

JUNE 2018



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are now beginning the last month of the school year. We have had a busy school year filled with many firsts for SouthPointe School. It is amazing to see how much our students, staff and parents have grown and become a community in our first year of operation.

June still brings us our PAT examinations for our grade six students as well as final assessments for all students. All of our students will be working very hard in their studies until the end of June to achieve their goals. In addition, we are also looking forward to several fun culminating events including field trips, year-end activities as well as the National Ingenious Peoples Day.

We are continuing to work to complete our staffing for next year and will have an update on the website as soon as all positions have been filled and finalized. School supply lists for the 2018-19 year are up on our website for next year. For those parents that are interested in ordering their school supplies online from Write-On Stationery for pick up in August, more information will be sent in a letter early next week.

Report cards will be available to all parents online at the end of the day on June 28, 2018. Parents will need to sign on to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) to access the report cards.

We would like to thank all of our parents for their tremendous support during the school

year. You have generously helped us by volunteering in our classrooms, supporting our fundraisers, volunteering your time to help with School Council and their committees, Our Fundraising Association for SouthPointe School and their committees and most importantly working with your children every day to support their learning. Thanks to all of those people who came to volunteer at our Track and Field Day on June 4th. It was a great success and the students had a fantastic day!

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

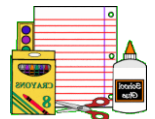
Carol Brown, Principal

Coming Soon: School Supply lists for the 2017-18 school year

New next year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is adopting a Division-wide school-supply list to lift some of the financial burden from families. Each grade will now have a standardized list of required supplies to complete the year to ensure families aren't purchasing materials in excess of what is being used in the classroom. The grade-specific supply lists are now posted on the [school website](#) and will remain throughout the summer months.

Write-On Stationery

Write-on Stationery provides parents the opportunity to purchase a school supply package for your child that is specific to SouthPointe School and his or her grade. Orders can be placed on-line at <https://www.write-on.ca/> until **July 1, 2018**. School supply packages will be delivered to the school and available for early pickup at the school on August 23 & 24. More information will be coming home in your child's backpack early next week.



Student Transportation Services for 2018-19

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. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—all 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.

Kindergarten Farewell

Our Kindergarten Farewell will be held on Tuesday, June 26 beginning at 9:00 am in the school gym. All ECS classes will be participating in the celebration. Any questions, please contact

kim.sharp@eips.ca or kasha.salkeld@eips.ca. **Please note: June 26th is also the last day of Kindergarten.**



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:

Location	Time	Date
EIPS Central Office		August 21 at 6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office		August 23 at 10 a.m.
EIPS Central Office		August 23 at 6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office		August 27 at 6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office		August 29 at 6 p.m.
SouthPointe School		August 28 at 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>.

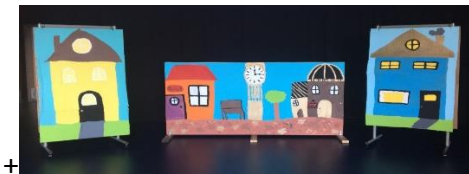
More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at:

www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Stone Soup Musical

We are so proud of the students that took part in our Spring Musical – Stone Soup. There were many roles to fill from acting and singing, to building the sets, painting the sets, and working back stage with props and music. Interested students from grades 3-6 signed up for the musical in their desired roles. The students committed to rehearsing two lunch recesses and one after school rehearsal per week. Their hard work, dedication and commitment led to successful performances. A big thank you to the parents of these students for your help with costumes and learning lines at home. We're already looking ahead to what the possibilities will be for next year! Way to go SouthPointe School.

Mrs. Zapesocki, Miss Freitag, Miss Gusniowsky and Miss Hiebert



Interested in being in a Band Club next year?

Mrs. Zapesocki will be offering an extra-curricular band club next year at SouthPointe School for students that are currently in grade 5 or 6 (going into grade 6 and 7). The band club will rehearse 1-2 days per week after school from end of day to 4:00pm. Students will be responsible for supplying their own wind instruments. Please keep an eye out for a note coming home with your child about instrument rental options and times. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Zapesocki at Kimberly.zapesocki@eips.ca

F.A.S.S. Update

With the busyness of June upon us, we have decided to cancel our June 20th meeting. We welcome everyone to return to our General Annual meeting on September 19 at 7pm. We are excited that the playground will be built this summer! Construction will start when school is finished on June 29 and will be completed August 15. It might take a bit longer before it's open to the public since it will need to pass inspections first. The playground will also have an area with three basketball hoops. Thank you to everyone for your help with this process. It's been a lot of work fundraising this year. See you all back in the fall!

Kathryn Kerelchuk

President

Fundraising Association for SouthPointe School

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. We will be recognizing and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit Indigenous peoples here at SouthPointe School. We have a fun filled, educational day planned. If you would like to volunteer please contact kim.sharp@eips.ca. Thank you

Provincial Curriculum Parent Information Sessions

The provincial government and its partners are requesting parent and guardian feedback on the draft K-4 provincial curriculum. Twenty face-to-face meetings will be held in school communities across Alberta from **May 31 to June 14, 2018**. Each session is limited to 100 participants.

