

JUNE 2021

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 this year.

June still brings us our final exams for our grade seven, eight and nine students as well as final assessments for all students. All our students will be working very hard in their studies until the end of June to achieve their goals.

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. Mrs. Kropp, Assistant Principal, will be leaving SouthPointe at the end of the school year. We wish her all the best in her new position as Assistant Principal at Bev Facey Community High School. We would like to thank Mrs. Kropp for everything that she has done to support our school community over the past four years. Welcome Mr. Robertson to SouthPointe School next year as the new Assistant Principal. Mr. Robertson joins us from Lamont Elementary where he is the currently Assistant Principal.

School supply lists for the 2021-22 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 on our school website.

Report cards will be available to all parents online at the end of the day on June 25, 2021. 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.

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

Warm Weather Reminders

With the arrival of the warm weather, please remember to pack sunscreen, lots of water and extra masks for your child(ren).





Grade 9 Farewell



On the afternoon of **Friday, June 18, 2021**, the junior high staff, and administration will be hosting a BBQ for our Grade 9 students in celebration of their achievements! Games will be set up following the BBQ for students to enjoy for the remainder of the afternoon.

Junior High Awards

This year, at SouthPointe School, students in Grades 7, 8 & 9 who have been nominated for an award will be presented with their certificate by the administration team the morning of June 11, 2021.

The following awards will be presented:

Merit 7, 8 & 9 - To receive a Merit Award, all marks must be 75 percent or higher in the four academic core subjects (language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics).

Honours 7, 8 & 9 - To receive an Academic Honour Certificate students must achieve a combined average of at least 80 per cent in the four core courses (language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics). To be eligible for Honours, students also must have passed all other courses.

SHARKS Outstanding Citizenship 9 - This award goes to a student that exemplifies the motto, mission and philosophy of SouthPointe School. This individual is committed to their personal success and of their classmates, inside and outside of the classroom. The recipient demonstrates the qualities of a lifelong learner, collaborates well with others, is a leader and role model among their peers, and is a positive member of our school community.



CTF and Elective Awards - To receive these awards, students will have demonstrated excellent planning, decision making and problem-solving skills. In addition, recipients will have supported effective relationships, collaborated to achieve common goals and demonstrated exemplary knowledge and skills in the specific subject matter. Finally, students will have effectively communicated their growth while exploring their interests and passions.

Junior High Journey

This is a free session hosted by Strathcona County Family and Community Services. Transitioning from elementary to junior high school is exciting and can be stressful. Learn strategies to support your teenager at this free workshop for parents and caregivers of youth transitioning from Grade 6 to Grade 7.

Tuesday, June 15 or Tuesday, August 24

6:00-7:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved, or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? EIPS encourages families to review the information it has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form, available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can



review the current information on file for each student—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important if there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year.

All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **Monday, June 14 at noon**. After this time, the form will be turned off for the remainder of the school year and not available again to families until the start of the 2021-22 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year **after you've moved**.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact the school at 780-998-2747.

Fundraising Association and School Council Update

VICE PRESIDENT:

- We are so pleased to welcome Amanda Osicki who has volunteered to be our interim Vice President for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year!
- To contact Amanda, please email vicepresident.fass@gmail.com

HOT LUNCH REFUNDS:

- Refund cheques are still being distributed and still a small number of cheques that have not been claimed. If you have not claimed yours yet, please contact Jodie.
- Email Jodie at treasurer.fass1@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns.

VOLUNTEERS:

Still looking for volunteers for the following positions for the remainder of the school year:

- Marketing Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

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

MEMBERSHIPS:

We are trying to build our fundraising team and we need your help! Please consider becoming a member of the Fundraising Association!

- Membership forms can be found online on the bulletin board at the front entrance of the school, or you can contact Danielle as well.
- Email Danielle at secretary.fass@gmail.com for more information

FUNDRAISERS:

NEW!!! MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISER!

- NO MORE HANDWRITING NAMES ON PENCILS! Order labels for your child's school supplies!
- 20% of sales will come back to the school!



- Information will be sent home with the students SOON!

PURDY'S EASTER FUNDRAISER

- \$8,771.70 in sales = \$2,192.93 for SouthPointe School! This will be paying for the agendas for the Grade 1-6 students for the upcoming school year!
- Thank you to everyone for your support!

BOSTON PIZZA RECEIPTS

- **Save your receipts!!** Just drop them off in the envelope on the bulleting board at the front of the school.
- **Boston Pizza gives back 5% of what we spend!**

COBS

- Just mention Southpointe School when you make your purchase!
- **Cobs gives back 5% of what we spend!**

FLIPGIVE

- For online shopping! (Us this when you shop online at places like Amazon, Starbucks, Winners, Wayfair, Home Depot and more!)
- 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!



Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration

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. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2021.

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](#). To pay in person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In April, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,198 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS—up by more than 230 responses from the previous year. EIPS will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: SouthPointe School](#)

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the 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: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease 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 by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2021-22 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 18	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	2:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 23	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.

Date and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.

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: eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.



Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, SouthPointe School is closed. It reopens on August 25 at 8:00 a.m. 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 2021-22 school year. Students return to school on September 1.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 28 to August 24

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: July 1 Canada Day
Closed: August 2 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months--operate during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

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.**



Tools for School

SouthPointe School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2021-22 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 the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a 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 the EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the 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 2 & 3	Grade 7, 8 & 9 ELA (Part A) final exam
June 9	Pajama Day!
June 11	Junior High awards
June 18	Grade 7, 8 & 9 Math (Part A) final exam Grade 9 Farewell activities (PM)
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22	Grade 7, 8 & 9 ELA (Part B) final exam
June 23	Grade 7, 8 & 9 Math final exam
June 24	Grade 7, 8 & 9 Social Studies final exam
June 25	Grade 7, 8 & 9 Science final exam Last day of school
June 28	Last school operational day (schools closed to students)
August 25	EIPS schools reopen (schools closed to students)
August 26 & 27	Write-on Stationery order pick up
September 1	First day of school

