

March 2021

Principal's Message



Report cards and junior high marks are being released through the PowerSchool Parent Portal on March 19, 2021. 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 15-19.

Parents, with the weather becoming warmer our fields are quite wet and muddy. We ask that students wear boots and consider packing a change of clothing.

Elective registration for junior high students for the 2021-22 school year will begin March 17-25. Registration for electives course will be completed on PowerSchool. More information will be shared with junior high families.

Our next virtual School Council and Fundraising Society meeting will be Wednesday, March 17 at 4:30 pm. We will be sharing information from the parent school fee survey and projected fees for the 2021-22 school year. We hope you can join us. Please contact our Assistant Principal, Corey Kropp, (corey.kropp@eips.ca) for the meeting code.

A reminder that Spring Break occurs from March 26 - April 5. Classes resume Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

SouthPointe Spirit Wear Now Available to Order!

Please visit our [online store](#) to view and order an assortment of quality SouthPointe School spirit wear. Orders will close on March 16 so get your orders in soon! Items will be delivered to the school and sent home with students.





NEW SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://southpointestudent2021.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card



Online Store Deadline: Tuesday March 16th, 2021 (11:59pm MST)

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021? 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 [EIPS](#)

Kindergarten Tool Kit 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 SouthPointe School's kindergarten program is available at www.southpointeschool.ca/.

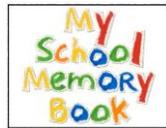
Yearbooks Now Available to Order!

Where to Order: ybpay.ca

Order Deadline: May 13, 2021

Price: \$24.00

Yearbook ID Code: 14214921



Due to the circumstances of the pandemic, our yearbook this year will be combined with portraits and events from the 2019-20 & 2020-21 school years. Secure this rare double edition for \$24 before the deadline. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted.

Don't miss out!
Order your yearbook today!

Fundraising Assoc. and School Council Update

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:

- March 17, 2021 at 4:30 pm
- Email Corey at corey.kropp@eips.ca to request an invite.

HOT LUNCH REFUNDS:

- Refund cheques are still being distributed.
- Email Jodie at treasurer.fass1@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns.

VOLUNTEERS:

Still looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Vice President
- Marketing Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

Email Laelia at president.fass@gmail.com for more information

MEMBERSHIPS:

Become a member of the Fundraising Association!

- Membership forms can be found online.
- Email Danielle at secretary.fass@gmail.com for more information

FUNDRAISERS:

PURDY'S EASTER FUNDRAISER

- Pick up date is March 24-26, 2021.
- Contact Danielle at secretary.fass@gmail.com for more info.

BOSTON PIZZA RECEIPTS

- **Save your receipts!!**
- Boston Pizza gives back 5% of what we spend!

COBS

- Just mention Southpointe School
- Cobs gives back 5% of what we spend!

FLIPGIVE

- For online shopping
- Just download the app, use the code K2TQ9X and start shopping!

BOTTLE DRIVE

- Beverly Bottle Depot (780-479-3931 or 587-340-8803)
- Call them and they will come pick up the bottles and they will donate the refunds **PLUS** an extra 10% to the FASS!

Hour Zero Drills

Please discuss [these Hour Zero drills](#) with your children and reinforce the importance of listening carefully to teacher instructions. The most likely scenarios we will face, and we have experienced in the past, are wildlife, severe weather, and various situations outside. Our goal is not to instill fear but to be prepared for different situations should they occur.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these drills, please contact Carol Brown or Corey Kropp.

Do more this summer!

Next Step Summer School: Registration opens

March 16

Registration for EIPS Summer School opens on March 16. Organized through Next Step, the Summer School program offers more than 25 senior high courses that allow students to earn credits, upgrade marks, lighten workloads or finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

Open to EIPS students entering grades 10-12, and students in their Grade 12 year.

- English Language Arts 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Social Studies 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2

- Mathematics 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
 - Science 10
 - Biology 20 and 30
 - Chemistry 20 and 30
 - Physics 20 and 30
 - Physical Education 10
 - Career and Life Management (CALM 20)
 - Work Experience and RAP
- NOTE: *Diploma examinations are optional for the 2020-21 school year.*

For summer 2021, all Summer School courses take place online. Feedback from the 2020 virtual program was overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to another exciting and successful summer online in 2021.

[Learn more about the 2021 summer program](#)

UPCOMING DATES

March 5	NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day
March 8	International Women's Day
March 8 - 12	Substitute Appreciation Week
March 14	Daylight Savings Time begins – spring ahead one hour
March 17	School Council & Fundraising Society virtual meeting – 4:30 pm
March 19	Report Cards/Grades Published Online - 3:00 pm
March 26	NO SCHOOL – Day-in-Lieu for Parent Teacher Interviews
Mar 29 – Apr 2	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
April 5	NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday
April 7	Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 pm)

Hour Zero Drills

Evacuation/Fire

- “Evacuation” is used when the fire alarm sounds. This alarm requires all students and staff to leave the school and go to a designated location.
- In some cases, this may mean only going outside and away from the school building until it is safe to re-enter the school.
- In other cases, students and staff may need to go to a designated evacuation center. Parents would be informed of the alternate location via the school’s crisis notification network.

On Alert

- “On Alert” indicates there is a potential situation OUTSIDE and most often it has nothing to do with our school (wildlife in area, severe weather).
- When an “On Alert” is called, staff and students are directed to their classrooms, when outside they are to return to their classrooms.
- Movement is restricted in or out of classrooms, normal classroom activities continue.
- Staff are “on alert” and maintain situational awareness and are prepared to execute further action if needed.

Hold and Secure

- “Hold and Secure” is used when there is an immediate situation OUTSIDE (in the neighborhood).
- All exterior doors/windows are locked, interior doors remain in a normal state and normal classroom activities continue.
- Keep away from exterior windows and doors.
- No one is allowed in or out of the building.

Shelter-in-Place

- “Shelter-in-Place” is used when there is an immediate situation OUTSIDE (tornado, severe weather).
- All doors and windows are closed. Keep away from all doors and windows.
- All staff and students are directed to their designated “shelter-in-place” area.
- No one can leave their designated “shelter-in-place” area.
- Prepare for possible evacuation or “drop-cover-hold”.

Drop-Cover-Hold

- “Drop-Cover-Hold” is used when there is a situation happening to our building NOW (tornado, severe weather).
- All staff and students will drop under desk/sturdy table. Get down onto knees, curl chest to knees, clasp hands behind neck, put face down.
- Stay under cover with head down between knees. Cover face and eyes.
- Hold onto desk or table. Prepare for possible evacuation.



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Lockdown

- “Lockdown” is used when there is a situation happening INSIDE the building.
- All staff and students are directed to closest lockdown zone/room. Lock and secure all doors and windows.
- Take cover, keep away from all doors and windows, stay out of sight lines.
- Do not allow anyone in or out of rooms.