - the next School Council and Fundraising Association of SouthPointe School meeting will be on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017 at 7pm in the

Learning Commons. Please come out and join us to learn information on what is happening at our school.

The SouthPointe School Christmas Concert, is just around the corner. The concert will be on December 7th so please make sure you save the date on your calendar. There will be two performances that day, one at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm at SouthPointe School. More information regarding tickets will be sent home the week of November 6th.

I hope that the November break allows for some rest and relaxation for both the students and staff at SouthPointe School.

Carol Brown, Principal

Parking

Parents, we need your help! Our staff is having difficulties in the morning accessing their parking stalls because parents are dropping off their children in the staff parking lot. When dropping off or picking up your children, please use the parent drop off located at the front of the school. **Please do not stop or park in the bus lanes or in the staff parking lot at any time** during school hours. As well, we also ask parents not to park in the accessible stalls at the front of the school.

Pay School Fees Online

Families are invoiced for school fees at the beginning of every school year. Fees are due within 30-days of the invoice date. The simplest, and most convenient, way to pay schools fees is using ACORN by logging into the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your students fees you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. Please visit the www.eips.ca website for more information.



Report Cards

We are pleased to announce that your child's Term 1 Report Card will be available for online viewing and/or printing by 3:00 pm on November 24th.

To access the online report card, log onto your PowerSchool Parent Portal account and click on "Communicating Student Learning". If you wish to print the report card, click on the *print* button found on the right hand side of the top banner on the report card page. If you have any difficulty accessing, setting up, or printing the report card, please contact the office or email the school.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents 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) advises parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, "school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

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

No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for Students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **SouthPointe School** is participating in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four and 14—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at @ 780-998-2747. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

Fundraising Society / School Council for SouthPointe School

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to learn information on what is happening at our school.

UPCOMING DATES

- November 1: Early Dismissal (1:51 pm)
- November 9: Remembrance Day Ceremony (10:30 -11:15)
- November 10 – 17: Fall Break (no classes)
- November 11: Remembrance Day (Stat)
- November 20: Classes Resume
- November 22: School Council and Fundraising Committee Meeting
- November 23: School Assembly
- November 24: Report Cards Published