



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello Southpointe families,

We are looking forward to seeing SouthPointe families for interviews next Wednesday and Thursday evening. If you have not signed up for an interview slot yet and would like to attend, please do so.

We currently have an overflowing lost and found. If your child is missing any items, please stop by the school and look through the lost and found. The items will be laid out on tables during our upcoming interviews.

If you are bringing your dog during drop off and pick up times, we ask that you leash your dog and not allow them to jump up on others. We have had concerns expressed from other parents and students that dogs are lunging and/or jumping up on them.

Returning Student Registration begins on February 1. Parents, if you haven't set up a PowerSchool Parent Portal yet, you will need to create one before February 1. A School Messenger is being sent on January 23 to provide more information about the returning student registration process and how to create a PowerSchool Parent account.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance:

Monday, January 23	February hot lunch ordering opens
Tuesday, January 24	
Wednesday, January 25	Hot Lunch (Grade 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten) Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair, 4:30 - 7:30pm
Thursday, January 26	Hot Lunch (Grade 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten) Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair, 4:30 – 7:30pm
Friday, January 27	Hat Day Hot Lunch (Grade 7-9)

Coming Up Later in the Month:

- January 30 – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL
Division High School Information Session @ 6pm
- January 31 – Second Semester Begins
- February 1 – Kindergarten & Returning Student Registration Opens



Beach Day
Early Dismissal (end of day 1:51pm)
February 8-9 – Teacher’s Convention: NO SCHOOL
February 14 - Valentine’s Day

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are taking place from 4:30 - 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25 and Thursday, January 26, 2023. We are using the online booking system for scheduling an in-person meeting between parents and teachers. Kindergarten interviews will be a Celebration of Learning, which will give your child a chance to show you some of the things he/she is learning in kindergarten. A few students/families will be sharing 20-minute blocks of time, so please arrive promptly for your appointments to help the evening run smoothly.

[CLICK TO BOOK AN INTERVIEW NOW](#)

These interviews give parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss the progress students have made to date. It will also give students the opportunity to improve before report cards are published. Report cards will be available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal on March 17, 2023.



The Scholastic Book Fair is at our school once again! Each student will have received a flyer to take home, which provides a preview of only a few of the many books that will be available. We encourage families of kindergarten to grade 3 students to make purchases for their child. The book fair will be open during Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday and Thursday evening.

We look forward to seeing you! Thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literacy event.

Happy reading,
Mrs. Adams

Lost and Found



The school has accumulated a large amount of clothing, water bottles and other items in our lost and found and we would love to reunite these items with their owners! We have laid out our lost and found on tables so it will be easy to identify items while you are in the school for Parent Teacher Interviews.



Makerspace at SouthPointe School

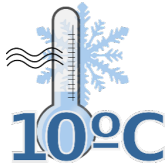
Students are enjoying our Makerspace so much that we could use your help with some of the supplies that need to be refilled! Recyclables and old art/sewing/decorating supplies are great for building and creating! For example:

- Clean yogurt containers
- Cereal & cracker boxes
- Paper towel and toilet rolls
- Popsicle sticks & straws
- Masking tape & regular tape
- Ribbon
- Yarn
- Crayons, markers, pencil crayons
- Pipe cleaners & pompoms
- Scrap booking paper
- Small pieces of cardboard
- Bread tags
- Buttons
- Newspaper
- Straws



These items can be dropped off in the blue bin labelled Makerspace in our school's lobby or brought directly to the library.

Inclement Weather



With the winter season here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or on the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, “school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Fundraising Association Update

February hot lunch will be on February 22, 23, and 24. Hot lunch will be from Domino’s Pizza, and ordering will open on January 23. 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 to order is February 17 at 3:00 pm. **All unpaid orders will be cancelled.**

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.

❖ Ongoing Fundraisers

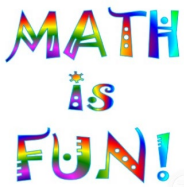
COBS (Fort Saskatchewan location only):

- 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

- 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!

Math at Home



Looking for engaging ways to incorporate math at home? This website has interactive activities that you can do at home (or in the classroom).
<https://mathathome.mathlearningcenter.org/>

You can pick the grade and concept and work your way through the different math activities!

Division News:

Kindergarten Registration for 2023-24

Is your child turning **five** on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2023-24 school year on Feb. 1, 2023.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

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

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.

Community Resources

**WOULD
YOU
LIKE TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?**

WE NEED CARING, POSITIVE PEOPLE

**willing to spend time hanging out
& having fun with kids!**

Our Mentoring Programs have expanded! 😊

We welcome you whether you can commit

1 to 3 hrs/week for 1-on-1 mentoring

OR even a ONE-TIME guest visit to our

Group Mentoring "Buddy Bunch"!

**MENTORS
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**



Contact "Tammy@fsbgc.ca"

or call 780.992.0103 ext 307

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