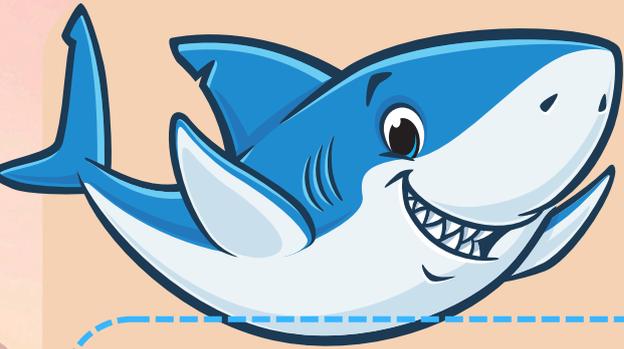


# Shark Bites

# NEWSLETTER



SouthPointe School

## Principal's Message

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the students and staff who participated in Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see a sea of pink throughout our hallways, all in support of creating safe, caring, and welcoming spaces for everyone here at SouthPointe School. Your enthusiasm and commitment to this cause is greatly appreciated.

We also had a fantastic week with our hot lunch, thanks to our amazing parent volunteers—your help is always appreciated! Additionally, the Grade 4-6 ski trip on Thursday was a huge success with over 200 students and parent volunteers, and we saw so many smiles on the slopes. A special thank you to the parents and grandparents who volunteered their time to help make the ski trip such a memorable experience for our students.

Looking ahead, don't forget about our **Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, March 4, early dismissal on Wednesday, March 5 and Friday, March 7, is a professional learning day for all staff, so there will be no school for students.**

We're excited for our participation in the Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival, where Ms. Yule and our talented students will be performing. We can't wait to see their hard work pay off as they share their music with the community. See the newsletter for more details. As the warmer weather arrives, please be cautious around the school grounds. Some areas are still quite icy, and we are doing our best to stay on top of it. Safety is our priority, so we encourage everyone to take extra care as they move about. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead! Laurie Caines, Principal

## NEXT WEEK



Monday (3)	Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Playoffs TBA Sr Boys & Girls Basketball Practices TBA Recorder Club @ First Recess Gr 6 Hand Chimes @ Lunch Recess (JUST FOR THIS WEEK)
Tuesday (4)	Pancake Tuesday Choir @ Lunch Recess Jr High Band @ 3:00-4:00PM Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Practices TBA Sr Boys & Girls Basketball Playoffs TBA Music Performances @ SPS @ 9:00AM
Wednesday (5)	Early Dismissal Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Semi Finals Sr Boys & Girls Basketball Practices TBA
Thursday (6)	Deadline for Hot Lunch Sr Boys & Girls Basketball Semi Finals TBA Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Practices TBA Choir Performing @ Dow @ 9:00AM
Friday (7)	No School (Professional Learning Day) Sr Girls Basketball Shark Attach Tournament @ SPS

# MARCH

## Coming Up this Month

- March 3-8 Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival
- March 4 Pancake Tuesday for All School
- March 4 Jr High Band, Hand Chimes & Recorder Club Performing @ 9:00AM -11:00AM @ SPS Library
- March 5 Early Dismissal
- March 6 Choir Performing @ 9:00AM-11:00AM @ Dow/Shell Theatre
- March 6 Deadline to Order March Hot Lunch
- March 7 No School (Professional Learning Day)
- March 9 Daylight Saving Time Starts (Spring Ahead 1 Hour)
- March 12 Hot Lunch for Gr 1-3 and Mon/Wed Kindergarten
- March 12 School Council Meeting @ 4:00PM
- March 13 Hot Lunch for Gr 4-6 and Tues/Thur Kindergarten
- March 13 Deadline to Submit Payment for Gr 7-9 Ski Trip
- March 14 Hot Lunch for Gr 7-9
- March 14 Report Cards Issued
- March 17 Wear Green Day (Happy St. Patrick's Day)



## NEXT WEEK

### School Start & End Times

8:10AM - School Begins

11:08AM to 11:48AM - Lunch

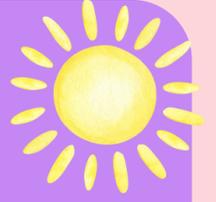
2:46PM - School Dismissed

*(1:46PM - School Dismissed on Early Dismissal Days)*



### EIPS Summer School

Registration opens March 17



Mark your calendars! Registration for EIPS Summer School opens March 17. For more information, see the Summer School page on Next Step's website.

### Note:

Hot Lunch is early this month due to Spring Break

**March Hot Lunch**

- ☀ Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed K 12 Mar
- ☀ Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thur K 13 Mar
- ☀ Grades 7-9 14 Mar

To order next month's hot lunch, go to <https://spschool.hotlunches.net/admin/>



Go Sharks!



