

# Shark Bites

# NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

## Principal's Message

Welcome to the final month of our school year! June is always a special time filled with celebration, reflection, and excitement for what's ahead.

Yesterday, Class 1J had a wonderful time on their field trip to St. Albert's Visual Arts Centre! The students were full of creativity and curiosity as they explored new ways to express themselves through art. It's always inspiring to see our young learners so engaged in hands-on experiences beyond the classroom.

And today was our much-anticipated Track & Field Day! We're so proud of all our students for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and effort. Whether they're running, jumping, or cheering on their classmates, it's a fantastic day to celebrate active living and school spirit.

We're also excited to share that next week will be our final Hot Lunch of the year—and it's a special one!

**Every student will receive a FREE Hot Dog Lunch, which includes a hot dog, a bag of chips, and a drink.** A huge thank you to FASS and our generous community sponsors for making this possible and helping us celebrate the end of the school year together.

As we head into the last few weeks of school, let's continue to finish strong, support one another, and make some lasting memories. We're so proud of all our students and the growth they've shown this year.

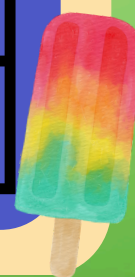
Laurie Caines, Principal

## NEXT WEEK

*Talent Show  
Auditions This Week!*



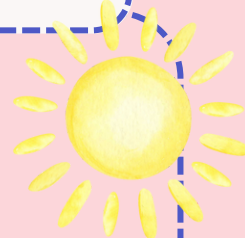
Monday (9)	Talent Show Audition List Up
Tuesday (10)	Talent Show Auditions for Grades 1 & 4 @ Lunch
Wednesday (11)	Grade 1-3 & M/W Kindergarten Hot Lunch Talent Show Auditions for Grades 2 & 5 @ Lunch FASS & School Council Meeting @ 4:00PM
Thursday (12)	Grade 4-6 & T/Th Kindergarten Hot Lunch Talent Show Auditions for Grades 3 & 6 @ Lunch
Friday (13)	Grade 7-9 Hot Lunch Last Day to Return Library Books!



# June

## Coming Up this Month

June 11	Grade 1-3 & M/W Kinder Hot Lunch
June 11	School Council & FASS Meeting @ 4:00PM <b>*NEW DATE</b>
June 12	Grade 4-6 & T/Th Kinder Hot Lunch
June 13	Grade 7-9 Kinder Hot Lunch
June 13	Last Day to Return ALL Library Books
June 15	Father's Day
June 19	KB Salkeld Year End Celebration @ 1:00PM
June 20	First Day of Summer
June 20	Junior High Awards
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23	School Talent Show @ 12:15PM
June 23	KA Henderson Year End Celebration @ 1:00PM
June 24	Grade 9 Farewell @ WEM Waterpark
June 24	KB Henderson Year End Celebration @ 1:00PM
June 25	Last Day of School



## School Start & End Times

8:10AM - School Begins

11:08AM to 11:48AM - Lunch

2:46PM - School Dismissed

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

## LOST & FOUND

THANK YOU so much to Rachael Walsh for helping fold, organize and display our lost & found items!

Our lost and found bin is **OVER FLOWING** with jackets, hoodies, water bottles, and more!

We encourage **YOU** to stop by and take a look.

All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of June.

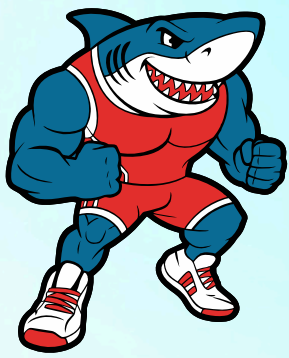
## Note:

June is Hot Dog Lunch for **EVERYONE** thanks to FASS & Community Sponsors!

### June Hot Lunch

☀	Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed K	11 Jun
☀	Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thur K	12 Jun
☀	Grades 7-9	13 Jun





## SHARKS ATHLETICS

**Monday (9)**

**Tuesday (10)**

**Wednesday (11)**

**Thursday (12)**

**Friday (13)**

Congrats to our Golf Team on a great job at the Golf Tournament! Our girls team came in 5<sup>th</sup> Place (4 pts away from 1st) and our guys team placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to our Zone Track  
Athletes!!

