

## November 2020



### Principal's Message

October was a very busy month, and it looks like November is going to be more of the same. I would like to thank all the staff and student leaders who helped make our Halloween activities such a huge success. There were so many great costumes. A special thanks to Mrs. Henry and her leadership students who created a virtual Halloween parade video of all our classes.

SouthPointe School held our Remembrance Day ceremony Friday, November 6, at 10:40 am. A special thank you to our Remembrance Day committee for all their work planning and organizing our ceremony. I would also like to thank all our student leaders for their help during the ceremony. Students participated in viewing PowerPoint presentations, listening to grade six speakers, and watching video messages from veterans.

Please mark your calendars - the next School Council and Fundraising Association of SouthPointe School meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:00pm. If you would like to participate in the meeting, please email Corey Kropp at [corey.kropp@eips.ca](mailto:corey.kropp@eips.ca) to request an invite.

Thank-you to the following people for their help with the School Council during the 2019-20 school year: Whitney Nerbas and Jamie Nelson who were our co-chairs. Ariane Taylor-Brzoza and Candace Dealy who were our co-secretaries. We would also like to thank the following people for their help with the Fundraising Society (FASS) during the 2019-20 school year: Laelia Winstone- President, Zoi Vasilantonakis- Vice President, Jodie Robertshaw- Treasurer and Courtney Lee and Danielle Collette for being our secretaries. Thank-you for your time and efforts to make SouthPointe School a great place for all students.

During our October Council and Society meetings the Annual General meeting occurred. Thank -you to the following people: Whitney Nerbas and Jamie Nelson- Co-chairs of the School Council, Laelia Winstone-President FASS, Jodie Robertshaw-Treasurer-FASS and Danielle Collette- Secretary FASS who agreed to continue in their positions for the 2020-21 school year.

Parents we need your help! We have an opening for a parent to act as the Secretary for the School Council. The Secretary's duties and responsibilities are to act as a recorder at each meeting and ensure that the minutes are prepared accurately to reflect the directions agreed to at the meeting. Meeting minutes are to be sent to the school office staff to be uploaded to the school website.

We also have an opening for the Vice President of the Fundraising Society. Their duties and responsibilities include assisting the president, presiding over meetings when the president cannot, and will fill the role of president if resignation or extended leave of absence occurs. The vice president will be copied on all Association communications and review those communications.

If you have an interest in assisting in either of these roles, please contact the school office.

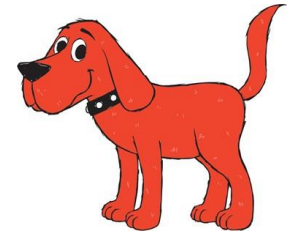
I hope that the November break allows for some rest and relaxation for both the students and staff at SouthPointe School.

Carol Brown & Corey Kropp  
Principal & Assistant Principal

### **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair**

Our school's Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will be open from November 16-23, 2020!

Let's continue to give our students access to the books they want to read! We are excited to provide this opportunity for families to shop together, from the comfort of home.



Your investment in your reader also helps our whole school. All purchases earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and education resources for our school's classrooms and library.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using this link:  
<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5148888>

Happy reading!

### **Report Cards**

We are pleased to announce that your child's term 1 report card will be available for online viewing and/or printing by 3:00 pm on December 4. 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 at 780-998-2747.

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

### **Lunch Drop-Offs**

A big thumbs up to those students that are bringing their lunch and water bottle each day!

Please be reminded that this year, in keeping with the SouthPointe School Re-Entry Plan, lunch drop-offs are limited to students **who have forgotten their lunch**. If your child requires a lunch for this reason, **arrangements must be made with the school** by contacting the office at 780-998-2747.

### **Remembrance Day**

Every year Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Even though we were unable to gather as an entire school this year, we felt it was important for our school to honour Remembrance Day. Our students participated in a school-wide ceremony while remaining a cohort in their classrooms. The ceremony, which included Oh Canada, a reading of "In Flanders Fields" and a moment of silence, was led by our Grade 6's over the PA along with a PowerPoint presentation. Each class also laid a wreath outside their classroom.

Students received a poppy to wear today that was provided by our local legion. Although we are unable to collect cash donations this year, if you would like to make a donation that supports veterans and their families, you can do so at the [Royal Canadian Legion website](#).

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

Our next virtual meeting will be held on November 18, 2020 at 4:00 pm. If you would like to participate in the meeting, please email Corey Kropp at [corey.kropp@eips.ca](mailto:corey.kropp@eips.ca) to request an invite.

The Fundraising Association is currently looking for volunteers for the positions of vice-president, marketing coordinator and volunteer coordinator. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Laelia Winstone (President) at [president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com).

**Want to have a say in what's happening in your child(ren)'s school?** Become a member of the Fundraising Association! [Membership forms](#) can be filled out online and sent to Danielle Collette (Secretary) at [secretary.fass@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.fass@gmail.com).

**NEW Fundraiser!** Year-round bottle drive! Beverly Bottle Depot has just partnered with the Fundraising Association for this huge event! You no longer need to stockpile your bottles waiting to support your school! Just give them a call at 780-479-3991 or 587-340-8803 and you can set up a date and time for them to come pick up your bottles and donate the refunds plus an extra 10% directly to our Fundraising Association!

### **Ongoing Fundraisers:**

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

- Every time you eat at **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 to leave your receipts in. Boston Pizza will give back 5% of what we spend!
- When shopping at **Cobs Bread**, just mention Southpointe School! 5% of what you spend will go back to the school.
- **FLIPGIVE** - Who doesn't love online shopping? Go through the app to shop at Amazon, Under Armour, Starbucks, Old Navy and lots more or purchase gift cards. Whenever you buy something

through the app, money is raised for FASS! Download the FLIPGIVE app, join the FASS team, enter code K2TQ9X and start shopping! We've already raised over \$1,000 using this app! Keep it going!

### **Correction and Verification Form Reminder**

There are still a number of families who've not reviewed the student Correction and Verification Form, which is available online through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you haven't reviewed your child's form yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Filling out the form is easy and takes only a few minutes to complete. Simply log onto a desktop computer/laptop/chromebook (will not work on a mobile device), review the form and each of its sections, make revisions where required, and then select "Sign & Submit," for the school to review.

The Correction and Verification Form replaces the paper version that was previously sent each fall. Every year, school divisions are required to give families the opportunity to review and update their child's information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details, parent consents and other related information. Reviewing and updating the form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child.

*NOTE:* Parents or guardians who've opted out of having the Correction and Verification Form visible on PowerSchool, must contact the school directly to request any changes or updates to their child's information.

If you require more information about this process or the form contact the school office at [general.sps@eips.ca](mailto:general.sps@eips.ca) or 780-998-2747.

### **Inclement Weather**

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families 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 families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, which may include automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, through the Bus Status app, Twitter, Facebook and on Versatrans My Stop. 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



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families 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.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

<b>November 9-13</b>	NO SCHOOL – November Break
<b>November 11</b>	Remembrance Day
<b>November 16-20</b>	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
<b>November 18</b>	School Council & Fundraising Society virtual meeting - 4:00 pm
<b>November 20</b>	National Child Day
<b>December 2</b>	Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 pm)
<b>December 4</b>	Report Cards/Marks Published - 3:00 pm
<b>Dec 23 - Jan 5</b>	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break