## SHARKS ATHLETICS

### **Monday (3)**

Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Playoffs TBA  
Sr Boys & Girls Basketball Practices TBA

### **Tuesday (4)**

Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Practices TBA  
Sr Boys & Girls Basketball Playoffs TBA

### **Wednesday (5)**

Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Semi Finals  
Sr Boys & Girls Basketball Practices TBA

### **THURSDAY (6)**

Sr Boys & Girls Basketball Semi Finals TBA  
Jr Boys & Girls Basketball Practices TBA

### **FRIDAY (7)**

Sr Girls Basketball Shark Attach Tournament @ SPS

## **GRADE 5/6 BASKETBALL**



**This SATURDAY our Gr 5/6 Boys & Girls Basketball Teams are playing in the Ted Tchir Basketball Tournament at Rudolph Henniĝ. Our Boys teams plays in the morning and our girls teams play in the afternoon.**

**Good luck Sharks, play hard & cheer hard!**

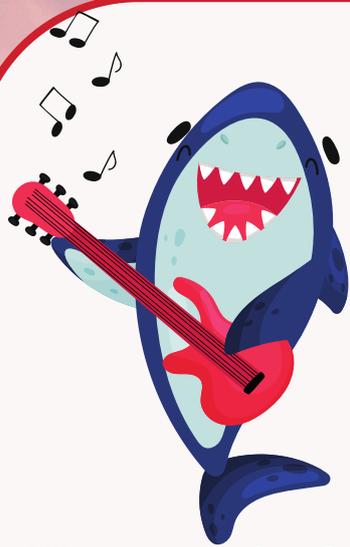
## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

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.

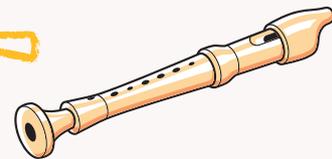
### **Watch for Thin Ice!**

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](#).



# MUSIC



Gr 4-6 Recorder Club on Mondays & Wednesdays at First Recess

Gr 4-6 Choir on Tuesdays at Lunch Recess

Gr. 6 Hand Chime Club on Thursdays at Lunch Recess

Jr High Band on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00PM

**We are excited for our students to perform at the Fort Saskatchewan's Music Festival this week!**

**Our Jr High Band, Hand Chimes & Recorder Club will be performing on March 4th in our Library and our Choir will be performing on March 6th at the Dow/Shell Theatre.**

## You're Invited!

SouthPointe music is getting prepared for their performances at the Festival again this year! There are two dates to note and more information will be provided by email in the coming days for students and families participating.

### March 4

### March 6

**Instrumental Performances by Jr High Band, Hand Chimes & Recorder Club**

**Choir Performance by SouthPointe School Choir**

**Time: 9am-11am**

**Time: 9am-11am**

**Location: SouthPointe Library**

**Location: Shell Theatre at the Dow**

### GRADE 6 BAND

The Grade 6 music classes have been hard at work learning new instruments since January. These instruments include flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, and tuba. **Starting on Monday, March 10**, an after-school group will start up for any students wanting to participate in the **Spring Night of Music** on their band instrument. Grade 6 families should watch their emails for more information soon. Practices will be as follows:

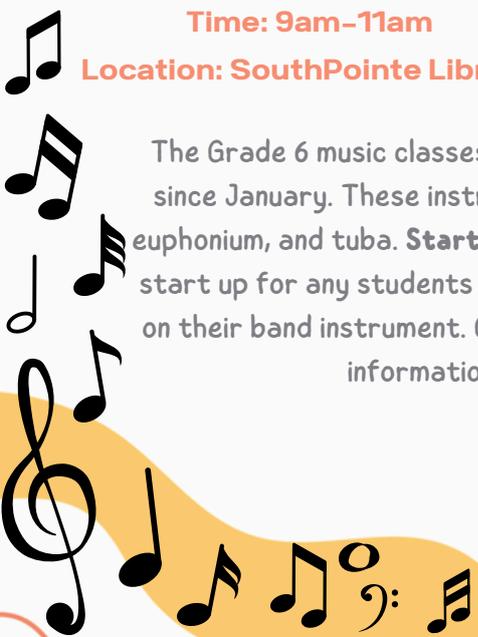
Monday, March 10 from 3:00-3:45

Monday, March 17 from 3:00-3:45

Monday, March 31 from 3:00-3:45

Monday, April 7 from 3:00-3:45

Monday, April 14 from 3:00-3:45



# Counsellor's Corner...

On Wednesday, our school proudly participated in Pink Shirt Day, a day dedicated to spreading kindness and standing against bullying. Our students showed their support by wearing pink and embracing the values of empathy, respect, and inclusion.

