

Shark Bites

NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

Dear School Families,

It's been a short but eventful week here at school! We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and had a chance to rest and recharge.

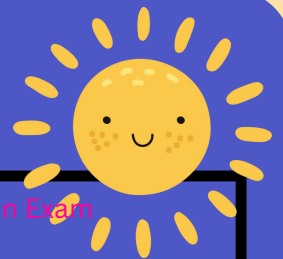
Our Grade 2 students had a fantastic time exploring the Telus World of Science on Tuesday. They returned full of excitement and curiosity after diving into the hands-on exhibits and fun learning experiences. On Wednesday, we held both our School Council and FASS meetings. A big thank you to all the parents and guardians who joined us—we're so grateful for your continued involvement and support in building a strong, connected school community. Thursday brought more adventure as Class 1S traveled back in time on a field trip to Fort Edmonton Park. The students had an incredible time discovering what life was like in the past—a perfect lead-in to next week's exciting events!

Looking ahead, here's what's coming up:

- Hot Lunch is happening this week—thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers who help make this a special treat for our students!
- EIAA Jr High Track Meet will be held on Tuesday, May 27 at SAP for those students participating in it
- Classes 4B, 4E, and 4H will be heading to the Telus World of Science on Thursday, May 29. As a result, their Hot Lunch will be moved to Friday, May 30. Grade 3 will be heading to St. Albert Children's Festival on May 29.
- Decade Dress-Up Day is also on Friday, May 30! Students and staff are invited to dress in styles from their favorite decade—the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, etc. It's a fun way to celebrate and show off some creative, retro flair!

Thank you, as always, for your support, enthusiasm, and the many ways you contribute to making our school a vibrant and welcoming place for all. Laurie Caines, Principal

NEXT WEEK



Monday (26)	Grade 7 & 8 ELA Part A Common Exam
Tuesday (27)	EIAA Jr High Track Meet @ SAP EIPS First Nation Metis Inuit Spring Family Gathering @ 6:00-7:30PM
Wednesday (28)	Grade 1-3 & M/W Kinder Hot Lunch Grade 6 ELA Part A PAT
Thursday (29)	Grades 4/5E, 5, 6 & T/Th Kinder Hot Lunch Grade 3 Field Trip to St. Albert Children's Festival Classes 4B, 4E & 4H Field Trip to Telus World of Science Grade 9 ELA Part A PAT
Friday (30)	Decade Dress Up Day Grades 4B, 4E, 4H & 7-9 Hot Lunch

May

Coming Up this Month

May 26	Grades 7 & 8 ELA Part A Exam
May 27	EIAA Track & Field Meet @ SAP
May 27	EIPS First Nation Metis Inuit Spring Family Gathering @ 6:00-7:30PM
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 4/5E & 5-6 & T/TH Kindergarten
May 29	Grade 9 ELA Part A PAT
May 29	Classes 4B, 4E & 4H Field Trip to Telus World of Science
May 29	Grade 3 Field Trip to St. Albert Children's Festival
May 30	Decade Dress Up Day
May 30	Hot Lunch for Grades 4B, 4H, 4E & 7-9
June 4	Early Dismissal @ 1:46PM
June 6	Elementary Track & Field Day
June 11	Grade 1-3 & M/W Kinder Hot Lunch

June



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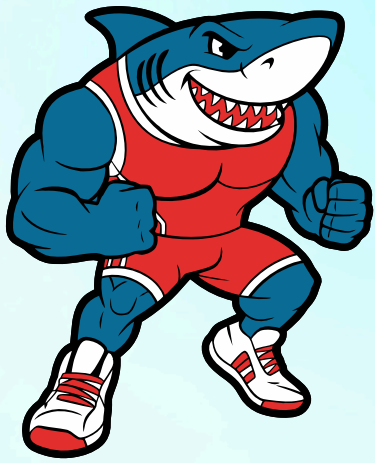
May (Tim's & Papa John's) Hot Lunch online ordering is now closed

May Hot Lunch

Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed K	28 May
Grades 4/5E, 5-6 and Tues/Thur K	29 May
Grades 4B, 4E, 4H, and 7-9	30 May

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





SHARKS ATHLETICS

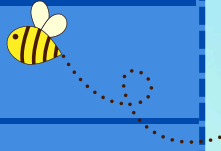
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EIAA Jr High Track Meet @ SAP

