

## April 2022

### 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 and to dress appropriately for the conditions. The ground has begun to thaw, and we do have some standing water and mud on our fields. We encourage students to wear rubber boots until the fields dry up.

Junior High elective registration information is being sent home this week to all grade 6-8 students. All the information is also located on the school website under the Program tab. We would ask that students complete the elective registration form by Wednesday, April 13 and return it to the school. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Our next School Council and Fundraising Association meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 20 at 4:30 pm in the learning commons. We will also be providing a meeting code for any parents that would prefer to join us virtually. All parents are welcome to join us.

A reminder that Easter weekend is coming up. School will be closed Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18.

Carol Brown

### Get ready for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend SouthPointe School's upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on June 1, 2022. You'll get to:

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers;
- gain insight on play-based learning; and
- see what a typical day looks like.



### **Kindergarten Information Night 2022:**

*Date:* June 1, 2022

*Time:* 6:00 pm

*Location:* SouthPointe School, rooms 130 & 131

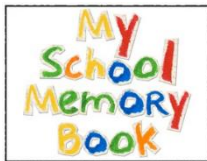
To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more. Find it at: [Welcome to EIPS Kindergarten](#).

Additional information about SouthPointe's kindergarten program is available on the school website [www.southpointeschool.ca/programs/kindergarten](http://www.southpointeschool.ca/programs/kindergarten).

### Junior High Electives

Planning has already begun for the 2022-23 school year. All next year junior high students will take a combination of core and elective courses. Core courses are courses that all students must take as mandated by Alberta Education. They are English Language Arts, Health, Math, Physical Education, Science, and Social Studies. Along with core courses, each student in junior high will have the opportunity to participate in four elective classes during the year: two elective classes each semester. A list of elective course descriptions offered for grades 7 – 9 is available on the [SouthPointe School website](http://SouthPointeSchool.ca) under the *Programs* menu, along with a link to the elective forms. Elective forms were distributed today to all 2022-23 junior high students. Your child's elective form needs to be returned to the front office or homeroom teacher on or before **Wednesday, April 13, 2022.**

### Yearbooks Now Available to Order!



**Where to Order:** [ybpay.ca](http://ybpay.ca)  
**Order Deadline:** May 2, 2022  
**Price:** \$20.00  
**Yearbook ID Code:** 14214922

Don't miss out!  
Order your yearbook today!



### Junior High Information Nights: Running April and May

Junior high schools across EIPS are hosting information nights for all Grade 6 students and their families—taking place in April and May. Make sure to attend to learn everything you need to know about the junior high programs at your child's school. Those who attend will also have a chance to:

- meet the teachers;
- tour the school and classrooms;
- learn about the upcoming curriculum; and
- ask questions.

For specific dates and times, see: [EIPS Junior High Information Sessions 2022](#)

### Fundraising Association and School Council Update

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

- April 20, 2022 at 4:30 pm (IN-PERSON! – at the school in the learning commons)
- All parents are welcome to join our meetings each month. Keep up to date on what's happening in your child(ren)'s school.

#### **HOT LUNCH:**

- April's Hot Lunch will be Boston Pizza on **April 29** (kinder B class will be on **April 27th**).
- Ordering cut off for April's Hot Lunch is **April 22**.
- There are larger sized portions at the bottom of the menus for Boston Pizza
- If you have any questions or concerns or are interested in helping out with our hot lunch program, please reach out to Laelia at [president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com)

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

We are looking for a lot of volunteers this year for a variety of positions and fundraisers! Please let us know if you would like to help us out.

- Committee Heads and members (hot lunch program, bottle drives, fundraisers, etc.)
- Marketing Coordinator

Email Laelia at [president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com) for more information

### **MEMBERSHIPS:**

Become a member of the Fundraising Association! Have your say and let your voice be heard.

- Membership forms can be found [here](#) or you can email Danielle at [secretary.fass@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.fass@gmail.com) for more information.

### **CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:**

#### **PURDY'S EASTER FUNDRAISER**

- Order pick up will be **April 14- 17**. An email went out to everyone who has ordered. Please make sure to contact Danielle to book your pickup date and time.
- If you have any questions, contact Danielle at [secretary.fass@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.fass@gmail.com)

#### **COBS (Fort Saskatchewan location)**

- Just mention Southpointe School when you are making a purchase
- Cobs gives back 5% of what we spend!

#### **FLIPGIVE**

- For online shopping (Old Navy, Indigo, Canadian Tire, Walmart, Home Depot, Starbucks and more!)
- Just download the app, use the code K2TQ9X and start shopping!

### **SPRING FUNDRAISERS:**

#### **Bottle Drive**

**The snow is melting and it's time to clean out those garages from the winter pile up of bottles. The Fundraising Association for Southpointe School is holding a bottle drive to support our classrooms and students, this fundraiser will provide money to each classroom for needed supplies. Our goal is \$2180.00!!**

**When:** Saturday, April 23

**How:** 2 Options:

- Flyers will be going out for ease of pick up outside your home. Attach the flyer and have those bags **outside by 10:00 am** and our trusty volunteers will come by and ensure those bottles are brought to the school.
- Trailer will be set up outside the school for ease of drop off from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

**We need volunteers for:**

- 15 volunteers to deliver flyers in the pm on Thurs, Apr 21 and/or Fri, Apr 22 (15 routes)
- 6 trucks/drivers to drive routes for pickup on Sat, Apr 23 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 2 volunteers for trailer at school on Sat, Apr 23 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

If you wish to volunteer, please email [Volunteer.fass@gmail.com](mailto:Volunteer.fass@gmail.com) or via Facebook page post.

