



March 2020

Principal's Message

Report cards and junior high marks are being released through the PowerSchool Parent Portal on March 20, 2020. We encourage all parents to log on and see how your child is progressing in school.

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. ECS progress reports will be sent home with students during the week of March 16-20.

Currently grade 4, 5, and 6 students are preparing and presenting speeches to their classmates. A school-based competition will be held on March 26 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 23 at the Strathcona County Hall.

Parents and students currently in grade 6-8 are invited to join us on Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00-7:00 pm for our Junior High Information Night.

Our next Parent Council and Fundraising Society meeting will be Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons. We will be sharing information from the parent school fee survey and projected fees for the 2020-21 school year. We hope you can join us.

A reminder that Spring Break occurs from March 27-April 5. Classes resume Monday, April 6, 2020.

Carol Brown, Principal

Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 9

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2020 Parent Survey—open from March 9-26.

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.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey opens March 9, 2020

Survey closes March 26, 2020

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.



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Junior High Parent Information Night

On March 24 from 6:00-7:00 pm SouthPointe will be hosting a Parent Information night to go over the electives choices for the 2020-21 school year. Staff will be available that evening to answer any questions you may have. An information package and survey was emailed to parents on February 28.

SouthPointe School Spirit Wear!

SouthPointe School spirit wear is available to order through the end of March. Delivery of items will be in April. Please click [here](#) to order.

Moving forward, spirit wear will only be available to order **twice per year**; in the fall (September & October, for delivery before the holidays) and spring (February & March, for delivery in April).



Honour Choir Performing at Fort Sask Music Festival

On Monday, March 9, the SouthPointe School Honour 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 or dark colored bottoms (pants or skirt) and a short sleeved shirt on this day. Choir t-shirts will be provided for our performance. A big thank you to the parent volunteers that are chaperoning for this event.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2020? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at 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 on our school website at www.southpointeschool.ca/.

School Council Update

A huge shout out and thank you to everyone who pitched in and made the 3rd Annual SouthPointe School dance a huge success!! Our SouthPointe School Council and Fundraising Association (FASS) worked tirelessly in the weeks coming up to the event - for your dedication and hard work, the school community cannot thank you all enough!

The work that went into the incredible decorations certainly did not go unnoticed - they were absolutely AMAZING! A big thank you to Jenny Polischuk and Whitney Nerbas for your fine work! Our epic DJ absolutely went above and beyond! Mr. Epp, all the work you put into this, both leading up to the event and during the event, we just can't thank you enough!! Our incredible shark mascot was such a fun and pleasant addition to our evening - thank you so, so much to Klarke & Calvin Pearce for keeping the crowd entertained! I'm sure it was a sweaty job - a big KUDOS to the both of you for your super cool moves!



A special thank you to Kathryn Kerelchuk for recruiting and organizing all our wonderful volunteers!! We had amazing parents, teachers (and kiddos!) who worked hard to get the gym setup prior to the dance. We had incredible folks who stepped up to work the front door, sell concession tickets, and work the concession booth. We had some FINE leadership students that stepped up to volunteer in the concession, a VERY busy concession at that, and you all did great work keeping up with the huge crowds and keeping our lovely patrons happy! To those of you who stayed at the end to help clean up - THANK YOU!!! To Ms. Brown and Mrs. Kropp, who pulled their sleeves up to help where help was needed, thank you so much!! And it was great to see some of our fine teachers in attendance and out on the dance floor boogin' with the students. Honestly, to everyone who helped out - teachers/staff, parents, students - we appreciate you immensely.

Many businesses and individuals donated items for our dance, so a BIG BIG thank you to: Entrust Respite Services, Staples Fort Saskatchewan, Original Joe's Fort Saskatchewan, the City of Fort Saskatchewan, Danielle Wong, Panago Pizza Fort Saskatchewan, Fundraising Association for SouthPointe School (FASS), Tessa Labbe, and Magic Lantern Theater Fort Saskatchewan.

It's truly incredible to see our school community come together, so many people pitch in, and so many people having fun. It was wonderful watching all the kids having such a great time. I can't wait for more events that bring us closer together as a school community. GO SOUTHPOINTE SHARKS!

