

Shark Bites NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

May is off to a busy and exciting start here at school! A big congratulations to our Grade 6 badminton students who represented our school so well at their recent tournament—we're proud of their effort and sportsmanship. Also, well done to our Grade 4–6 track team who participated in the EIPS Track Meet on Thursday. It was a great afternoon of energy, teamwork, and fun!

We were also excited to welcome our incoming Kindergarten families at our Information Night this week. It was wonderful to meet so many new faces and share a glimpse of what's ahead for our youngest learners. Earlier in the week, we wrapped up our spring plant sale, and we want to thank all families who supported it. Wednesday's staff meeting was another highlight as we continue collaborating to make the end of the year a success.

Looking ahead, please take time to carefully review the Exam Schedule if you have children in Grades 6–9. This is an important time of year, and our teachers are working hard to complete curriculum outcomes and prepare students for year-end assessments.

Finally, with much needed rain in the forecast, please send extra clothes, socks, and rubber boots so students can stay dry and comfortable during the day.

Wishing you all a wonderful Mother's Day weekend! Laurie Caines, Principal

NEXT WEEK

Happy Mother's day

Monday (12)	
Tuesday (13)	Grade 6 & Jr High Band @ 3:00-3:45PM Choir @ Lunch Recess
Wednesday (14)	
Thursday (15)	
Friday (16)	

May

Coming Up this Month

May 10	<u>Bear Witness Day</u>
May 11	Happy Mothers Day
May 11	Yearbook Orders Due
May 14	Educational Assistant Appreciation Day
May 15	<u>Moose Hide Campaign Day</u>
May 19	Victoria Day (No School)
May 21	School Council & FASS Meeting @ 4:00PM
May 22	Class 1S Fort Edmonton Field Trip
May 22	Deadline to Order Hot Lunch @ 12:00PM
May 22	Plant Pick Up Day @ 2:30PM
May 22	Spring Band Concert @ 6:30PM
May 26	Grades 7 & 8 ELA Part A Exam
May 28	Hot Lunch for Grades 1-3 & M/W Kindergarten
May 28	Grade 6 ELA Part A PAT
May 29	Hot Lunch for Grades 4-6 & T/TH Kindergarten



School Start & End Times

8:10AM - School Begins
11:08AM to 11:48AM - Lunch
2:46PM - School Dismissed
(1:46PM - Early Dismissal Days)



Please note supervision begins at 7:55AM and ends at 2:55PM



Our lost and found bin is overflowing with jackets, hoodies, water bottles, and more! If your child is missing anything, we encourage both students and parents to stop by and take a look. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the month, so now's the time to reclaim those long-lost belongings!

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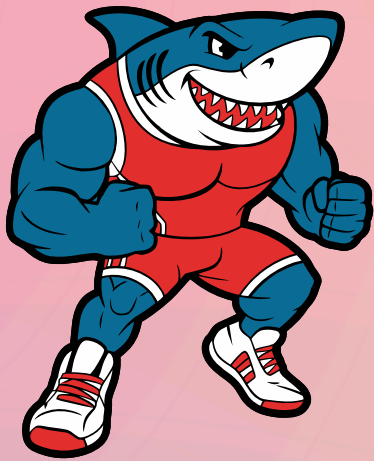
May (Tim's & Papa John's) Hot Lunch online ordering is now open

May Hot Lunch

☀ Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed K	28 May
☀ Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thur K	29 May
☀ Grades 7-9	30 May

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





SHARKS ATHLETICS

Monday (12)

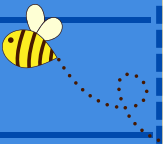
Tuesday (13)

Wednesday (14)

THURSDAY (15)

FRIDAY (16)

Fort Saskatchewan Jr High Track Meet @ Fort High Field



Elementary Track

Congrats to our Grade 4-6 Track Team who did so well at the EIPS Relay Races on Thursday! Great job to our Grade 4 boys who placed third in two races!

Grade 6 Badminton

Great job to our Grade 6 Badminton Team at their tournament this week! Sachin & Bryn brought home SILVER!

Final Exam SCHEDULE

Grade 6 PATs

May 28 - ELA Part A
June 12 - ELA Part B
June 13 - Math Pat A
June 17 - Math Part B
June 18 - Social

Grade 7 & 8 Common Exams

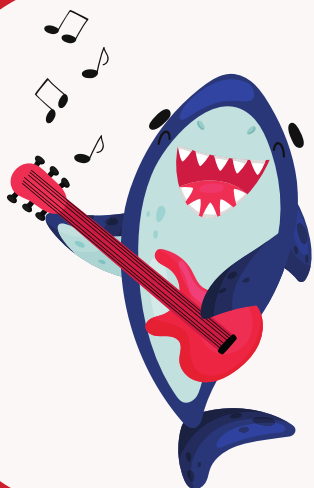
May 26 - ELA Part A
June 17 - Math Part A
June 18 - ELA Part B
June 19 - Science
June 23 - Social
June 24 - Math Part B

Grade 9 PATs

May 29 - ELA Part A
June 12 - ELA Part B
June 13 - Math Part A
June 17 - Math Part B
June 18 - Social
June 19 - Science

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.” – Robert Collier





MUSIC

Gr 4-6 Recorder Club is now finished for the year
Gr. 6 Hand Chime Club is now finished for the year
Gr 4-6 Choir will begin again on May 6th on Tuesdays at
Lunch Recess
Gr. 6 & Jr High Band is on Tuesdays from 3:00-3:45PM



You're Invited to our BAND CONCERT

Join us for a spectacular evening of music as the SouthPointe School Band teams up with the Fort Saskatchewan High School Band and the Fort Saskatchewan Community Band for a community concert you won't want to miss!

Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 PM

@ Fort Saskatchewan High School Gym (10002 97 Ave)

Enjoy performances by each band and experience the grand finale—a powerful massed band piece featuring all three groups playing together! Come celebrate the talent, collaboration, and spirit of our musical community.

Admission is free – bring your friends and family!

Blessing Bags—Delivered with Heart!

Our school community came together in an incredible way, creating and delivering nearly 200 Blessing Bags to local organizations including the RCMP, Families First, The City of Fort Saskatchewan, The Nourishment Centre, BGC, and The Bridge.

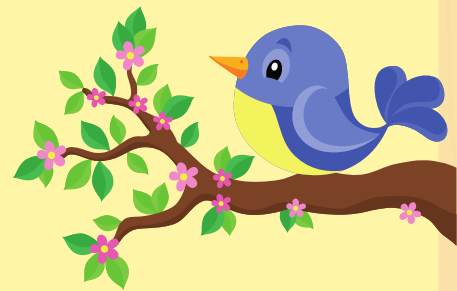
A huge thank you to everyone who contributed—your generosity truly made a difference in our community!



Counsellor's Corner...

Mental Health Week

May 5-11



Mental Health Week 2025

MAY 11 SUNDAY

Movie: The Secret Life of Pets

Fort Cinema
(9922 - 100 Street)
10:30 am
FREE TICKETS bit.ly/MHW_May11

Family & Community Support Services
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Mental Health Week 2025, observed from May 5th to May 11th, embraced the theme "Unmasking Mental Health". This theme highlights the challenges faced by individuals living with mental health or substance use issues, who often feel compelled to hide behind a "mask" to shield themselves from stigma and judgment. The campaign encourages people to look beyond the surface and recognize the whole person, fostering deeper connections and understanding. By embracing honesty and vulnerability, we can create a ripple effect of courage and compassion across communities.

Courtesy :

<https://www.fortsask.ca/en/living-here/family-and-community-services.aspx>

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Frimpong any time at kofi.frimpong@eips.ca

Canadian Mental Health Association
Mental health for all

There's more to me.

Open and honest conversations connect us all.

#UnmaskingMentalHealth

CMHA Mental Health Week | May 5-11, 2025 ► MentalHealthWeek.ca

Leaf Budding Moon

May

Click [HERE](#) for our EIPS First Nation, Metis, Inuit Newsletter

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...



Springtime Animal Awareness

With spring in full swing, nature is waking up—and so are the wild animals around our neighborhoods and schoolyards! While it's exciting to spot baby bunnies, curious frogs, slithery snakes, and our very bold Canada geese, it's important to remember:

look, don't touch!

A few reminders for our students and families:

- Canada Geese may look silly waddling around, but they're fiercely protective—especially during nesting season. Give them plenty of space and never chase or approach them.
- Baby rabbits might seem abandoned, but mom is likely nearby. Don't touch or move them—human scent can cause stress or harm.
- Snakes, frogs, mice and other wildlife are important parts of our local ecosystem. Observe them from a distance and avoid picking them up or disturbing their habitat.

Let's enjoy the wonders of spring safely and respectfully—for the animals and for ourselves!



Thank you



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Supporters!

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to **Twice But Nice** for their generous donation to the SYNC program, celebrated during their 40th Anniversary AGM. Eunice and Reid delivered a fantastic presentation, joined by two vibrant seniors from Southfort Bend Gardens, and truly lit up the event!



A special shout-out as well to **Fort Eyecare** for their generous support in sponsoring medals, pizza, and juice for our recent badminton tournament. Your contributions helped make the day fun, memorable, and meaningful for all involved. Thank you for believing in our programs and helping our community thrive!

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...



Getting Our Bearings at Bear Park!

This week, our Environmental Ed, Rec Fit, and Leadership classes ventured into the wild (okay, Bear Park...) for some hands-on orienteering fun! With maps in hand and teamwork in full force, students navigated their way through the course like true outdoor pros. Huge thanks to the Edmonton Orienteering Association for setting everything up and helping us turn the great outdoors into a great classroom!

STAY SAFE, PEDAL SMART & CROSS WITH CARE!



Bike Safety Tips for Families

1. Always Wear a Properly Fitted Helmet
 - A correctly fitted helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85%
2. Follow Traffic Rules
 - Ride in the same direction as traffic
 - Use hand signals when turning
 - Dismount and walk your bike across crosswalks
3. Be Visible
 - Wear bright or reflective clothing
 - Equip your bike with reflectors and lights, especially when riding at night
4. Ride Together
 - Ride in single file with a friend or your family

Crosswalk Safety Tips for Families

1. Use Crosswalks Whenever Possible
 - Always cross at marked crosswalks or intersections
2. Wait for the Walk Signal
 - Only cross when the pedestrian signal indicates it's safe
3. Look Both Ways
 - Before crossing, look left, right, and left again
4. Make Eye Contact with Drivers
 - Ensure drivers see you before crossing in front of them
5. Stay Alert
 - Avoid distractions like phones or headphones while crossing



What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

SouthPointe School YEARBOOK

ybpay.ca

Order Deadline: May 11, 2025	Price: \$20.00	Yearbook ID Code: 14214925
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Don't miss out!
Order your yearbook today!



Scan the QR code or visit:
<https://ybpay.lifetouch.ca/>
To purchase your copy.



MAY 11

YEARBOOK

Hey, families! The school year is almost over, and it's time to grab your very own yearbook! It's full of fun photos and special memories from the year. Yearbooks are only \$20 each. Be sure to order before **May 11** – don't miss out on this cool keepsake!

Order your yearbook [HERE](#) and use the code 14214925.



Due to muddy conditions outside and rain in the forecast, we kindly ask parents to send extra pants & socks with their child to school to help keep them comfortable and dry throughout the day.



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT APPRECIATION DAY IS MAY 14!

ON MAY 14, WE RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATION, HARD WORK AND COMPASSION OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND ACROSS ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN EDUCATION, FROM ONE-ON-ONE STUDENT SUPPORT TO LARGER CLASSROOM DYNAMICS.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS—YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS EVERY DAY, AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE EACH ONE OF YOU IN OUR SCHOOL.



THIS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT APPRECIATION DAY AND BEYOND, WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF TO TAKE A MOMENT TO TELL AN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT HOW THEY'VE IMPACTED YOU AND TO SHARE YOUR APPRECIATION WITH THEM.

FASS/School Council Info

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Plant Pick Up Day

Thank you for supporting our Growing Smiles Spring Plant Fundraiser. You will be able to pick up your plants and herbs on May 22 @ SouthPointe School between 2:30PM-4:30PM.



Thank You to Our Wonderful Parent Volunteers!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the amazing parents and caregivers who generously give their time, energy, and talents to support our school community. Whether you're helping with hot lunch, leading fundraising efforts, attending school council meetings, or lending a hand wherever it's needed – your dedication makes a real difference. Our students thrive because of your involvement, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school family!



Mark your calendars! Our next School Council Meeting is MAY 21 at 4:00PM in the Large Flex Space.



HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch is OPEN for May!

To order hot lunches, we use the spschool.hotlunches.net website.

Deadline to order for MAY is coming up on May 22nd 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.

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.

News from EIPS



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, growth opportunities and how it supports students in achieving the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2023-24](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.



April Spotlight: Enhancing public education through effective engagement

·Rules of engagement: Using a collaborative approach to improve student achievement and success

·Driving change: Strengthening public education through Board advocacy

RELATED INFORMATION

[Annual Education Results Report 2023-24: Overview](#)

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

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2026-29](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

Each school has a School Education Plan on its website. Annually, these plans are updated for the next school year to reflect schools' goals, strategies and measures—all based on priorities found in the EIPS Four-Year Education Plan. School administration update their plans after reviewing school-specific results from the EIPS Annual Feedback Survey and consulting with staff, families and school councils in April. A School Education Plan helps a school community focus on what's most important in its own specific context from year to year. To view your child's School Education Plan, visit your school's website and find the relevant home page block.

