



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe Families,

It was wonderful to see so many families at our winter concert! Thank you to Mrs. Basaraba and all the students for their hard work. The students and staff were so excited to share some holiday spirit with everyone. Elk Island Public Schools is currently looking for parent's feedback for their Year in Review Survey. We are hoping our parents will take some time to complete this electronic survey. The link to the survey is provided in this addition of Shark Bites.

Carol Brown - Principal

Week at a Glance:

Monday, December 12	FASS Meeting, 4:30pm (in large flex space)
Tuesday, December 13	
Wednesday, December 14	Hot Lunch Grade 1 - 3 & Mon/Wed ECS
Thursday, December 15	Hot Lunch Grade 4 - 6 & Tues/Thurs ECS Stawnichy Order Pickup, 2:40pm (at front doors) Fee Waiver Application Deadline
Friday, December 16	Hot Lunch Grade 7- 9 Hat Day

Coming Up Later in the Month:

December 19: Mon/Wed ECS Cookies and Santa Visit

December 20: Tues/Thurs ECS & Grade 1- 9 Cookies and Santa Visit

December 21, 2022 - January 3, 2023: Christmas Break (School closed to staff and students)

December 26, 2022 - January 2, 2023: EIPS Central Services Closed

January 3: Central Services Open

January 4: Classes Resume for Students (Early Dismissal and Tie-dye Rainbow Day)

January 6: Ordering for January Hot Lunch will open (Canadian Brewhouse)

Meet Mrs. Wasylynchuk!



My name is Emma Wasylynchuk and I am the new secretary here at SouthPointe School. You will find me in the front office with Mrs. Barker & Mrs. Warwa at least a few mornings a week. I have had the opportunity already to meet many students & parents and look forward to working with all of you throughout the school year.

Community Involvement



This week many of our students in KBS, 1S, 2S, 2L, 2Y, 4S, 4M, 5B, 5E, 6H and 6B made holiday cards which will be sent to seniors in Fort Saskatchewan this holiday season!

Look at our toilet paper tree grow! We are still accepting donations for our toilet paper tree for the Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank until December 16, 2022.



Fundraising Association Update

The fundraising association needs a volunteer to be a part of the board as a secretary. If you are interested, please email president.fass@gmail.com.

January hot lunch is January 25, 26, and 27. Hot lunch will be from the Canadian Brewhouse, and ordering will be open on January 6, 2023. The deadline to order is January 20 at 3:00pm. Any unpaid orders will be cancelled.

❖ 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!

Counselor's Corner

AHS Caregiver Series

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth, as well as sessions for adults. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics for **December** include mindfulness and understanding autism. Upcoming topics for **January** include understanding anxiety and how sleep affects your family's mental health. The lists of [December 2022](#) and [January 2023](#) sessions are now available.

Dragon Fly Support Group

A Monthly group for parents whose children face mental health challenges

A safe and supportive place for parents and caregivers to share their challenges and concerns

Next Meetings

- December 19th 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- January 16th 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- February 20th 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- March 20th 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- April 17th 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- May 15th 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- June 19th 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location:
Families First Society
9901 - 99street
Fort Saskatchewan

For more information please contact 780-992-6267



**DRAGONFLY
SUPPORT
GROUP**

Childcare is available to register call 780-998-5595 ext.221 by the Friday prior



Division News:

Christmas Break

SouthPointe School will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Open December 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Dec. 26, 2022 to Jan. 2, 2023
Open January 3; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.



From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

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.

Year – in – Review Survey

Have your say, EIPS wants to hear from you!

The [Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) is now available. The report is a summary of how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. Both the full report and an overview are available for readers. Reflecting on this report and the past school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you to gain a deeper understanding of your confidence in the Division and its strategic direction. As such, the annual EIPS Year-in-Review: Stakeholder Confidence Survey is open December 1-18.

The survey covers a range of topics, including student growth and achievement, learning supports, teaching and leading, governance and resource allocations. The information gathered will help EIPS:

- assess stakeholder confidence—families, staff, Grade 12 students and community members;
- gather input to guide future decision-making;
- gather feedback to enhance its [Four-Year Education Plan](#); and
- provide a platform for families, students, staff and community members to have a voice in ensuring high-quality, student-centered learning environments in EIPS schools.

EIPS will share the results in the *Annual Education Results Report 2022-23*.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Survey closes Dec. 18, 2022

NOTE: EIPS encourages everyone to respond honestly. Your identity and answers are confidential and cannot be linked to you or your child's school. Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to complete the survey at school. Families who do not want their child to complete the survey simply need to advise their child's school.

Junior High Honours Program: 2023-24 Applications

Is your child considering the Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Junior High Honours program for the coming school year? The [EIPS Junior High Honours program](#) is designed for students in grades 8 and 9 with high achievement in their core courses and who enjoy a challenging academic environment. Students enrolled in Junior High Honours are expected to complete

25 hours of community service in an area of passion and will be automatically enrolled in the “CTF: Enterprise and Innovation” option course. Students must have a **minimum 80 per cent** average in **each** of the four core subjects to be eligible to apply to the Junior High Honours program.

On January 9, the parent/guardian No. 1 on file in PowerSchool for all current grades 7 and 8 families will receive direct communication from EIPS outlining the application process for the EIPS Junior High Honours program—including a link to the application form. Applications for the 2023-24 EIPS Junior High Honours program are due Jan. 18, 2023.

EIPS will confirm conditional acceptance in the 2023-24 Junior High Honours program in late-January—based on a student’s marks as of January 18. Students must maintain their honours standing on the year-end report card in June to receive final acceptance in the Honours program for the upcoming year.

Returning Student Registration for 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don’t have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at (780) 998 – 2747.