

May 2019



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 9. The junior high final exam schedule is also posted on the school calendar.

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.

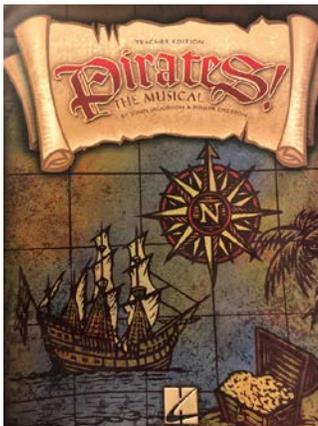
I encourage all of our school community to take in the production of Pirates that is being put on by grades 3-6 at the DOW Centre on May 16th at 6:30pm. See below for the links to order your tickets. They are also available on our SouthPointe School website.

The next school council and fundraising association meeting will be held on May 15 at 6pm 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.

Carol Brown,
Principal

Pirates! The Musical Tickets



We're off to sail the rollicking sea, pirates all are we!"

But ARRRR, and shiver me timbers!

There's a stowaway on board! Perhaps the King of the High "C's" will know what to do. Join this salty crew of colorful scallywags when Bluebeard, Yellowbeard, Whitebeard, Purplebeard - well, you get the picture - along with the No Beards hoist the Jolly Roger and set sail for a mighty adventure.

Join the SouthPointe School musical crew, students in grades 3-6, as they perform the musical PIRATES, on Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm, Dow Shell Theatre!

To Purchase Tickets:

- https://shelltheatreperformanceseries2018.ticketpro.ca/?lang=en&aff=shell#achat_DCC16EM19
- [Shell Theatre Website](#) Upcoming Events

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 2019-20 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
A.L. Horton Elementary	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 22	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 22	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 28	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 27	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 27	6 p.m.

A.L. Horton Elementary is located at 5037 48 Ave, Vegreville

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

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

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at:

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

Volunteer Tea

The Volunteer Tea will be hosted by students from our Grade 3 classes on May 14 at 12:30pm. 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 *Pirates!* and another surprise performance! Invitations have been sent out so please check your child's backpack.





THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 6

Join us on May 6 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond 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.

2018-19 EIPS Parent Survey Results Report

The results are now available for the 2018-19 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 21 questions related to the three priorities outlined in the EIPS [2018-22 Four-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 3,713 responses from parents and guardians across the Division. This was an increase in responses from 2,918 in the previous year.

The feedback gathered will help our school and the Division measure its progress toward meeting the priorities and goals outlined in the EIPS 2018-22 Four-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 [here](#).

Gearing up for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night on May 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm:

- 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.



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Additional information regarding SouthPointe School's kindergarten program, is available on our school website at www.southpointeschool.ca/programs/kindergarten.

NOTE: To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2019-20 school year, children must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2019.

Fundraising Association and School Council Update

Our next **hot lunch** will be on May 24th – burgers and fries!



Delivery day for **our Little Caesars pizza kits** is Tuesday, May 14 and we will need volunteers from 2:00-6:00pm. Please email vicepresident.fass@gmail.com, if you are able to lend a hand. Our next fundraiser is a **bottle drive** planned for Saturday, May 25. Please drop off your bottles and cans (no need to sort them). We will need volunteers as well to cover one hour shift(s) from 9am to noon.



We are looking to build an even stronger parent community here at SouthPointe School and have sent some **volunteer sign-up sheets** home indicating a variety of ways for parents to become involved. Please complete and return to the school.

Our next **School Council and FASS meeting** will be held on May 15 at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons. Everyone is welcome! If you need child care for the meeting, please contact Ariane at southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com by May 13.

Student Transportation: 2019-20 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2019-20 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 registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2019.

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 the EIPS Central Services office.

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

- May 6 - 10** Emergency Preparedness Week
- May 8** Class Photos (including ECS Tues/Fri)
- May 9** ECS (Mon/Thurs) Class Photos
PAT Exam – Grade 6 English Language Arts, Part A
- May 14** Volunteer Tea – 12:30pm
Little Caesars Fundraiser Pickup – 2:00–6:00pm
Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 6:30pm
- May 15** Grade 4 Field Trip – Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society
School Council & Fundraising Society Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons
- May 16** Junior High Track and Field Day
Pirates! The Musical at Dow Shell Theatre – 6:30pm
- May 17** NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day
- May 20** NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
- May 21** S.Y.N.C (Gr 5/6) – Southfort Bend Gardens
- May 24** Hot Lunch – Fat Burger
Rain Out Day - Junior High Track and Field
- May 28** Elementary Track and Field Day
- May 29** Kindergarten Field Trip – Strathcona Wilderness Centre
- May 31** Grade 3 Field Trip – St. Albert Children’s Theatre
Rain Out Day - Elementary Track and Field Day
- June 5** Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51pm)