**GOLD** - Erin Z in  
2000m

**GOLD** - Mikalia H in  
Long Jump

**GOLD** - Harp M in  
Discus

**SILVER** - Erin Z in Shotput

**BRONZE** - Matt P in Discus

Great job to Neveia S, Matt P, Arabelle  
N, Sydney S, Yaniss N, Harp M, Mikalia  
H & Erin Z on making it to Zones!



# Final Exam SCHEDULE

## Grade 6 PATs

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

## Grade 7 & 8 Common Exams

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

## Grade 9 PATs

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

**“It’s not about being the best. It’s about  
doing your best.” – Unknown**





Get ready to shine!  
Our annual School Talent Show is happening on June 23 at 12:15 PM!

If you handed in your form to Ms. Yule, be sure to check the audition list – it will be posted on the music room door on June 9. Auditions will take place during lunch from June 10–13, so make sure you're ready to shine!  
We can't wait to see what amazing performances our students have in store!

## **2024-25 EIPS Annual Feedback Surveys: For Parents and Caregivers and For Students – Results Now Available**

The results of the 2024-25 EIPS Annual Feedback Surveys: For Parents and Caregivers and For Students are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual surveys, which help EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Four-Year Education Plan. Families and grades 9 and 12 students were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and their school, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families and students who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the surveys received close to 2,400 responses from parents and caregivers and close to 2,000 responses from grades 9 and 12 students across EIPS. The Division, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

**The full results are available online: 2024-25 Parent, Caregiver and Student Survey results: EIPS 2024-25 Parent, Caregiver and Student Survey results: SouthPointe School**

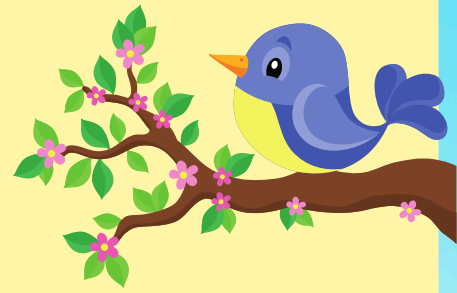
## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

When schools are closed during the summer, many EIPS staff are still hard at work. School staff create lesson plans, engage in professional development and take part in other activities to help enhance student success. Several staff will also support EIPS Summer School. Additionally, Central Services staff work through the break to prepare for the upcoming school year, from staff recruitment to school repairs and more. In mid-August, school staff return to their schools to get ready to welcome students back to class.



# Counsellor's Corner...

# THANK YOU!



As we move through this wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to shine a spotlight on a group of incredible young leaders in our elementary and junior high.

Various student helpers have dedicated their time and energy to running our student-run canteen during lunch.

Week after week, these students have worked behind the counter, serving snacks with smiles, managing inventory, and ensuring that the canteen operates smoothly. But beyond that, they've shown what true kindness and generosity look like. Every dollar earned through the canteen will go towards supporting local charities, helping those in need, and making a real difference in our community.

Your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication have not gone unnoticed! You have displayed teamwork, responsibility, and compassion—all qualities that make our SouthPointe community so special. Due to the efforts of student volunteers, we will be able to contribute to meaningful causes, proving that even small actions can create big change.

Student volunteers will vote to determine if the funds raised will go to:

1. Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank
2. Stollery Children's Hospital
3. WIN House
4. Dividing the funds and making a contribution to each organization

On behalf of the entire school, thank you for all that you do! Your kindness and commitment inspires us all, and we couldn't be more proud of the impact you've made. Keep up the amazing work, and never underestimate the power of giving back.

**Go Sharks!!!!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Frimpong any time at [kofi.frimpong@eips.ca](mailto:kofi.frimpong@eips.ca)

*Egg Hatching  
Moon*

June

Click [HERE](#) for First Nation, Metis, Inuit June Newsletter. Keep reading to learn more about National Indigenous People's Day.

# 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!.**

**RESULTS**

## 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.

June Spotlight: [EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26 \(Year 4\)](#), which details the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes over a four-year period.

- Priority 1: To promote the growth and success of all students.
- Priority 2: To enhance high-quality learning and working environments.
- Priority 3: To enhance public education through effective engagement.

The plan also outlines the performance measures, key insights and strategies the Division will use to meet each priority, goal and outcome in the 2025-26 school year.