Visit www.eips.ca for more information about session dates and registration details.

Share your Thoughts: Provincewide Student Transportation survey now open

Currently, Alberta Education is conducting a survey regarding student transportation. Parents, school authorities and stakeholders are asked to take the survey. The feedback received will help determine if changes need to be made to the distance criteria, mandated service levels and the safety considerations. When completing the survey keep in mind the government has said there is no more money for Student Transportation, which means if something new is funded something else may be lost. **The survey closes June 15, 2018.**

To take the survey and learn more visit www.eips.ca.

Tools for School

SouthPointe School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2018-19 [Tools for School](#) campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact our school directly. We'll discretely provide the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the Central Office at Elk Island Public Schools. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into in our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact the SouthPointe School Office at 780-998-2747 or call the Central Office at 780-464-3477.

2017-18 EIPS Parent Survey Results Report

The results are now available for the 2017-18 EIPS Parent Survey conducted in March. Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. The survey included 20 questions related to the three priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015-18 Three-Year Education Plan:

- Priority 1: Promote growth and success for all students
- Priority 2: Enhance high-quality learning and working environments
- Priority 3: Enhance public education through effective engagement, partnerships and communication

The overall Division results represent 2,918 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS, which is an increase from 2,678 responses the previous year.

The feedback gathered will help EIPS schools and the Division measure its progress toward meeting the priorities and goals outlined in the EIPS 2015-18 Three-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve students and the wider community moving forward.

Complete Parent Survey results for the Division are available by visiting www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey.

SouthPointe School's Parent Survey results are available by visiting [our website](#).

Fundraising Association of SouthPointe School Update

A HUGE thanks to everyone who purchased pizza kits and the awesome volunteers who helped sort orders! Over 350 kits were sold, raising \$1,780 for our school! A





big shout out to 30 for being the top sellers!
Enjoy your ice cream party!

On Saturday, June 23 we will be holding our second bottle drive of the year. Bottles can be dropped off at the school between 9am-12pm. Volunteers are also needed to fill hourly time slots during this time. This is a great opportunity to bring out the family and be a part of something great! Not to mention excellent math practice as it involves counting and bagging the bottles. If you are able to spare an hour or two please email vicepresident.fass@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

June Hot Lunch: Thanks to our awesome hot lunch volunteers! We have a Panago Pizza hot lunch on June 22nd. More information will be sent home so keep checking your child's backpack.

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools
Throughout the summer break, SouthPointe

School will be closed and will reopen on **August 21st at 8:00 a.m.** If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public School—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2018-19 school year.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours
(July and August)

Open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 780-464-3477
Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed - Monday, July 2 for Canada Day

Closed - Monday, August 6 for Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation will also remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

UPCOMING DATES

June 8	Grade 5 Field Trip – Bennett Centre
June 13	ECS Field Trip – Edmonton Zoo
June 14	Grade 1 Field Trip – Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village
June 18	Grade 3 Field Trip – John Janzen Nature Centre
	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B
June 19	SYNC – Southfort Bend Gardens (Gr 5 & 6)
	Grade 6 Mathematics PAT Parts A & B
June 20	Grade 6 Social Studies PAT
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22	Grade 6 Science PAT
	Panago Pizza Hot Lunch
June 23	Bottle Drive (9am - 12pm)
June 26	Grade 4 Field Trip – Strathcona Wilderness Centre
	Grade 1 Field Trip – Spray Park and Picnic
	Last Day of Kindergarten
June 27	Grade 6 Field Trip – Fort Cinema

June 28 Grade 6 Field Trip – Turner Park
June 28 Last day of School
September 4 First day of School

Community Events



**GRAND
OPENING
of TAURUS FIELD**
 Friday, June 8, 2018
 Let's pack the stands and
 cheer on our team!

FREE ADMISSION
 Gates open at **5pm**
 Game starts at **6pm**

FREE GIFTS for the first 200 guests.
 Support the local food bank and help fill
 the Taurus Truck with non-perishable items!
 Concession and 50/50 available (cash only)

Taurus Field located at **8200 Southfort Drive**
 (beside the Dow Centennial Centre)

FREE Family Event!

Car Seat Clinic and Bike Rodeo

Saturday, June 9 - 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Families First Society

9901 - 90 Street, Fort Saskatchewan

Car Seat Clinic

Car seat technicians will be here to inspect your car seats to make sure they are installed properly, and your children are buckled up safely.

To **REGISTER** please call
780-998-5595 ext. 224
 Limited availability.

Bike Rodeo

Local RCMP and Municipal Enforcement will be here doing a bike safety check!

- Children learn bike safety, they can test their skills on an obstacle course.
- Make sure your child's helmet fits properly with a safety check from Alberta Health Services
- Get a free bike check up from Winner's Way Source for Sports. A limited supply of helmets and bells are available.
- Parent's must accompany all children.

DROP-IN, No Registration Needed!

Enjoy a free family BBQ sponsored by Co-op. Join in activities while you wait.