

April 2021

Principal's Message



I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing spring break. The weather has continued to be quite chilly in the morning. We encourage students to check the weather forecast before coming to school in the mornings and dress appropriately for the conditions.

As you are aware COVID cases are rising across the province. We appreciate our parents and students for continuing to work with us to follow the protocols that are in place. Please continue to go through the COVID checklist with your children daily and if they are not feeling well, please follow the AHS guidelines when you complete the screening checklist. All of the most up to date information can be found on the Division website <https://www.eips.ca/>.

A reminder that we are hosting virtual Parent Math Game Night for Division 1 (K-3) on Monday, April 19 from 4:00–5:00 pm and Division 2 (gr. 4-6) on Tuesday, April 27 from 4:00-5:00 pm. More information will be sent home with students.

Just a quick reminder the next virtual Fundraising Society and School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at 4:30 pm. We invite all interested parents to join us for these meetings by sending an email to Corey Kropp, Assistant Principal at corey.kropp@eips.ca for the meeting code.

Carol Brown
Principal

Gearing up for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming virtual Kindergarten Information Night on **June 2, 2021**. Make sure to attend to virtually tour the school; meet the teachers; gain insight on play-based learning; and see what a typical day looks like.

Kindergarten Information Night 2021:

Date: June 2, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: The virtual link will be provided to registered kindergarten families closer to the date.



To make the transition to school as smooth as possible Elk Island Public Schools has also put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding SouthPointe's kindergarten program, is available on our school website at www.southpointeschool.ca/programs/kindergarten.

Parent Math Fact Game Nights

SouthPointe School teachers will be hosting two virtual Math Fact Game Nights. A variety of number and math fact games will be shared and demonstrated during a virtual meeting. Following the meeting, parents/guardians will be provided with game instructions and other resources to support their child's mathematical growth and development. The target audience is parents/guardians. Children are not required to attend.



Kindergarten to Grade 3: Monday, April 19 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Grade 4 - 6: Tuesday, April 27 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/scf-amjr-yzs>

Family Community Support

SouthPointe's new Family School Liaison, Lindsey Arnason, has put together some quality resources available to families here in Fort Saskatchewan. Click on the title for more information.

Boys and Girls Club Program:

Fury Fighters – for children aged 6-8 yrs to learn tools to calm down and make positive choices while building self-esteem.

Youth Resources:

- [The Bridge](#) – our community's safe and supportive space for youth aged 11-24 years of age.
- [Youth Care Package](#) – care packages for youth aged 12-18 who could use a pick me up.
- [Youth Fest 2021: Dive Into Art](#)

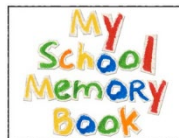
Yearbooks Now Available to Order!

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 \$24.00 before the deadline. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted.

Don't miss out!
[Order your yearbook today!](#)

Have your say! The 2021 EIPS Parent Survey is Now Open

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2021 EIPS Parent Survey—open from April 6-20.

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.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes a Part B, featuring questions about the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes. As you know, in fall 2021, EIPS welcomes a new locally elected Board of Trustees. Your feedback will help the incoming Board develop a new EIPS Four-Year Education Plan—one that's responsive to student and community needs and focused on continuous improvement.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Survey closes April 20, 2021.

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and doesn't take long to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Hat Day Charity Fundraiser

Thank you so much to the students, parents and staff who supported the Leadership 8 Hat Day fundraiser. Students and staff from kindergarten to grade 9 wore hats, donating a non-perishable food item or small monetary donation. As a school we raised **\$277.00** for the Stollery Children's Hospital and **eight boxes of food** for our local Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank.

SouthPointe School received a letter from MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, thanking us for our great work and community spirit.

The three students in Leadership 8 who organized the event are planning another Hat Day fundraiser on Friday, April 30 in support of the Stollery and Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank once again. We look forward to seeing all the hats!

Fundraising Association and School Council Update

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:

- April 21, 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

- \$8,771.70 in sales = \$2,192.93 for SouthPointe School!!
- Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement!!

