



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,

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 and parents may wish to send another set of clothes in case students become wet or muddy after recess breaks.

Class pictures will be occurring Wednesday, April 12 for Grades 5-9 and ECS (Mon/Wed) and Thursday, April 13 for Grades 1-4 and ECS (Tues/Thurs).

On Wednesday, April 12 we will be hosting a junior high information night for Grade 6 students and their families from 5:30-6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for parents/guardians and students to meet the junior high staff, get some more information about junior high courses and electives, and tour the school.

Junior high elective information will be shared with students the week of April 17. Parents will need to complete the elective registration form through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. More information will be shared with parents in the next addition of the BITES.

The staff at SouthPointe School hopes that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the upcoming long weekend. It sounds like the weather is going to be wonderful for families to get outside and enjoy some spring sunshine.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

Monday, April 10	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, April 11	Junior High Canteen
Wednesday, April 12	Class Photos - Grades 5-9 & ECS (Mon/Wed) Jr High Info Night for Grade 6 Families @ 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 13	Class Photos – Grades 1-4 & ECS (Tues/Thurs)
Friday, April 14	Junior High Pizza Lunch

Coming Up Later in the Month

April 18 Grades 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building @ 12:30 pm

April 21	Hot Lunch Ordering Deadline @ 3:00 pm
April 22	FASS Bottle Drive (more information to come)
April 26	Hot Lunch - Grades 1 - 3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten
April 27	Hot Lunch - Grades 4 - 6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
April 28	Hot Lunch - Junior High Hat Day Yearbook Ordering Deadline
April 30	Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form Deadline

Junior High Information Night for Grade 6 Families

Junior high schools across EIPS are hosting information nights for all Grade 6 students and their families—taking place at SouthPointe School on April 12 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. 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.

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 May 30 at 6:00 pm. 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 2023:

Date: May 30, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: SouthPointe School

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 School’s kindergarten program is available on the school [website](#).

Math Homework Support for Parents and Caregivers

Looking to support your child in their math learning? The [Community Adult Learning and Literacy Society](#) (CALLS) is here to help! A CALLS instructor can walk you through kindergarten to Grade 6 math homework online so that you can feel confident in fostering your child’s math skills. Support sessions take place virtually every



Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Simply call or text 780-667-8441 for a Zoom meeting link.

Complete your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is currently reviewing and updating all parent and guardian contact information within the Division's student information system. This one-time, full-scale review is to ensure the Division has complete and accurate data on file as Alberta Education moves to a new way of capturing information in the provincial database.

As part of the data review, EIPS requires all families to carefully review the parent and guardian information on file for each student in your family—even if you've recently completed a Student Correction and Verification Form. Families can quickly and easily indicate no updates are needed, if that's the case, or provide updated contact information as needed. The form also includes a handful of new questions to help the Division understand each parent and guardian's relationship to the student and their preferences for receiving communication from the school and Division.

To review your information, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and open the "Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form" from the left-hand menu or notification at the top of the page. Review all information carefully, provide updates where needed and submit your form by April 30. One form is required for each student currently registered at an EIPS school. Only one parent/guardian will complete the form for each student—all associated parent/guardian information for each student is available to review on the same form.

If you have any questions about your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form, reach out to the school at **780-998-2747**.

Ordering for 2022-23 Yearbook is Open

Where to order: Visit ybpay.ca

Yearbook code: 14214923

Price: \$20 each.

Deadline: April 28, 2023



Class Photos (IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATES)

We will be having class photos on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 12: Grades 5 - 9 and ECS (Mon/Wed)
- Thursday, April 13: Grades 1 - 4 and ECS (Tues/Thurs)

Each student will be receiving a complimentary class photo for a keepsake. Bring your spiffy looks and your brightest smile!

Scooter/Bike Reminders

As the snow melts and the days get warmer, it is wonderful to see more students riding bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. These are great ways to get around and keep fit!

Storage: Scooters are being left all around the school grounds. Please remind your child to store/lock up their scooters at the scooter racks.



Helmets: We want all our students to arrive at school safely! Unfortunately, we have seen some students riding bikes without helmets. Helmets are required by law so please ensure your child wears one when they ride to school.

Literacy and Numeracy Info Sessions

Elk Island Public School's literacy and numeracy consultants are hosting an info night for our Fort Saskatchewan families on Tuesday, April 18 at Fort Elementary from 5:30 until 8:15.

The elementary session will start at 6:00 and the secondary session will start at 7:15. A light dinner – salad and sandwiches – will be provided, as well as childcare. Families that would like to attend are asked to RSVP by April 14.

[More Information](#)

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you so much to everyone that participated in Jump Rope for Heart in March of 2023. As a school we raised \$2,490.00 for this fundraiser. Way to go, Sharks!

Jumpstart Play to Lead – Unleashing women's power through sport



The Jumpstart **Play to Lead** program has opened its application process which closes on April 21. Use this link for more information or to apply <https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/play-to-lead>.

