



MAY 2018

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that the month of May is upon us. Teachers and students are continuing to work hard to ensure all of the learning outcomes are covered by year's end. The staff appreciates your continued support at home to ensure that homework, studying and reading programs are being completed. Our grade six students will be writing Part A of their Language Arts Provincial Achievement Exams on May 10th.

I would like to thank all of our parent volunteers that have given their time to help out the SouthPointe School Community this year. Your support has been phenomenal and is much appreciated.

Our spirit brand mascot, "SouthPointe Sharks" was unveiled to our students at an assembly held on Friday, May 4th. We would like to thank all of the students, staff and parents for their participation. GO Sharks GO!!!

The next school council and society meeting will be held on May 16th at 7pm in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend. I hope everyone enjoys the May long weekend and you have the opportunity to rest and relax with family and friends.

"Stone Soup" Musical

Students from grades 3 through 6 have been working hard preparing the musical *Stone Soup*. The musical theatre performance will take place on May 24th. This is the story of how a community learns from complete strangers, how to come together and work as a team in order to achieve their goals. Thanks to all staff,

and students for all their hard work with rehearsals and creating props for the performance!

Volunteer Tea

The Volunteer Tea will be hosted by students from our Grade 3 classes on May 23 at 12:30 pm. This event is to say *Thank You*



to the many volunteers that come into our school and classrooms, supporting our teachers and students. Your time is appreciated and allows for our classes to take part in activities that we could not do otherwise. Volunteers will be served a drink and a treat, as well as see our musical theatre performance of *Stone Soup* and another surprise performance! Invitations have been sent out so please check your child's backpack.

COBS Bread

We would like to thank COBS Bread for donating bread and other treats to our school once a week. Bread will be available once a week on Thursday morning for any students that are interested. The bread will be delivered to individual classrooms first thing in the morning. We would like parents to know that the baked items may contain nuts. Please contact the classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns. A big thank you to COBS bread and the staff members who are picking up the products and helping to distribute bread/treats to the students.

Student Transportation: 2018-19 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2018-19 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.



All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Families will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2018.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca. For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as Central Administration.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again running Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for ***first-time school bus riders***.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a

series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for ***first-time school bus riders*** entering the 2018-19 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

EIPS Central Office, August 21 @ 6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office, August 23 @ 10 a.m.
EIPS Central Office, August 23 @ 6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office, August 27 @ 6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office, August 29 @ 6 p.m.
SouthPointe School, August 28 @ 6 p.m.

EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit:

<https://goo.gl/forms/b0svKmWAOqHRSvZs2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

SYNC Update

We have been having a lot of fun during our SYNC (Seniors and Youth Networking Communities) visits! We have created some amazing relationships and we look forward to our time together each month. In April, Alexis and her duet partner, Sheldon danced for us and they did an incredible job! We also made two beautiful bouquets of hand print flowers as well





as 'flower quilts' that are hanging up at Southfort Bend Gardens. Our upcoming visit will be extra special as Wye School is coming again with their ukulele ensemble. They always do a great job entertaining us and we also end up singing along! Special thanks goes out to our parent helpers, Jenny and Jamie for always having our crafts prepped and ready to go and for their helping hands while we are there!

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 7

Join us on May 7th as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. On May 7, we

encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—all of whom go above and beyond the call of duty to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of **SouthPointe School** - *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.



UPCOMING DATES

May 6-12	Emergency Preparedness Week
May 8	Gr6 - Hands on Science
May 14	ECS (Monday/Thursday) Class Pictures @ 9:30am Individual student photos for those that missed a photo in the fall
May 15	Group Class Pictures (including ECS Tuesday/Friday)
May 16	ECS Field Trip – Strathcona Wilderness Centre Gr4 Field Trip – Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society
May 17-18	School Closure Days
May 21	Victoria Day (School Closed)
May 22	SYNC – Southfort Bend Gardens (Gr 5 & 6)
May 23	Volunteer Tea and Musical, “Stone Soup” @ 12:30pm
May 24	Performance of “Stone Soup” the Musical
May 29	Gr6 Field Trip – Coding Quest
May 30	Gr2 Field Trip – Fort Edmonton Park
May 31	Gr3 Field Trip – St. Albert International Children’s Festival