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!

A big *THANK YOU* to all EIPS families

National Volunteer Week takes place April 18-24. Most years, we celebrate the week in schools by thanking the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who offer their knowledge and time to help enhance learning within the Division. This year is a little different because of COVID-19. While different, schools are thanking their families in new and creative ways.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every one of our EIPS school families for your support over the last 12 months. Collectively, we've created a relationship that allows us to rally behind one clear vision: To provide exceptional education for all students. As we navigate the pandemic, it's critical we continue to work together to support student learning. Through this, we'll inspire learners and ensure they gain the skills they need to transition to the next grade or the world of work.

So, again, thank-you for your time, for your efforts, for your kindness and for your understanding as we work together to ensure all students succeed.

Trina Boymook
Chair, Board of Trustees



Do more this summer! Registration for EIPS Summer School now open

Registration for EIPS Summer School is now open. Organized through Next Step, EIPS Summer School 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 EIPS 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
- Mathematics 15—*new this year*
- 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 EIPS Summer School:

[2021 Summer School](#)

[Online Course Catalogue](#)

[Program Information](#)

[Registration: 2021 Summer School](#)

Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take the proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice. For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—the greyness indicates the presence of water.

UPCOMING DATES

April 21	School Council & Fundraising Society virtual meeting – 4:30 pm
April 22	Earth Day
April 30	Hat Day Charity Fundraiser



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May 5	Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 pm)
May 7	NO SCHOOL - Professional Learning Day
May 21	NO SCHOOL – School Closure Day
May 24	NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day



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Fury Fighters

A group where children aged 6 - 8 yrs are encouraged to learn new tools and skills for positive anger expression. Focus is on topics including identifying feelings, communication, and problem solving.

Upcoming Groups:

Thursdays @ 4:30pm - 5:30pm

from April 22nd - May 27th, 2021

Contact Youth and Family Support at 780-992-0103 ex. 25 for more info or to register.

The Bridge

The Bridge is our community's safe and supportive space for youth aged 11-24 years of age.

The Bridge is a collaboration of local agencies that share space so youth can come and access a number of services at once focusing on mental health and wellness. In addition to wellness services, youth can use our creator space, chill and read in our quiet space, use our computer lab, or grab a snack from our snack pantry!

The Bridge is open two days a week:

Wednesday and Thursday 2:00 – 8:00pm

Services available onsite are Drop-In:

- Counselling
- Addictions Counselling
- LGBTQ2+ Peer Support
- Indigenous support
- Sexual Assault support
- Restorative Justice

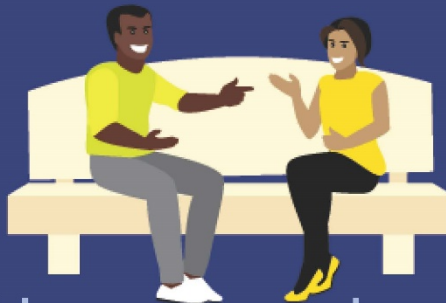
Located at **Suite #2, 10307 – 100 Ave, Fort Saskatchewan**

For more information, please **email Family and Community Support Services** or call 780-992-6281.



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Youth Care Package



Could you use a pick me up?
Do you know someone who could use a
boost?

This care package is for you!
Designed for Ages 12-18

To get a care package or to nominate a friend contact
[Kristi kwahle@fortsask.ca](mailto:Kristi.kwahle@fortsask.ca) or text/call 780-945-7141





April

Katherine Abbass

Poetry April 9th 7:00 - 8:00pm

Citadel Theatre presents

Musical Theatre April 18th 1:00 - 2:30pm

Fort Saskatchewan Public Library presents

Beeswax Candle Making April 24th 1:00pm

May

Marty Chan

Writing Workshop May 1st 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Amanda Milke

Art Mixed Media Circles May 15th 10:00am - 12:00pm

Hoop Loom Weaving May 15th 2:00pm - 4:00pm

To Register: FortSask.ca/YouthFest