Fundraising Association Update

Write it down! **Next meeting is Wednesday, March 18, at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons.** Childcare is provided and all participants will be entered in a draw for a \$25 gift certificate. We are also looking for a new Secretary. If you'd like to volunteer and see what it's all about.

Purdy's Fundraiser:

Order By: March 13, 2020

Order forms and full payment due by 2:51pm. Online orders due by midnight. Please make cheques payable to FASS.

Pickup: March 24, 2020 at Southpointe School - 3:00–6:00 pm

Orders will not be sent home with students nor kept overnight.

If you'd like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, you can follow the Purdy's direct SouthPointe School fundraising web address:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1151558-73784>

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

- 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!
- **FLIP GIVE** who doesn't love online shopping. 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 \$1000, let's keep going!

Next Hot Lunch is Friday March 13 – Boston Pizza. Cut-off date is midnight, five days prior to the scheduled hot lunch. Please make sure you order ASAP so you don't miss out!

Upcoming dates:

Freson Bros Pancakes – Friday, May 22 munchalunch.com/schools/SouthPointeSchool/

Connect Parent Group

Alberta Heartland Primary Care Network and Family and Community Support Services will be hosting a **Connect Parent Group** starting **March 11 – May 13** at City Hall in the Lang Room (10005-102 Street) from **6:00pm – 7:30pm**. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter to learn more and find out how to register.

Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Camps: Registration opens March 9

Do more this summer!

Summer School: Open to students entering grades 10-12 and mature students
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 (in class or self-paced)
- Physical Education 10
- Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Math – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Social – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Sciences – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience and RAP

Summer Camps: Open to participants in grades 5-9

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

Camps include:

- Sports – volleyball, basketball and handball
- computer gaming and design
- cooking and baking
- babysitting

Registration opens on March 9.



Related information:

[Summer School](#)
[Summer Camps](#)

UPCOMING DATES

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| March 6 | NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day |
| March 8 | Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Ahead One Hour |
| March 9 | Honour Choir – Fort Sask Music Festival at First United Church |
| March 10 | Grade 7 & 8 Science Showcase – 12:00 pm |
| March 12 | Grade 4 - 8 Snow Valley Ski/Snowboard Trip |
| March 13 | Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza |
| March 20 | Report Cards/Grades Published Online - 3:00 pm |
| March 17 | S.Y.N.C/Connecting Communities (Gr 4/5) |
| March 18 | School Council & Fundraising Society Meeting - 6:00 pm, Learning Commons |
| March 20 | Spirit Day – Beach Day!
Report Cards/Grades Published Online - 3:00 pm |
| March 24 | Junior High Information Night – 6:00 pm |
| March 26 | Speech Competition |
| March 27 | NO SCHOOL – Day-in-Lieu for Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Mar 30 – Apr 3 | NO SCHOOL – Spring Break |
| April 6 | Classes Resume |
| April 8 | Cash4Care – bring \$2 for the Stollery to wear a hat in school all day
Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 pm) |
| April 10 | NO SCHOOL – Good Friday |
| April 13 | NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday |

Connect Parent Group

An Attachment-Based Program to Support Parents & Caregivers

**Do you ever feel that your teen doesn't listen to you?
Do you sometimes even feel pushed away? Do parents matter?**

Actually, there is very good evidence that strong relationships with parents protect youth from risk during adolescence and help them thrive!
We call that **ATTACHMENT!**

Connect is a **FREE** 9-week program to support parents of pre-teens and teens. Parents meet in groups of 10-16 with two trained group leaders.



Wednesdays starting

March 11th until May 13th

No group on April 1st

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Lang Room at City Hall, 10005 102 St, Fort Saskatchewan

Co-developed over the last 10 years by the Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre and Simon Fraser University, the program focuses on the core components of secure attachment to promote children's social, emotional, and behavioural adjustment. Connect© helps Caregivers understand basic attachment concepts which can then be applied across a broad range of situations and relational concepts.

Each session provides parents with an attachment perspective on parent-child relationships and adolescent development. Parents watch role-plays, do exercises and discuss ways of responding to challenging behaviour and problems. After each session, parents receive handouts with key points to remember when applying the principles to their own parent-child relationships.

To register for this **FREE** program fortsask.ca/ConnectParent

Limited spaces available.

Snacks and Refreshments will be provided.