### Growing Smiles Fundraiser

**We are selling beautiful plants to raise money for our grade 7 to 9 shop students to build picnic tables for the school grounds!! Our goal is \$2000!**

**Order Deadline Date:** Wednesday April 27, 4:00 pm

**Pick up date:** Thursday May 12, 2:30 to 4:00 pm (dependent on plant delivery and weather conditions)

Please check out the website to order before the deadline: [Growing Smiles SouthPointe Fundraiser](#)

For questions, please email [president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com)

**We need volunteers for:**

- 10 people to aid in the days delivery and pick on Thurs May 12th (times to be confirmed)
- If you wish to volunteer, please email [Volunteer.fass@gmail.com](mailto:Volunteer.fass@gmail.com) or via Facebook page post.

### April Counsellor's Corner: Resource Highlights!



I sure am feeling grateful for these extra hours of sunlight in the mornings and evenings! Another thing I am grateful for is all the amazing resources available to help us support children and youth as they grow into their best selves.

This April the AHS Caregiver Series is offering sessions that align well with many of the questions I receive from caregivers about resources available to help support those in their care. These free online courses are delivered via Zoom and include topics such as:

**supporting kids with ADHD, building resiliency, mental health, anxiety, depression, technology and the teenage brain, body image, sleep, and much more.** For more information click on this link:

[April 2022 sessions.](#)

Another great resource for elementary aged children is the Child Mind Institute's videos and worksheets created to help teach positive mental health skills. The videos and coinciding worksheets explore topics and teach skills around **emotional literacy, self-regulation, and how to manage hard to have feelings.** Check out the website [here.](#)

Strathcona County has provided an easy-to-follow page of resources to help caregivers navigate a variety of topics such as boundaries around technology, having difficult conversations in age-appropriate ways (for example traumatic events happening at local, national, and international levels), and knowing when to seek professional help. Please consider checking out [Holding Children Close: Tips for uncertain times.](#)

### Strathcona County's ASB Poster Contest

Strathcona County's Agriculture Service Board holds an annual [poster contest](#) promoting agriculture in Strathcona County. The contest encourages students in grades 3-5 to think about the importance of agriculture in their lives no matter where they live. This year's theme is *From Farm to Fork*. Contest closes **May 6.**



## **EIPS Career Pathways**

### **April 2022 Career Pathways News**



Career Pathways is designed to develop skills that students can apply in their daily lives when preparing for entry into the workplace or for further learning opportunities. Competencies achieved will allow students to make relevant connections with work and/or post-secondary training.

Mission: To provide authentic, relevant, and engaging career opportunities and foster growth and readiness for life after school.

### **A big THANK YOU to EIPS Volunteers**

National Volunteer Week takes place April 24-30. On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all EIPS volunteers and school families for your support over the last 24 months. Collectively, we've had to react, shift and adapt throughout the various COVID-19 waves and changing public-health restrictions. Despite that, EIPS volunteers showed tremendous flexibility, commitment and creativity to ensure schools continue providing exceptional education and opportunities for all students.



So, thank you for your time, efforts and support. It's inspiring and making a difference in the lives of students. I encourage everyone to join in this year's National Volunteer Week by celebrating the hundreds of volunteers within EIPS and reflecting on the role of volunteers in our future.

Trina Boymook  
Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees

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

Registration for EIPS Summer School opens on April 19. 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 to 12 next fall, 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
- Competencies in Math 15
- Science 10
- Biology 20 and 30
- Chemistry 20 and 30
- Physics 20 and 30
- Physical Education 10
- Career and Life Management (CALM 20)





- Extreme CTS: Film Production
- Work Experience and RAP

For summer 2022, all Summer School courses return to in-person. Classes take place at schools in Sherwood Park.

[Learn more about the 2022 summer program](#)

### **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. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take 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—greyness indicates the presence of water.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

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| <b>April 6</b>     | <a href="#">Future Fair</a>  |
| <b>April 7</b>     | <a href="#">World Health Day</a>   |
| <b>April 15-18</b> | NO SCHOOL – Easter Weekend   |
| <b>April 20</b>    | School Council & Fundraising Society Meeting – 4:30 pm, Learning Commons |
| <b>April 22</b>    | <a href="#">Earth Day</a>  |
| <b>April 24-30</b> | <a href="#">National Volunteer Week</a>                                  |
| <b>April 27</b>    | Hot Lunch - M/W Kindergarten   |
| <b>April 29</b>    | Hot Lunch<br>Hat Day Charity Fundraiser                                  |
| <b>May 4</b>       | Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 pm)                             |
| <b>May 6</b>       | NO SCHOOL - Professional Learning Day                                    |
| <b>May 20</b>      | NO SCHOOL – School Closure Day   |
| <b>May 23</b>      | NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day   |

