

## December 2019



### Principal's Message

December is upon us. Report cards and junior high marks are being released through the PowerSchool Parent Portal on December 13, 2019. We encourage all parents to log on and see how your child is progressing in school.

We would like to thank Mrs. Zapesocki and all of the students and staff for their hard work on making the holiday celebration such a great success on December 5, 2019. We would also like to thank the parents and extended family for coming out to watch the grades 1-6 concert. Thank you to our kindergarten staff and all the special guests that joined us for our kindergarten holiday celebration on the evening of December 3, 2019. They were a great success and the students enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their musical talents.

A reminder to parents that the weather is beginning to turn cold. Please ensure that students are dressed properly for the conditions. Warm jackets, scarves, toques and gloves are all necessities. Snow pants are highly recommended. We are noticing a few students that are underdressed as they are coming off the bus. We want to ensure that if a bus breaks down during the morning or after school ride that students will be comfortable until help arrives.

We are hoping that everyone will enjoy the holiday break this year. The last day of school for students is December 20 and students return on January 6. We hope the break will provide you with some time to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends.

Carol Brown, Principal

### Report Cards

We are pleased to announce that our grade 1-6 term 1 report cards and grade 7 term 1 marks will be available for online viewing and/or printing by 3:00 pm on December 13. Kindergarten report cards will be printed and sent home with your child.

To access the online report card, log onto your PowerSchool Parent Portal account and click on "Communicating Student Learning".



If you wish to print the report card, click on the *print* button found on the right hand side of the top banner on the report card page. If you have any difficulty accessing, setting up, or printing the report card, please contact the office or email the school.

Parents of junior high students, please log on to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account to access term 1 marks.



### **Staffing Update**

Please join us in welcoming Kristen Rosato back to SouthPointe School. She is returning from leave to teach grade 4. We thank Mrs. Booker for all that she has done for our school community over the past year. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs. Harburn. She has accepted a teacher exchange with a school in Australia. Her exchange starts in the New Year. We are excited to have Mrs. Sarah Johnson join our staff from Australia. She will be teaching grade 1 for the 2020 school year. We wish them both the best in their new adventures.

### **Modular Update**

The new modular classrooms are just about complete. We will be moving Mr. Epp and Mrs. Bossert's grade 5 classes and Ms. Munsterman's grade 1 class into the new moduls. The moving will occur during the last week of school in December and students will be in their new classrooms starting in January. The classroom spaces that are being vacated will be repurposed as junior high classrooms.

### **Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2020? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2020-21 school year on **Feb. 1, 2020**.

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 is available at [www.southpointeschool.ca/programs/kindergarten](http://www.southpointeschool.ca/programs/kindergarten).

### **Returning Student Registration for 2020-21**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2020-21 school year. Families of all returning students must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2020-21 school year. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2020-21 returning student registration takes place between Feb. 1-29, 2020.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2020.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information contact the school directly at 780-998-2747.

### Spare Clothing for the Office



If you are looking to pass on clothing your child has outgrown, the SouthPointe School office could use a few items for those children who need a change of clothes during the day. Pants that fit both boys and girls ages 5-7 are in highest demand but some t-shirts, sweatshirts and larger sized items (ages 8-10) would be useful as well. If you have some of these items you would like to donate, please contact the office at [general.sps@eips.ca](mailto:general.sps@eips.ca) or 780-998-2747.

### Winter Break

SouthPointe School will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 20, 2019. The school will reopen on Jan. 6, 2020. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

### EIPS Central Services Winter Break Hours:

Closed                    December 25-January 1  
Open                     January 2-3                    8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*for location and contact information visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).



From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

### Fundraising Association and School Council Update

Write it down! **Next meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6pm in the Learning Commons.** Childcare is provided and all participants will be entered into a draw for a \$25 gift certificate.

**Stawnichy Mundare Sausage Fundraiser** raised over \$4000! Pick-up date is Wednesday, December 11, between 2:00 and 6:00 pm. Orders **will not** be sent home with students and **will not** be stored overnight. Congratulations to the top selling student, Rylee Van Hecke in 1H, with over \$1,400 sold and the top selling class, Mrs. Henderson's kindergarten, with over \$2,300 sold.

