

## May 2021



### Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that the month of May is upon us. Teachers and students are continuing to work hard to ensure essential learning outcomes are covered by year's end. The staff appreciates your continued support at home while online learning continues. Please feel free to reach out to teachers or call the office if we can help with technology needs.

May is volunteer appreciation month. Although volunteering looks different this year, I would like to thank all our parent volunteers that have given their time to help the SouthPointe School Community. Your support has been phenomenal and is much appreciated.

We have started to work on planning for next year. We received our budget for the 2021-2022 school year. School supply lists have been updated for the 2021-22 on our school website. If you wish to order your supplies through Write on Stationery, more information can be found in this newsletter. Yearbook order information can also be found on the school website. Order soon - deadline is May 13, 2021.

The next School Council and Fundraising Association virtual meeting will be held on May 19 at 4:30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Please email [corey.kropp@eips.ca](mailto:corey.kropp@eips.ca) for a code to participate in the meeting.

I hope everyone enjoys the May long weekend.

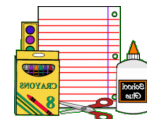
Carol Brown, Principal

### School Supply Lists

School supply lists for the 2021-22 school year are now available on our [website](#).

### Write-on Stationery

Write-on Stationery provides parents the opportunity to purchase a school supply package for their child that is specific to SouthPointe School and his or her grade. Orders can be placed [on-line](#) from **May 15 to August 1, 2021**. School supply packages will be delivered to the school and available for 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.**



### Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 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. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2021.



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For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation).

**NOTE:** Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

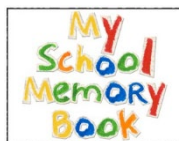
### **Yearbooks Now Available to Order!**

**Where to Order:** [ybpay.ca](http://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!

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

#### **NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:**

- May 19, 2021 at 4:30 pm
- Email Corey at [corey.kropp@eips.ca](mailto:corey.kropp@eips.ca) to request an invite.

#### **HOT LUNCH REFUNDS:**

- Refund cheques are still being distributed and still a small amount of cheques that haven't been claimed yet. If you haven't claimed yours yet, please contact Jodie.
- Email Jodie at [treasurer.fass1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **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!



### **Connect Parent Group**

Do you ever feel that your teen doesn't listen to you? Do you sometimes feel pushed away? [Connect Parent](#) is a FREE 9-week program, starting May 26, to support parents of pre-teens and teens. Click [here to register](#).



### **EIPS Launches new Blog: *tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!***

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has launched a new blog entitled, [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!](#) The monthly blog offers readers information and resources about Indigenous education and related events taking place throughout the Division.

During the recent parent engagement sessions, families of both Indigenous students and those who attended the general foundational knowledge series said they wanted more information about the projects, activities and initiatives happening at schools across EIPS. So, the Division delivered and created [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!](#) Make sure to visit the blog often for the latest news and information about what's happening throughout the Division.

### **THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 3**



Join us as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of SouthPointe School **THANK YOU** to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

### Mental Health Week



The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) ran #MentalHealthWeek May 3-9 and promoted emotional understanding to #GetReal with our emotions. CMHA reminds us that good mental health does not mean being happy all the time, it is about naming, expressing, and dealing with our emotions and the emotional responses that result. For some, this past year has been full of difficult and somewhat unexpected emotional responses. Recognizing, labeling, and accepting our emotions are all important components to protecting and promoting good mental health for everyone. Mental health is something we can all take care of, and when we prioritize our own mental health, it affects the mental health and well-being of those around us. So why focus on emotions? Emotional regulation is important because it builds resilience for good mental health. What is one thing you can do this month to support your family's #MentalHealth to #GetReal about emotions? Need some ideas? Check out <https://mentalhealthweek.ca/info-articles/>

### Education Week 2021: May 3-7



Education Week took place May 3-7. Throughout the week, students and staff from SouthPointe School, showcased and celebrated the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week continues to be Learning is a Journey highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience—including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more.



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### **UPCOMING DATES**

<b>May 3-7</b>	<a href="#"><u>Education Week</u></a>
<b>May 3-9</b>	<a href="#"><u>Mental Health Week</u></a>
<b>May 7</b>	NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day
<b>May 19</b>	School Council & Fundraising Society virtual meeting – 4:30 pm
<b>May 21</b>	NO SCHOOL – School Closure Day
<b>May 24</b>	NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
<b>May 28</b>	Hat Day Charity Fundraiser - bring a money or food donation to wear a hat!
<b>June 2</b>	Early Dismissal (end of the day 1:51 pm)



## Connect Parent Group

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



Connect Parent is a **FREE** 9 week program to support parents of pre-teens and teens. Parents meet in a group run by two trained facilitators.

### Wednesdays

starting

May 26th - July 21st

7:00 - 8:00pm

### Virtually

To Register for this **FREE** program

[FortSask.ca/ConnectParent](https://FortSask.ca/ConnectParent)

Limited Spaces Available