To highlight our commitment to kindness, we've included some beautiful artwork created by our students. These pieces reflect the heartfelt messages of compassion and positivity that define our school community.

We are so proud of our students for their creativity and their dedication to fostering an environment where kindness is celebrated every day.

Check out some of the amazing "Kindness Art" created by our students below!



Here is a picture of 2G bulletin board where they focused on creating art with positive, happy, and kind words to help spread the message and lift others up as they walk by 😊 Spreading kindness one word at a time! Thank you 2G!

## Bullying and Stress:

### How They're Connected

- Bullying isn't just hurtful words; it's a major source of stress for teens. This stress can lead to anxiety, depression, and even physical health problems.
- Stress from bullying can show up as mood swings, trouble sleeping, headaches, or withdrawal from activities.
- Encourage healthy ways to cope, like talking to someone you trust, practicing mindfulness, or engaging in hobbies you enjoy.
- Speak out against bullying, support peers who are struggling, and create a positive environment where everyone feels safe.

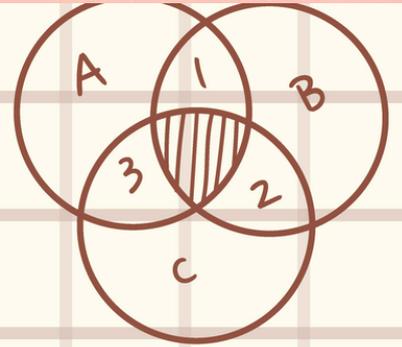
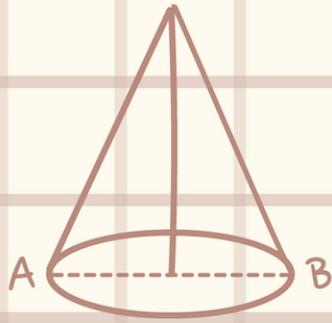


With bystander intervention, 57% of bullying stops in 10 seconds.

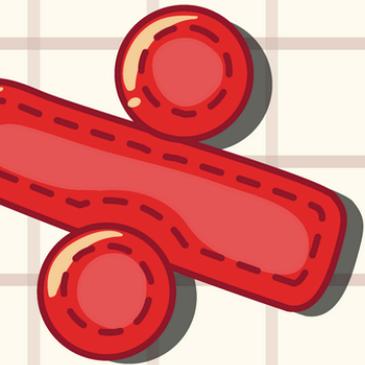
**STAND UP**

# What's Happening

## AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...



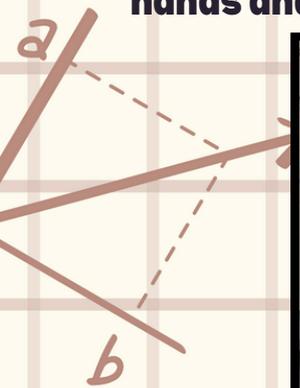
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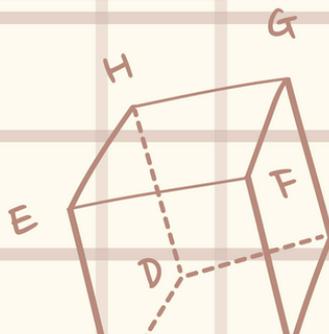
**Mrs. Percy and some Gr. 6 students participated in the Wisest - CHOICES Conference and had SO much FUN learning, creating and experimenting.**



**Reese, Madison, Sydney & Jessica made prosthetic hands and had to complete challenges with them!**



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# What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

## Grades 7-9 Ski Trip Coming Up!

March 17th  
@ Sunridge



Sunridge Ski Trip Grades 7-9	Total cost
Lift ticket, lesson, rentals and bus	\$52.00
Lift Ticket, lesson, bus (own equipment and helmet)	\$39.00
Season Passholder - discounted lift ticket, lesson, rentals and bus	\$42.00
Season Passholder - discounted lift ticket, lesson and bus (own equipment and helmet)	\$29.00

If your Grade 7-9 student would like to participate on the Ski Trip, please do the following:

- Fill out the Grade 7-9 Sunridge Ski Trip Permission Form
- Log on to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and click on this icon:
- Add it to your cart and enter your payment method
- Don't forget to press SUBMIT



**Deadline to Submit Payment & Permission Form  
is March 13**

# What's Happening

AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

*Enjoy these poems from Reese Duncan & Madison*

*Percy in Mr. Henderson's Grade 6 class*

Spring is Here!

