



JUNE 2020

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are now beginning the last month of the school year. This school year has certainly been like no other that we have experienced. I would like to thank the students, parents, and teachers for all their hard work to ensure that alternative learning has continued.

The last day of online learning for all students will be Friday, June 19. We encourage students to finish the school year strong. Please ensure that you continue to hand in assignments to your teachers so they can be included in your final grade.

Information regarding fees reimbursement will be sent to our school community on June 8, 2020. Material and Chromebook return will occur on June 19, 22 and 23. Families that have outstanding library books, textbooks or Chromebook will be contacted on June 12, so that we can arrange for these items to be returned.

We are working to finalize our staffing for next year and will have an update on the website as soon as all positions have been filled. School supply lists for the 2020-21 year are 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 can be found in the May and June newsletter as well as on our school website. We will also send a message to families next week with school supply information.

Report cards will be available to all parents online at the end of the day on June 26, 2020. Parents will need to sign on to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) to access the report cards. A special thanks to you, the parents, who have contributed in ways small, large, and unimaginable! Thank you for the partnership between home and school. We appreciate all that you do each day for our school and our students.

We will be hosting a remote online School Council/ Fundraising Association Google Meet for Wednesday, June 17 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating in this meeting, please send us your email so we can send you a specific Google Meet invite. An agenda will follow with the invite for those interested. This is all uncharted territory and we appreciate the opportunity to connect with families. Please respond to this email for an invitation to participate in the remote online School Council at corey.kropp@eips.ca



As our summer begins, I would like to express how grateful I am to be leading such an amazing community of students, parents and staff. It has been an amazing year! I am so proud of all the achievements and accomplishments of our students here at SouthPointe School.

At this time, we are uncertain of what school will look like in the fall. Parents will be kept informed as decision are made. We want to thank all parents for their continued support.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Carol Brown, Principal
Corey Kropp, Assistant Principal

Accessing User Accounts: Students Leaving EIPS

Is your child graduating from or leaving EIPS at the end of the school year? If so, they must ensure any information they want to retain from their school accounts is downloaded onto a personal device or stored on a removable disk—such as a USB key or portable hard-drive—before leaving. For the personal share drive (Z:), students must contact the school to download files before the last day of classes on June 19. Meanwhile, for Google accounts, students must download any wanted content before September 1—download files either individually or in bulk using [Google Takeout](#). After these dates, EIPS will deactivate the account and delete all remaining files. For more information, contact SouthPointe School.

Student Transportation

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2020-21 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 returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration 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: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).



Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run 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 2020-21 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 18	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	6 p.m.

NOTE: Date and time may change depending on the phase of the province's relaunch strategy.

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 about busing for kindergarten children is available at: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, SouthPointe School is closed and will reopen on Tuesday August 25, 2020. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2020-21 school year.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours:

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	Wednesday, July 1	Canada Day
Closed	Monday, August 3	Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation will also remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as EIPS Central Services Office.

School Supply Lists

Grade-specific school supply lists for the 2020-21 school year are posted on the [school website](#).

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](#) starting **May 15 until July 1, 2020**. School supply packages will be delivered to the school and available for early pickup at the school on August 26 & 27. It is not a requirement to order your supplies through this program. Please Note: SouthPointe is unable to collect orders/money for Write-on Stationery. **All orders must be placed online.**



Tools for School

SouthPointe School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2020-21 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 2020-21 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 EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact the school office at 780-998-2747 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

UPCOMING DATES

June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 19	Last Day of Alternative Learning
June 29	Last Operation Day
June 30	School Closed for Summer Break
September 1	First Day of School (Gr 1 – 9)
September 8	First Day of School (Kindergarten, Schedule B)
September 9	First Day of School (Kindergarten, Schedule A)