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Thursday (29)



Friday (30)

**It's
always
SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE
until it's
DONE!**

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

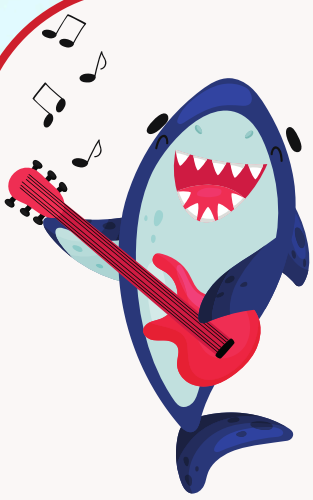
May 26 - ELA Part A
June 17 - Math Part A
June 18 - ELA Part B
June 19 - Science
June 23 - Social
June 24 - Math Part B

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

As the school year draws to a close, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to Ms. Yule for her incredible dedication and passion in organizing such a vibrant array of musical extracurriculars. From performances to practices, her leadership has brought music to life in our school community.

We're also immensely thankful to Mrs. Percy for her invaluable support with both the choir and hand chimes—her guidance has helped our young musicians shine.

And a special thank you to our talented choir pianist, Ms. Anastasija, whose accompaniment has added depth and beauty to every note sung.

Thank you all for making this year a harmonious success!

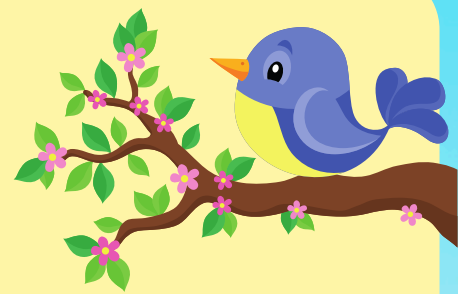


Congrats to Zoe D!

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...



Exam prep isn't just about what happens the night before—it's about building habits leading up to the test day.

Exam prep is all about strategy! Here are some key things students should focus on to feel confident and ready:

- Start Early – Avoid cramming! Reviewing a little bit each day keeps information fresh and manageable.
- Make a Study Plan – Break subjects into chunks and set realistic goals for each session.
- Practice, Practice, Practice – Work on past exams, sample questions, or flashcards to reinforce learning.
- Use Active Learning Techniques – Try summarizing notes, teaching concepts to someone else, or creating mind maps.
- Stay Organized – Keep notes tidy and easy to access so there's no last-minute scrambling.
- Find a Good Study Environment – A quiet, comfortable space can improve concentration and efficiency.
- Take Breaks – Short breaks between study sessions help prevent burnout and improve retention.
- Get Enough Sleep – A well-rested brain performs much better than a tired one.
- Eat Brain-Boosting Foods – Nutritious meals keep energy levels steady and thinking sharp.
- Stay Calm & Positive – Stress can work against you. Deep breathing, relaxation techniques, or even a pep talk can help maintain focus.

Courtesy of <https://alis.alberta.ca/explore-education-and-training>



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

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

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

COMING UP for JR HIGHS...

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!.

Lucas Seaward



Local Artist Lucas Seaward visited Ms. Louma's & Ms. Bossert's classes this week. He shared his passion, knowledge and artwork with our students. Lucas uses oil from the oilsands to create his work. Thank you Mr. Seaward for coming to SPS!



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!

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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**Thank you to everyone who supported
our Growing Smiles Plant Fundraiser!**

Join Us For Our Last School Council/FASS Meeting of the Year!

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we invite all families to attend our last School Council meeting! It's a great opportunity to celebrate what we've accomplished, share your thoughts, and help shape plans for the year ahead.

Your voice matters—let's finish the year strong, together!



**Mark your calendars! Our next School
Council Meeting is June 18th at 4:00PM in the
Large Flex Space.**



HOT LUNCH

**Stay tuned! Information about June's hot lunch will
be shared in our next newsletter. We're finalizing
the details and can't wait to let you know what's
cooking. Thanks for your patience!**

**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!

If you are able to volunteer, please email
spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com.

News from EIPS



EIPS Fort Saskatchewan Indigenous



Please RSVP Here!

Spring Family Gathering

Join EIPS Fort Saskatchewan First Nation, Métis, and Inuit families for a night of connecting and being on the land.

Please bring your lawnchairs.

Tuesday, May 27th

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

West River's Edge Pavillion



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.