Play to Lead focuses on enabling high-school aged female participants to become leaders in sport and through sport, by offering them an opportunity to:

1. Improve their leadership skills through interactive and experiential programming
2. Develop a deeper sense of belonging and confidence as young women in the sport community, by building relationships with likeminded peers, staff and mentors
3. Grow their network by providing access to female role models, mentors, and opportunities for growth beyond sport

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Athletes:

1. Young women, enrolled in grade 9 & 10 for the 2023/24 school year
2. Committed to participate in the full duration of the program (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to playtolead@cantire.com

Fundraising Association Update

April Hot Lunch

April hot lunch will be April 26, 27, and 28. The hot lunch will be from the Canadian Brewhouse. The deadline to order is **April 21** at 3:00 pm. 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. **All unpaid orders will be cancelled.**

If your child is away on their hot lunch day, please phone the school before lunch to let them know what you would like done with it, e.g., parent pick up at front office or donate. If we are not notified, meals will be given to students without a lunch or shared with staff. Unfortunately, we have no fridge space to store these meals.

Junior High Pizza Day

The FASS is pleased to offer grades 7 to 9 a pizza day on April 14, 2023.

This is a **cash-only** lunch.

Pizza will be sold by the slice. \$2 per slice OR a combo of 2 slices and a drink for \$5.

Choices will be Cheese, Pepperoni, or Hawaiian (limited cheese gluten free)

Drinks: random Bubly flavors and juices

Pizza will be served on a first come basis until supplies sell out.

Chromebook Replacement Funds

Chromebook Replacement Funds: The FASS is fundraising to help in the cost of replacing 150 outdated Chromebooks in our school. This is a \$30,000 fundraising event!! Over the past year the FASS has held a number of fundraisers to aid in this endeavor. Bottle drives, Stawnichy's, Purdy's, plants, and dance sales have all contributed to this need for our students and our school. Thank you to all for the amazing aid in these fundraisers. We are almost there!

To continue the finish line for the Chromebooks, there will be a bottle drive on **April 22nd**. If families could please start saving bottles for us. Any little bit helps!

❖ Ongoing Fundraisers



PET FRIENDLY, SAFE ON GRASS AND CONCRETE!!

There are still a few buckets of Bear Tracks Ice Melter available. Please email president.fass@gmail.com to purchase. \$30.00 per bucket.

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!



Division News

EIPS Summer School: Register now

Registration for EIPS Summer School is open now. 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 10-3, 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Science 10 and 30
- Biology 20 and 30

- Chemistry 20 and 30
- Physics 20 and 30
- Physical Education 10
- Personal Fitness 10, 20 and 30
- Career and Life Management (CALM 20)
- Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety
- Work Experience and RAP

For summer 2023, all Summer School courses are in-person. Classes take place at schools in Sherwood Park.

[Learn more about the 2023 summer program](#)

EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

April Spotlight: Student Growth and Success

- [Early Learning](#): Ensuring early learners reach developmental milestones
- [Culture of Literacy](#): Dive deep into the data and learn how students are developing strong literacy skills
- [Math Matters](#): Enhancing reasoning, understanding and achievement through numeracy-rich classrooms
- [Boosting Educational Outcomes](#): Discover how EIPS supports the growth and achievement of students who self-identified First Nations, Metis and Inuit
- [Beyond high school](#): Supports and strategies that are creating real-life career pathways for learners

RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

Download the SchoolMessenger App

Southpointe School and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform to communicate with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add communications@eips.ca and general.sps@eips.ca to your safe sender list to avoid having important messages funneled into your junk mail folder.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates from both the Division and your child's school direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in their inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) today.

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.

Community Resources

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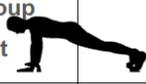
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BGC Fort Saskatchewan Youth Night

April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	Dip & Dive Dodgeball 4 Easter Scavenger Hunt Chubby Bunny Challenge Rock Climbing! Prizes! 	5	6	7 CLOSED
10	Yoga 11 Smoothies Sock Tie Dye Rock Climbing!  	12	13	14 Hide & Seek Hot Dogs Arm Wrestling Tournament Prizes!  
17	Capture The Flag 18 Chicken Noodle Soup Push up Contest Rock Climbing!   	19	20	21 \$5 Swim at Harbour Pool Nachos Paint Night  
24	Basketball Shootout 25 Chilli BINGO Rock Climbing!   	26	27	28 Movie Night Popcorn Bar Minecraft Build Challenge Prizes!  

Ages 11+ All Welcome

Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 11+. Come and check out the fun!

Contact Information

Please call the club at 780.992.0103 and ask for the Youth Programs Coordinator.

Time Reminders

Tuesdays 6:30-9pm

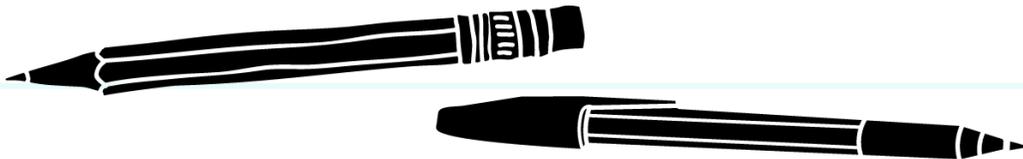
Fridays 6:30-10pm

LITERACY AND NUMERACY INFO SESSIONS



Tuesday, April 18

**FORT SASKATCHEWAN
ELEMENTARY, 9802 101 ST**



6-7 P.M. Elementary session

7:15-8:15 P.M. Secondary session

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**Register by
April 14**

Information presented by EIPS
literacy and numeracy consultants.
A light dinner and childcare will
be provided.

