



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message



Carol Brown, Principal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Oct. 2	Read In Week (October 2-6)
Tuesday, Oct. 3	
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Early Dismissal
Thursday, Oct. 5	World Teachers' Day Dress up as your favourite character
Friday, Oct. 6	Professional Learning Day – NO SCHOOL

COMING UP LATER

October 9	Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 11-12	Bus Evacuation Drills
October 15-21	School Bus Safety Week

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PARKING

Parents, when dropping off or picking up your children, please use the Parent Drop Off located at the front of the school on Allard Way or along the street on SouthPointe Blvd.

Please DO NOT stop, park or allow your child to walk through the bus lane at any time. Please have them go to either end of the bus lane to cross safely. We also ask parents **not** to park in the accessible stalls at the front of the school or in the staff parking lot. Thank you for modeling safety and respect in this manner.



2022/23 Yearbooks Still Available

We have a limited number of last year's yearbooks for sale at the office. They are \$20.00 each and available on a first come first serve basis while supplies last. Drop in or call the office to purchase.

Fundraising Association Update

PIZZA LUNCH

The next pizza lunch will be October 13!

We have now opened it up for students in grades 4-9. Please remember this is a first come first serve; sellout might occur, please make sure you send your child with a backup lunch.

Pizza is \$2 a slice or a combo of 2 slices and a drink for \$5.



HOT LUNCH

The next hot lunch will be October 25, 26 and 27. The vendor for October is Tim Hortons.

Wednesday, October 25 – Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed Kindergarten

Thursday, October 26 – Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thurs Kindergarten

Friday, October 27 – Grades 7-9

Hot lunch orders for October, November and December will be live starting Monday, October 2.

To order hot lunches, we use the spschool.hotlunches.net website. Parents must create an account and add their children. All parents must go in and select their child's new teacher for this year. To pay for your order the website uses PayPal. There is an option to check out as a guest through PayPal if you do not have an account; doing so this way will not save your credit card information. For those who do not have credit cards there is an option to pay via cash; please bring your printed receipt along with the exact amount to the office prior to the end of school on the last day for orders. Failure to pay for the order by the deadline will result in the order being cancelled.

If your child is sick on the day of their hot lunch, please call the office and let them know. You can either pick up their lunch from the office at your convenience before the end of the school day or you can anonymously donate it to another student. No refunds will be given if a student is absent on the day of their hot lunch.

If you need to cancel or change an order, you must do so before the deadline. A refund will be processed as a credit on your account to be used for future hot lunch orders. Once the deadline has passed orders cannot be changed or cancelled.

Should you have any comments, suggestions, or questions you can reach out via email at spschoolhotlunchadmin@gmail.com.

BEAR TRACKS ICE MELT

****Unfortunately**, due to low sales, we may need to cancel this fundraiser. If you'd like to order, please either use the hot lunch website to prepay, or emails president.fass@gmail.com or text Laelia at 14036129580 to preorder your pails for the best ice melt, safe for lawns, concrete and pets! \$30 dollars per 35-pound pail. ******

We are using the same site as we do for hot lunches to pre order bear tracks!

Pick up day is Thursday Oct 19th School loop (U-Haul) 2:30pm to 3:30pm. (Please ensure you do not block the loop. Park your car and the volunteers will help you with your order to your vehicle,) OR pick up at 3:45pm to 6 PM at 4 Becker Cres. If you CANNOT pick up your order at either of these times, please text 403-612-9580 or email president.fass@gmail.com to arrange a time. *Please ensure you order is paid for in full at time ordering.

<https://spschool.hotlunches.admin>

BOTTLE DRIVE

Bottle Drive is happening this Saturday, September 30 from 10:00am – noon, please ensure bottles are out with the flyer attached, by 10:00AM or drop off at the school.

FASS Secretary

We are looking for a volunteer to join the FASS team come October! If interested, please contact Laelia at president.fass@gmail.com. This is a great way to get involved with the school!

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!
- For online shopping! (Old Navy, Indigo, Canadian Tire, Walmart, Home Depot, Starbucks and more!)
- You can even get/reload your gift cards here!
- Just download the app, use the code K2TQ9X and start shopping!

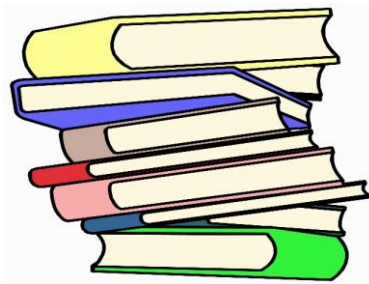
Pay School Fees online!

School fee information for the 2023-24 school year will be posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) in late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. 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 online using a credit card.

Don't forget to 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 certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If you're unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2023. For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [eips.ca](#). Alternatively, contact Mrs. Chantelle Grieve, Business Manager, at SouthPointe School, at (780) 998-2747.

[Read In Week](#)



[World Teachers' Day](#)



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

School Bus Safety Week: October 15-21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 15-21. The theme: 'Stand Back from Yellow and Black,' which focuses on proper school bus safety behaviour. Throughout the week, various activities are planned, including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, SouthPointe School reminds students and families all Division school buses are equipped with a Tyler Drive tablet, bus-pass scanner, GPS technology, the Child Check-Mate system and surveillance equipment, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 175 buses. Families and students also have access to the Traversa Ride 360 app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child is scanned onto a bus.

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



MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC

Any Junior High students interested in playing in band are welcome to meet on Tuesdays after school from 3:00-4:00 starting on October 3. Even if you have never played an instrument but want to learn, this is your place! October 3 will be an instrument trial day to decide what you want to play. There will be flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, euphoniums, and tubas out. After that, we will meet weekly to improve on the instruments and work towards some performances. Please email Ms. Basaraba at maureen.basaraba@eips.ca if you have any questions.

Elementary choir is off to a great start this year with about 60 grades 4, 5, and 6 students joining together to sing. Choir will be performing at several school assemblies and concerts, so it is great to see so many students out. Hand chime Club will be starting in October for grade 6 students. It is great to see so much excitement for music.

Ms. Maureen Basaraba

Music Teacher
SouthPointe School