

APRIL 2018



Principal's Message

I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing spring break. The weather has continued to be quite chilly in the morning. We encourage students to check the weather forecast before coming to school in the mornings and dress appropriately for the conditions. Once the spring thaw occurs we are anticipating that we may have some standing water out on the field and would encourage students to wear rubber boots so their feet don't get wet.

I would like to thank Elk Island Public Schools and the members of the Playground committee for all of their hard work in getting a playground approved. Park N Play will be building and installing a playground for the students of SouthPointe School. They will start work at the end of June and the install will be complete before the end of August. I would like to thank the parents that came out to the playground presentations and provided feedback on the potential designs. This feedback was instrumental in helping the committee to finalize design ideas.

Just a quick reminder the next School Council and Society meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 12th at 7pm** in the Library Commons. We invite all interested parents to join us for these meetings. We will be discussing school fees for next year.

Carol Brown

Gearing up for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on

Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:30pm in the SouthPointe School Learning Commons:

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers;
- gain insight on play-based learning; and
- see what a typical day looks like.

Elk Island Public Schools has also put together an online toolkit to make the transition to school as smooth as possible. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding SouthPointe School's kindergarten program, can be found on our school [website](#).

NOTE: To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year, children must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2018.

SouthPointe School Spirit Brand

Thank you to all those who submitted ideas for the SouthPointe School spirit brand. We have narrowed down the selection to two options: Polar Bears or Sharks. For the full concept package ideas for both options and to submit your vote, please visit the attached [link](#) on the Elk Island Public School website. Each set of ideas would incorporate all the elements of the spirit brand package in varying ways depending on the purpose. Suggestions will be collected

until April 13th and students have already completed the survey.

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser

This week we kicked off our Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser! Did you know \$5 from each kit comes back to the school! As an easy option please feel free to share this online [ordering form](#) with friends and family. Use **Fundraising ID# 349461**



Important Dates

- Paper Orders due Friday, April 13th by 12:00pm
- Online Orders due Sunday, April 15th
- Order pickup Wednesday, May 2nd from 2-6pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Are you able to help out on May 2nd? Volunteers are needed to sort and hand out orders. Please email vicepresident.fass@gmail.com if you are available.

Thanks for your support and participation!

Parent Drop off and Pick up

We are continuing to have concerns regarding student drop off and pick up at the end of the school day. The parent drop off area in front of the school (Allard Way) can be quite congested in the morning with construction traffic and parent pick up and drop off. We encourage all parents to please follow the rules of the road and use extreme caution in the morning and after schools as there are many students who are coming and going. **Extra parking is available**

on both sides of SouthPointe Boulevard for students to be picked up and dropped off. The back parking lot is to be used by staff only. This is not a



Parent drop off zone. Do not pull into the bus lane to pick up or drop off students at any time. We are continuing to work with the RCMP and Fort Saskatchewan Bylaw officers to ensure that are students are safe while coming to and from school. **Please do your part to ensure that students arrive safely as the come to and from home.**

SouthPointe School Choir

The SouthPointe School Choir performed at the 59th Annual Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival on March 12th. The choir consists of 75 students from grades 1 – 4. The choir is led by music teacher Mrs. Zapesocki and accompanied by Ms. Freitag. The choir performed 2 selections - a fun, up-tempo song call "*Build A Taco*" and a First nations Cree Lullaby called *Ninestosin*. Not only did the choir sing, but they accompanied themselves with xylophones, shakers, maracas, rain sticks and bells. The commitment of these students coming to weekly rehearsals and their hard work reflected in their performance, receiving an **Honors** standing. Way to go SouthPointe School Choir!



Playground Update

We are so excited to announce that our playground has been ordered! Park N Play will start building when school is out for the summer, meaning we will see a playground built by the time school starts next fall! In more good news, we also received a grant from the City of Fort Saskatchewan for \$25,000. The playground committee, in conjunction with representatives from Elk Island Public Schools, have chosen the playground plus benches and basketball hoops. Thank you so much for all the support everyone has given to make the playground a



reality. We look forward to your continued support to help enhance our school community.

Family Dance – THANK YOU!

We'd like an opportunity to thank all of the individuals and businesses that assisted in making our first SouthPointe School dance a huge success! To our dance committee, our setup crew, popcorn and concession ladies, greeters and ticket takers, 50/50ers, clean up folks - THANK YOU! To our principal, assistant principal and teachers and our AMAZINGLY energetic and entertaining DJ - Tyler Nyznyk, we sincerely appreciate you!! And to our amazing parents, non-parents and businesses who donated fantastic prizes, you're incredible! A special thanks for donations goes out to:

A Keen Creations
Starbucks Fort Saskatchewan
Blends Custom Spice Solutions
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Dow Centennial Centre
Wok Box Fort Saskatchewan
Ed Marler with Scraper's Edge INC.
James Fenton with Snap-on Tools
The Kuhn Family

UPCOMING DATES

April 12	Elder Wilson Visit (pm) Parent Council & Society Meeting at 7:00pm
April 18	Grade 6 Field Trip – Alberta Legislature
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	S.Y.N.C (Gr 5/6) – Southfort Bend Gardens
April 27	Professional Learning Day (School Closed to Students)
May 23	Volunteer Tea (12:30pm)

Fort Saskatchewan North Central Co-op
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Well done SouthPointe Community!!
Sincerely,
SouthPointe School Parent Council

A big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), thank you to all of our volunteers within the Division who help make our schools and programs successful. Whether it's assisting at an athletic competition, co-ordinating a fundraising initiative or helping at a school event, the impact you make within our school community is profound. Together, we've built a positive relationships that has allowed us to rally behind one clear vision: Provide exceptional education for all students.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 15-21, EIPS extends a heartfelt thanks and celebrates the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who dedicate countless hours of their time in our schools.

Trina Boymook
Chair, Board of Trustees



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May 24 Performance of "Stone Soup" The Musical (6:30pm)