**2019 Sign Night** was Friday, November 29 at Roustabouts. We had a great time and raised over \$1,000. Thank you to everyone who helped organize and to Nailed It for teaching us to be creative.

**Ongoing fundraising:** Our goal is to raise \$30,000.00 to complete a space for the junior high students outside. How can you help?

**2020 School Dance** – Mark down the date: Friday, February 21, 2020. More information to follow.

- Every time you eat at a **Boston Pizza** in the Edmonton area and Northern Alberta **SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!** There is a collection envelope on the FASS Bulletin board in the front entry way of the school, please drop your receipts there. Boston Pizza will give back 5% of what we spend!
- **COBS Doughraiser** program also gives 5% of what you spend back to our school. When you go to our local store, tell them you're from SouthPointe School. They will keep track on their end.

• **FLIP GIVE** Make your Christmas shopping easier. GO thru the app to shop at Amazon, Under Armour, Old Navy, and tons more or purchase gift cards. When you spend money, FASS raises money. Download the FLIP GIVE APP, join the FASS team, enter code **K2TQ9X** and start shopping. We've raised over \$700 in less than one month.

**Hot Lunch this month** is Panago Pizza on Friday, December 13 and Cookies from Santa on Friday, December 20. Cookies are free, every student will get one. If you'd like to order milk, please do so on our new hot lunch and fundraising website. Cut off dates are listed on the website so please make sure you order ASAP so you don't miss out!

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/SouthPointeSchool/>

### **Rustic Sign Fundraiser**

The SouthPointe School sign night fundraiser was tons of fun! The event raised over \$1,000.00! This money will go towards new outdoor space for our older students at SouthPointe, ensuring everyone has something fun to do while out for recess. Some incredible volunteers worked tirelessly to make this event a big success! Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way!

Jodie Robertshaw, Laelia Winstone, Zoi Vasilantonakis and Courtney Lee from the Fundraising Society, and Whitney Nerbas, Jamie Nelson, Ariane Taylor-Brzoza, and Candace Dealy from School Council all worked together to pull together every small detail of this event. The amazing ladies from Nailed It once again put on a great evening and helped everyone bring out their inner artist!

We'd like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated items to our silent auction. Your kindness, generosity and support of our cause is sincerely appreciated! Thank you to: Heidi Vance at Lakeview Inn & Suites, Tanya Mucha, Christie Harburn, Nailed It, Jenn Fairhurst with Re/Max Real Estate, Cathy with Original Joes, Killer Mugz, Angie Shettell with Carbon & Cove, Danielle Rusk with Thirty One Gifts, Starbucks, Amy Mack with Scentsy, and James Fenton with Snap-On Tools.

A very special thank you and shout out to Sam and Heidi at Lakeview Inn & Suites for graciously allowing us use of the ballroom, free of charge!

We hope everyone who attended had a great time. Happy holidays everyone!

### **Inclement Weather**

With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.



If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on



[www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, "school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather. For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

### **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Trustees**

For many, including myself, December is a time for reflection and gratitude. As we wind down 2019 and head into the winter break, I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. I also want to sincerely thank of each you for the contributions you bring to the Division on an ongoing basis. You are our partners in education. And, because of that, we're making a difference in the learning experiences and opportunities of all students within EIPS.

We hope all of you enjoy this special time of year and have a chance to attend some of the many school concerts and special events taking place Divisionwide. To all of you, have a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 6, 2019.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays,

Trina Boymook  
EIPS Board Chair

### **UPCOMING DATES**

<b>December 11</b>	Fundraiser (Stawnichy Mundare Sausage) Order Pickup (2:00-6:00 pm)
<b>December 13</b>	Term 1 Report Cards/Marks Published @ 3:00pm
<b>December 13</b>	Hot Lunch – Panago Pizza
<b>December 17</b>	S.Y.N.C/Connecting Communities (Gr 4/5)
<b>December 18</b>	Spirit Day – Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
<b>December 20</b>	Last Instructional Day before Winter Break Spirit Day – Pajama Day
<b>Dec 23 – Jan 3</b>	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
<b>January 6</b>	First Instructional Day after Winter Break
<b>January 8</b>	Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 p.m.)