

May 2022

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 that essential learning outcomes are covered by year's end. The staff appreciates your continued support at home to ensure that students finish the year strong.



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.

I would like to thank all the parents and community members who participated in the bottle drive that was held on April 23, 2022. A big thank you to the Fundraising Association for all their hard work in organizing this event!

We have started to work on planning for next year. We received our budget for the 2022-2023 school year. School supply lists have been updated for the 2022-23 school year on our school website. If you wish to order your supplies through Write on Stationery, more information can be found in this newsletter.

Students in grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 will start to write their finals exams. Please make note of the following dates and times:

Grade 6 ELA PART A PAT: May 18 @ 9:00-11:00 AM

Grade 7 ELA Part A: May 25 @ 9:00-11:00 AM

Grade 8 ELA Part A: May 27 @ 9:00-11:00 AM

Grade 9 ELA Part A PAT: May 16 @ 9:00-11:00 AM

We have several track and field activity days coming up in May. Our junior high students will be participating in the Fort Saskatchewan Track meet on May 19. Our elementary track day for our students will be on May 27.

The next School Council and Fundraising Association meeting will be held on May 18 at 4:30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. This meeting will be hosted in the SPS Learning Commons.

I hope everyone enjoys the May long weekend!

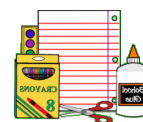
Carol Brown, Principal

School Supply Lists

School supply lists for the 2022-23 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. Save some time this year and order through Write-on Stationery – it's quick and easy! Orders can be placed [on-line](#) from **May 15 to August 1, 2022**. School supply packages will be delivered directly to your home address and we will not be





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providing pickup at the school this year. 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: 2022-23 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 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, 2022.

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.

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.

Preparing for Kindergarten Series

The EIPS Early Learning team has planned several sessions for families with children starting kindergarten in the fall to help prepare them for the year ahead. Sessions will take place throughout May and June.

We invite you to join us for any or all of the upcoming virtual sessions that fit your schedule. Many sessions have both a daytime and evening option. Upcoming sessions include:

- Supporting a Successful Transition to School
- Self Help: Building independence
- Speech Sound Development
- Fine-Motor Development in Young Children
- Literacy in Kindergarten

The full list and schedule of sessions are available online:

www.eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/preparing-for-kindergarten-sessions

For more information, contact the school at 780-998-2747.

Fundraising Association and School Council Update

NEXT MEETING:

- May 18, 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:

- May's Hot Lunch will be Freson Bros on **May 27** (kinder A class will be on **May 25**).
- Ordering cut off for May's Hot Lunch is **May 20 at 3:00 pm.**
- June's Hot Lunch will be Boston Pizza on **June 17** (kinder B class will be on **June 16**).
- Ordering cut off for June's Hot Lunch is **June 10 at 3:00 pm.**
- *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.

VOLUNTEERS:

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

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

Email Laelia at 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 for more information.

SUCCESSFUL SPRING BOTTLE DRIVE!

- We had a very successful spring bottle drive on April 23! We couldn't have done it without our amazing volunteers and our great community. Thank you for all your support!

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

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!

GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER: EXTENDED!!

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

- **Order Deadline Date:** Wednesday, May 12 at 4:00 pm
- **Pick up date:** Thursday May 26 from 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

We will need volunteers for:

- 10 people to aid in the days delivery and pick on Thurs, May 26 (times to be confirmed)

If you wish to volunteer, please email Volunteer.fass@gmail.com or via Facebook page post.

Literacy at Home



Let's Practice Vocabulary at Home!

Working with your child to build a strong vocabulary is an important part of reading and writing success! Here are some fun activities you can try at home:

Read and Talk

As you read with your child, be sure to point out interesting words and discuss their meanings. If there are interesting phrases, puns or figures of speech, help your child understand what the author is trying to say when they use these words. Try to transfer some of these words and phrases to your everyday conversations.

View and Talk

Let's face it! We watch a lot of shows with our kids! Even the shows and movies meant for children throw in adult similes, metaphors and vocabulary. Why not pause the show and have a mini-discussion to help your child make deeper sense of what is going on?

Add Some Variety

As you talk with your child, add some spice to the conversation! Throw in some words that are more exciting than ordinary language. For example, instead of asking your child to walk to the door, try using a "fancier" term like "scurry, hustle or dash". Kids love learning new words and then showing them off when speaking with others.

EIPS Career Pathways

May 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.

"You Make a Difference"

Building positive self-esteem & positive relationship building from an Indigenous perspective.

Click [here](#) to learn more about a program that builds on parenting skills with an Indigenous lens.

Participants do not have to be Indigenous to partake in the program.

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 2



Join us on May 2 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.

Education Week 2021: May 2-6

Education Week takes place May 2-6. Throughout the week, students and staff from SouthPointe, are showcasing and celebrating 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 provincially 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.

SouthPointe School is excited to celebrate Education Week and has a number of activities planned.

UPCOMING DATES

May 2-6	Education Week
May 2-8	Mental Health Week
May 6	NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day
May 16	Grade 9 ELA Part A PAT
May 18	Grade 1 Field Trip - TELUS World of Science Grade 6 ELA Part A PAT School Council & Fundraising Society meeting – 4:30 pm, Learning Commons
May 19	Jr. High Track & Field Day
May 20	NO SCHOOL – School Closure Day
May 23	NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
May 25	Grade 7 ELA Part A exam Hot Lunch for Mon/Wed kindergarten only
May 27	Hat Day Charity Fundraiser - bring a money or food donation to wear a hat! Elementary Track & Field Day (Gr K-3 in AM, Gr 4-6 in PM) Grade 8 ELA Part A exam Hot Lunch
June 1	Early Dismissal (end of the day 1:51 pm)



YOU *Make a* **DIFFERENCE**

**Building positive self-esteem
& positive relationship building
from an Indigenous perspective.**

May 10th - June 9th

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Call: Tanya @ 587.936.0348 for more info or to register.