Spring is when the flowers bloom  
Spring is when the birds start chirping  
Spring is coming really soon  
The sun will shine bright  
The snow will melt  
We can fly kites  
Warm weather will be felt  
Winter is going  
Spring is coming  
Green fills the land  
Rain falls, and,  
Puddles form  
Children are playing outside  
The weather turns warm  
Spring is coming soon  
The ice is going away  
Leaving us with a warm spring day  
Kids will cheer!  
Spring is here!!



HELLO  
SPRING

To Mourn

When we mourn we are silent  
We cry and weep  
As our friends hug us tight  
Memories and photos we keep  
It'll be okay  
As we cry ourselves to sleep  
We are thankful for those who are  
near  
We are thankful for those who are  
here  
We will always remember those who  
are gone  
Their memories and traditions live  
through us and on  
Slowly, we recover from our loss  
The sadness is never away,  
But we can still celebrate every new  
day.

# What's Happening

## AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

HAPPY  
100<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY  
OF  
SCHOOL  
100



Our students had a blast celebrating the 100th day of school! This milestone was filled with excitement, laughter, and plenty of fun activities. From counting to 100 in creative ways to making colorful "100 Days" hats, everyone embraced the celebration with enthusiasm. It was a day to reflect on all the learning and growth we've achieved so far and look forward to the rest of the school year. Here's to 100 days of hard work, friendship, and fun - and to many more ahead!



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# What's Happening

## AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...



In our gymnastics unit, PE8 students had a fantastic time building pyramids! They worked together showcasing their strength, coordination, and teamwork to create an impressive pyramid formation. It was a fun challenge that not only helped build physical skills but also encouraged collaboration and trust among classmates. Well done PE8!

**Jump Rope for Heart has begun at SouthPointe School for the month of March. We will be raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. All donations will need to be made online; we will not be accepting cash or cheque donations. Below is the link to make online donations:**

**<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdfunder.ca/81175>**

**A newsletter containing information regarding online donations and prizes has been sent home with your child.**

**You can also watch the Jump Rope for Heart Virtual Kick-Off Assembly to find out more about this amazing organization:**

**[Kick-Off Video thank you prize](#)**



**March 3-20**

# What's Happening

AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

## FASS/School Council Info

### Pancake Tuesday



### March 4th is Pancake Tuesday!

Our amazing School Council will be serving all 745 students a pancake that morning.

They are looking for parent volunteers on March 3rd & 4th to help with cooking and serving.

If you are available either days, please email Tasha at [southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com)

Join Our School Fundraising Association – Have a Say in How Funds Are Used!

Want to be part of the decisions that impact our school? Join the FASS! The membership is free and comes with no obligations—as a member, you'll be able to vote on financial decisions, access meeting records, and help shape fundraising efforts. Your input makes a difference, and meetings are a great way to stay informed and share your ideas.

Sign up today: [HERE!](#)

The FASS is planning a BOTTLE DRIVE for later in April. Start saving your bottles, and we'll provide more details as the date approaches.

These fundraisers will help support the purchase of 40 Chromebooks and a charging cart for our students, which will greatly enhance their learning experience.

APRIL

# FASS/School Council Info

## PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us? Order Purdy's chocolates from our fundraiser! This year, we're hoping to raise \$3000 for 40 Chromebooks and a charging cart to enhance our students' learning and we need YOUR help!

What you'll need to order:

1. Our campaign number: 79800
2. Go to our fundraising website: [CLICK HERE](#)
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!



Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know! Happy chocolating!

(Pick-up date will Be April 16, 2025 see website for more details)

**Mark your calendars! Our next School Council Meeting is March 12 at 4:00PM in the Large Flex Space.**

## HOT LUNCH

### **Hot Lunch is OPEN for March!**

To order hot lunches, we use the [spschool.hotlunches.net](https://spschool.hotlunches.net) website.

**Deadline to order for MARCH is coming up quick, Mar. 6th at NOON.**

**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 **before 10:30AM** and let them know. No refunds will be given if a student is absent on the day of their hot lunch.

**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 [spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com).

**REMINDER:**  
**Please still send**  
**SNACKS on Hot**  
**Lunch Day**

#### Hot Lunch Volunteer Opportunity:

We're looking for volunteers to assist with our hot lunch program! As a thank-you, each volunteer will receive a \$5 discount on one child's hot lunch account for their help.

If you are able to volunteer, please email [spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com).

# News from EIPS

## *Update to EIPS Administrative Procedure 146: Social Media*

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has updated EIPS Administrative Procedure 146: Social Media, as per the new legislation from the provincial government. The procedure includes rules for using personal devices at school and banned social media platforms.

[Learn more](#)

## Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2025? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [eips.ca/kindergarten](https://eips.ca/kindergarten). 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.

Additional information regarding SouthPointe's kindergarten program is available at

<https://www.southpointeschool.ca/>

