

## March 2019



### **Principal's Message**

Report Cards will be available online on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. We will not be sending a print copy home of student's report cards but ask that you access these through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have any questions about how to set up your PowerSchool Parent Portal please phone the school and Mrs. Warwa or Mrs. Barker will be happy to help you.

Currently grade 4, 5, and 6 students are preparing and presenting speeches to their classmates. A school based competition will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:12 am in the gym. Two students from each of the classrooms will be presenting their speeches at the school based competition. The student who finishes first in each grade at the school competition goes on to represent SouthPointe School at the EIPS competition held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Strathcona County Hall.

The weather in February has been extremely cold and March seems to be following the same path. Please ensure that students are properly dressed for the elements.

Our next Parent Council and Fundraising Society meeting will be Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons. We will be sharing information about potential school fees for the 2019-20 school year and would like feedback from our parents. We hope you can join us.

Carol Brown, Principal

### **Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten).

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten)—to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at [www.southpointeschool.ca](http://www.southpointeschool.ca). We will be hosting a kindergarten parent information night on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Hope to see you all there!

### **Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 11**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2019 Parent Survey—open from March 11-29.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Four-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences





with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes questions about cellphones and personal devices. Your feedback will help the EIPS Board of Trustees develop a policy about cellphones and their use within the classroom.

### **VISIT [WWW.EIPS.CA](http://WWW.EIPS.CA) TO TAKE THE SURVEY**

Survey opens March 11, 2019

Survey closes March 29, 2019

*NOTE:* The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

### **Honor Choir Performing at Fort Sask Music Festival**

On Monday, March 11, the SouthPointe School Honor Choir will be performing at the Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival. The performance will be at 10:00 am, at the First United Church, 10409 100 Ave, and all are welcome to attend and watch. Please have your child wear black and white on this day. A big thank you to the parent volunteers that are chaperoning for this event.

### **Healthy Snack Initiative**

A big thank-you to **Freson Bros** for partnering with SouthPointe School to provide a healthy snack to our students once a month. All of the fruit and produce are provided by Freson Bros. The purpose of this program is to encourage healthy eating by exposing students to different fruits and vegetables. Students are given information about the product including fun facts about nutrients and the environment. In February students were given carrots to try. They were fabulous and the students really enjoyed them.

### **Fundraising Association and School Council Update**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Pita Pit hot lunch scheduled for March. Our next anticipated hot lunch will be on April 5 and more information and order forms will be sent home. Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons. All are welcome! If you require child care for the meeting, please contact Ariane at [southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com)

The Valentine's family dance was a HUGE SUCCESS! It was a great night and everyone had so much fun! Thank you to everyone who attended. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the staff and parent volunteers who helped on the night of the dance and to the dance committee who worked so hard to prepare for the big day. We would also like to thank our generous sponsors who donated such amazing gifts for our prizes. And of course, a special thank you to our guest, Auggie the Sheep, who brought smiles to many little faces.

### **Our generous sponsors:**

- AECOM
- The Almeida family
- Bassett Petroleum
- Booster Juice
- City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Dow Centennial Centre
- Fort Saskatchewan Movie Theatre
- Nailed it Custom Vinyl & Wood Signs
- Original Joes
- Panago Pizza
- Tim Hortons (10080-88<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- United Rentals

### **Saving for Your Child's Education**

It's no secret, post-secondary education comes with significant costs. In fact, many families wonder how much they need to save and how soon they need to begin. To help get started, the Government of Canada offers families two education savings incentives.

- *Canada Education Savings Grant*: The government contributes up to 20 per cent on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a Registered Education Savings Plan.
- *Canada Learning Bond*: Available for eligible children from low-income families born in 2004 or later. The government provides an initial payment of \$500, plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000—personal contributions are not required.

Once that child enrolls in post-secondary education—an apprenticeship program, trade school, college or university—the money saved can be used to pay the associated expenses. These include tuition, housing, transportation, textbooks, equipment and supplies. So, while it's never too late to begin saving, just a small contribution each year can translate into substantial saving later.

For more information visit the Government of Canada's [Education Savings](http://EducationSavings) website.

### **Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Youth Camps: Registration opens March 11** **There's something for everyone**

**Summer School:** Open to students entering grades 10-12

With more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses.

*Courses include:*

- CALM, Physical Education 10, and Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English, math, social and all the sciences at the 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience

**Summer Youth Camps:** Open to participants in grades 5-9

From sports to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while also making friends and learning new skills.



*Camps include:*

- sports
- cooking and baking
- babysitting
- Handball—new

Registration opens on March 11.

**Related information:**

[Summer School](#)

[Youth Camps](#)

**SouthPointe School Spirit Wear!**

This year at SouthPointe School, we have set up an online ordering store for our school community to purchase apparel items. The online store will open on the 3rd day of each month and close monthly on the last day to allow for the orders to be processed. Please click [here](#) for more information.



**UPCOMING DATES**

<b>March 8</b>	NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day
<b>March 10</b>	Daylight Savings Time – Spring Ahead One Hour
<b>March 11</b>	Honor Choir – Fort Sask Music Festival at First United Church
<b>March 14</b>	Grade 4 - 7 Snow Valley Ski Trip Pi Day
<b>March 15</b>	Report Cards/Grades Published Online
<b>March 19</b>	S.Y.N.C (Gr 5/6) – Southfort Bend Gardens
<b>March 20</b>	School Council & Fundraising Society Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons Speech Competition
<b>March 20 &amp; 21</b>	Grade 7 Field Trip - Fort Sask Bowling Alley
<b>March 22</b>	NO SCHOOL – Day-in-Lieu for Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>March 25 – 29</b>	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
<b>April 1</b>	Classes Resume
<b>April 3</b>	Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 p.m.)
<b>April 5</b>	Hot Lunch