



Shark Bites Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Principal Message:

Welcome to winter! With the change in weather we encourage all families to have their children dress appropriately for the weather. This upcoming week brings our winter concert. We are hoping that everyone is able to join us on Thursday, December 8 either for the matinee or evening performance. Our students and Mrs. Basaraba have been working hard and are excited to share their musical skills with our school community. Our kindergarten classes are also planning for their winter get together this upcoming week.

Carol Brown Principal

Week at a Glance:

Monday December 5th	
Tuesday December 6th	
Wednesday December 7th	Backwards Day Early Dismissal – 1:55pm Mon/Wed ECS Winter Concert @ 1:00 pm
Thursday December 8th	Winter Concert (festive dress attire encourage for all students & staff) The schedule for the concert as is follows: Gr. 1-3: 1:00 pm Gr. 4-6: 2:00 pm Gr. 1-3: 6:00 pm Gr. 4-6: 7:00 pm
Friday December 9 th	Tues/Thurs ECS Winter Concert @1:30 pm Hot Lunch Deadline @ 3:00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Lunch for December is Boston Pizza. Orders can be placed online through hotlunches.net. ***This site uses Paypal. You can link credit card or your bank card for payments or choose to pay as a guest only. The deadline is on December 9 @ 3pm.

Winter Concert

SouthPointe School is excited to put on a Winter Concert on **Thursday, December 8** LIVE and in person in the gym. With the growth of our school since the last in-person concert, we will be splitting the concert into Division 1 (Grades 1, 2, and 3) and Division 2 (Grades 4, 5, and 6) at the following times:

Thursday, December 8

Matinee: Division 1 at 1:00 pm
Division 2 at 2:00 pm
Evening: Division 1 at 6:00 pm
Division 2 at 7:00 pm



Each concert will be about 30 minutes long. If you have students in both age groups, there will be an intermission between the concerts to allow for the audience to change out. Splitting the concert allows more family and friends to attend and see the performance in person. All SouthPointe students will get an opportunity to see the concerts during the school day.

We have space to accommodate **two audience members per family** at each concert and request that families respect these seating limitations. Additional young children who will be sitting on laps can also be accommodated.

Doors will be open 15 minutes prior to the concert start time. When you arrive for the concert, please use the bus lanes doors (junior high entrance) located on SouthPointe Blvd. to enter by the gymnasium. **DO NOT** park in the bus lanes for the matinee performance as the buses will be arriving to pick up students at the end of the day.

What students wear: For the whole day of performances, students should wear something nice and festive. There is no required dress code but please remember students will be on stage and some are playing instruments on the ground.

When to show up: For evening performance, students should arrive **15 minutes early** for their performance and head to their homerooms upon arrival. If you have students in both age groups, they will remain in their classroom for the evening. Please pick up students from classrooms at the end of the performance.

Note: the kindergarten classes will be having their own celebration. More information to come.

TOILET PAPER TREE!

We are excited to be building a TOILET PAPER CHRISTMAS TREE this year as a way to support families through the Fort Saskatchewan Food bank! Let's build the BIGGEST TOILET PAPER TREE that we can!! Donations can be dropped off any day until December 16! Photo updates of our tree will be posted on Twitter and Facebook!



Introduction to Jen Scott

My name is Jen Scott and I am the new Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) for Elk Island Public Schools. I am available to provide regular sessions with students to help them succeed in achieving set goals. I also liaise with families and school staff to support students by facilitating specialized small groups of students, and providing resources and information to children, youth, families, and/or school staff. I will be at Southpointe school on Thursday mornings. I look forward to making connections with Southpointe students and families!

Coming Up Later in the Month:

December 12 School Council & Fundraising Association meeting, 4:30 pm
December 14 Hot Lunch - Division 1 & Mon/Wed ECS
December 15 Hot Lunch - Division 2 & Tues/Thurs ECS
Stawnichy Order Pickup @ 2:40 pm
December 16 Hot Lunch - Division 3
Hat Day
Dec 21 - Jan 3 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

Ongoing Fundraisers

COBS (Fort Saskatchewan location only):

• Just mention Southpointe School when you are making a purchase. • Cobs gives back 5% of what we spend!
Last year \$350.00 was given back to the school from this fundraiser!

FLIPGIVE

- Perfect timing to start Christmas shopping! You can even get/reload your gift cards here!
- 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!

Numeracy at Home

Acing Math (One Deck At A Time!): A Collection of Math Games

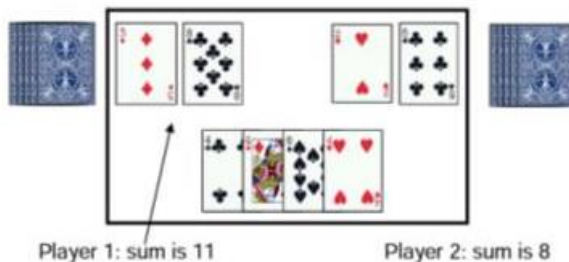
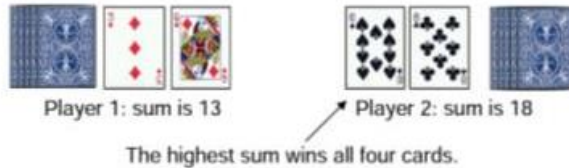
Addition Number Battle (Grades 1 - 3)

Players: Groups of two

Materials: Deck of cards, face cards worth ten, Ace worth 1 or 11 (teacher decides)

Skill: Number recognition and addition

How to Play: Players split a deck of cards and simultaneously flip over their top two cards.



If the cards sums have the same value, the cards are placed in a center pile. The next hand is played normally and the winner of the next addition number battle takes the center pile as well.

Taken from: Acing Math (One Deck At A Time!) A Collection of Math Games

Division News:

Fee Waiver Application Deadline

If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2022. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2022, or 45 days after registration.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities and more.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees.