

Shark Bites

NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. **Students in Grades 6 through 9 will begin writing their final exams soon**, and we encourage everyone to mark these important dates on your calendar:

- Grade 7 & 8 ELA Part A: May 26 in the morning
- Grade 6 ELA Part A PAT: May 28 in the morning
- Grade 9 ELA Part A PAT: May 29 in the morning

We are so proud of all our junior high students who participated in the Fort Saskatchewan Track Meet today—what a fantastic display of sportsmanship and school spirit! Our **elementary track day is coming up on June 6**, and we're looking forward to a fun and active day with our younger students. Our next **School Council and Fundraising Association meeting will take place on May 21 at 4:00PM**. All parents and guardians are warmly invited to attend—your voice matters and helps shape our school community. Looking ahead, we're excited for our **joint band community concert on May 22 at 6:30PM at the Fort High gym**. It will be a wonderful evening of music, and we hope to see many families there. That same day, we'll also have our plant pick-up at the school from 2:30–4:30PM. A big thank-you to everyone who supported our FASS' fundraising efforts this year—your generosity helps us create meaningful experiences for our students. Wishing you all a safe, restful, and sunny May long weekend. I hope you find time to relax and enjoy the beauty of spring with your families!

Laurie Caines, Principal

NEXT WEEK

Monday (19)	No School!
Tuesday (20)	Grade 2 Telus World of Science Field Trip Choir @ Lunch Recess Grade 6 & Jr High Band @ 3:00-3:45PM
Wednesday (21)	School Council Meeting @ 4:00PM
Thursday (22)	1S Field Trip to Fort Edmonton Park SPS Choir Provincials @ All Saints Cathedral Deadline to Order Hot Lunch @ 12:00PM Plant Fundraiser Pick Up @ 2:30PM-4:30PM Joint Band Concert @ Fort High @ 6:30PM
Friday (23)	

May

Coming Up this Month

May 19	Victoria Day (No School)
May 20	Grade 2 Telus World of Science Field Trip
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	<u>Red Shirt Day</u>
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
May 29	Grade 9 ELA Part A PAT
May 30	Decade Dress Up Day
May 30	Hot Lunch for Grade 7-9



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



LOST & FOUND BIN:

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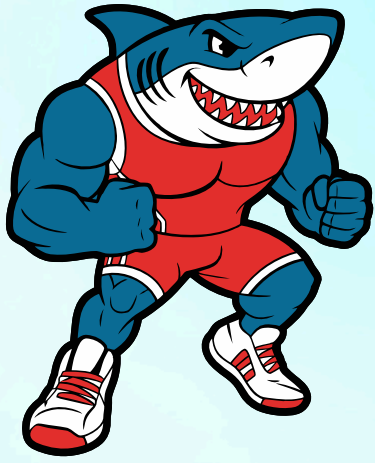
May (Tim's & Papa John's) Hot Lunch
online ordering is now
open

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

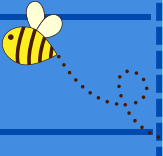
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Final Exam SCHEDULE

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 6 Science PAT will not be administered in the 2024/25 school year

Grade 7 & 8 Common Exams

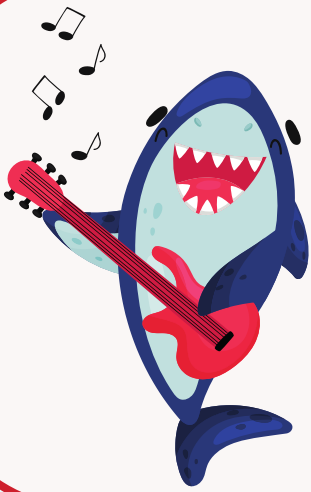
May 26 - ELA Part A
June 17 - Math Part A
June 18 - ELA Part B
June 19 - Science
June 23 - Social
June 24 - Math Part B

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 is 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!

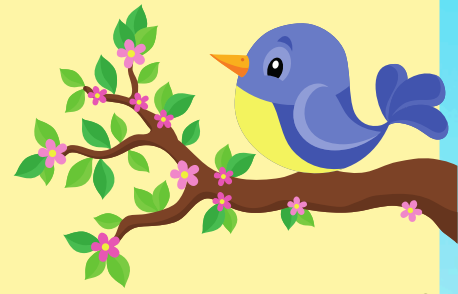


Congrats to Zoe D!

We are proud to announce that **Zoe Duncan**, a Grade 9 student at SouthPointe School, has been selected as a recipient of the Martyn Godfrey Young Writers Award. This prestigious award celebrates young, creative voices in Alberta and recognizes excellence in writing.

Zoe's achievement is a testament to her imagination, dedication, and talent as a young author. We are incredibly proud of her and look forward to seeing her future literary accomplishments! Well done, Zoe!

Counsellor's Corner...



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY TAKE ACTION! ♦ MAY 15, 2025



REGISTER AT:

MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA

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

Leaf Budding Moon

May

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

Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day of ceremony where all Canadians are called to join together to take a stand against violence towards women and children and to take practical steps for our collective journey of reconciliation.

Over 400,000 Canadians have registered to join this year's Moose Hide Campaign Day! This participation showcases the many communities and individuals who are taking a stand to end gender-based violence in Canada. Together, we are making a change!

While hunting a moose in their traditional territory alongside the 'highway of tears' back in 2011, Paul and Raven Lacerte decided to use the moose hide to inspire positive change, particularly as a way for men and boys to stand up and say no to violence against women and children. The campaign has gained momentum and is now a nationally recognized movement, established in over 2,000 communities with over three million pins distributed.

Courtesy of

<https://events.moosehidecampaign.ca/>

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

COMING UP for JR HIGH...

Mark your calendars! Our Junior High Awards will take place on the afternoon of June 20. It's a special time to celebrate the hard work, achievements, and school spirit of our amazing students. Stay tuned—more details coming soon!

GET READY TO MAKE A SPLASH!
Our Grade 9 Farewell is happening at West Edmonton Mall Waterpark on June 24! After a student vote, the results are in—and WEM Waterpark was the clear favorite. It's sure to be a day full of waves, laughter, and unforgettable memories as we celebrate the end of junior high in the most exciting way possible!.



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!**

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...



70's



80's



90s



On Friday, May 30th, we're turning back the clock! Students and staff are invited to show off their style by dressing up in their favorite fashion from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, or 2000s. Whether you're rocking poodle skirts, bell bottoms, neon windbreakers, or grunge flannel, this is your chance to celebrate the trends of the past and bring some extra fun and flair to school. Let's make the halls a blast from the past—the more creative, the better! Don't miss out!

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



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.



As part of their learning about the importance of community, 1S students created a model community, showing how people live and work together. They proudly presented their work to staff during guided tours, confidently explaining the places they built. Their creativity, teamwork, and understanding were truly impressive! Well done Grade 1!

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

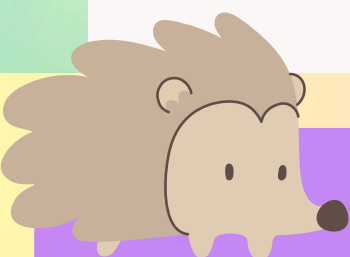
- Rules of engagement: Using a collaborative approach to improve student achievement and success
- Driving change: Strengthening public education through Board advocacy

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.