### RELATED INFORMATION

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

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

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

# FASS/School Council Info

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM in the Large Flex Space.**



# LAST HOT LUNCH

We're excited to share that June's Hot Lunch will be FREE for all students, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and wonderful community!

Each student will receive one hot dog, a bag of chips, and a juice box.

*There will be a limited number of gluten-free hot dogs and buns available as well.*

Thank you to everyone who helped make this special treat possible!

We need volunteers to help serve our Hot Lunch on June 11, 12 and 13. Please email [spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com).


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





# JUNE IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH

Throughout June, our school is recognizing National Indigenous Peoples Month—a time to honor the cultures, traditions, and contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. Elk Island Public Schools has prepared a variety of activities and resources to support learning and reflection. To learn more about how our district is observing this important month, visit [HERE](#)



## National Indigenous History Month

### What is National Indigenous Peoples Day?

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.

Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day.

For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

Source: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013718/1534874583>

#### MÉTIS CULTURE CARDS

### BANNOCK RECIPE

#### INGREDIENTS

4 1/2 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
2 cups tepid water  
1 cup melted lard

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix first three ingredients in a bowl
2. Make a well in the middle of the mixture
3. Add lard and water into well
4. Slowly mix from the middle
5. Knead about ten times
6. Flatten and pierce with a fork or spoon
7. Place in a lightly greased fry pan (cast iron is better)
8. Bake in oven at 450° F for 20 to 30 minutes and enjoy!

# News from EIPS

## Accessing User Accounts: Students Leaving EIPS

Is your child graduating from or leaving EIPS at the end of the school year? If so, they must ensure any information they want to retain from their school cloud accounts is downloaded onto a personal device before leaving.

- Google account – Students must download any wanted content before August 6—download files either individually or in bulk using [Google Takeout](#).
- Microsoft account – Students must download any wanted content from their OneDrive account before August 6.

**After Aug. 6, 2025, EIPS will deactivate the account.**

## Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing identified developmental delays or challenges with speech-language—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in five of its elementary school locations. Applications are now open for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2021 or 2022, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, fill out the [PALS Program Request Form](#) or call 780-417-8219. For more information, visit [eips.ca](#).

## Notification Emails from your PowerSchool Parent Portal

Through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), parents and guardians can subscribe to receive email updates from the school and about their child, as well as the frequency for receiving the updates. These PowerSchool notifications are separate from the emails you receive from the Division and your child's school sent through SchoolMessenger.

In June, Elk Island Public Schools is updating the domain configuration where these PowerSchool emails come from to support more cost effective and efficient modernization of technology within the Division. As the updates take place, notifications may come from one or the other email address. By June 13, when the update is complete, messages from the PowerSchool Parent Portal will come from only the new email address:

Current email sender: [powerschool@eips.ca](mailto:powerschool@eips.ca)

New email sender: [DoNotReply@powerschool.mail.eips.ca](mailto:DoNotReply@powerschool.mail.eips.ca)

We encourage you to add this new email address to your safe-sender list to avoid missing any updates you're subscribed to. At any time, if you'd like to update your subscription settings within PowerSchool, simply log in to the [Parent Portal](#) and click the "Email Notifications" tab in the left-hand menu.

# News from EIPS



## REMINDER: 2024-25 School Fees

School fees for the 2024-25 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view fees and pay them online using a Mastercard or Visa credit or debit card. Make sure to monitor your child’s account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [eips.ca/schools/fees](https://eips.ca/schools/fees). And, if you have questions, think there’s an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child’s school directly before the summer break.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees and Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2024-25 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2025.



## Student Transportation: 2025-26 Registration

Planning to use [Student Transportation](#) in the 2025-26 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2025.

For those students who did not indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, complete a Busing Setup form through the [Transportation Service Desk](#).

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, visit the [EIPS Student Transportation building](#) during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school closure days.



# Community News

**BRING  
YOUR BIKE,  
YOUR HELMET,  
AND A PARENT!**

June 8, 2025  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Taurus Field  
Parking Lot

Join us for a  
wheelie good time at

## BIKE RODEO

and learn how to  
**ride safe!**

Check out important bike  
safety tips and demos, then  
show what you've learned  
on the Skills Course!



Sponsored by



- Free Hot Dog Lunch!
- Helmet Giveaways!
- Fire Truck, Peace Officer,  
and RCMP Vehicle Tours!



CITY OF  
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Hosted by our awesome Fort Sask  
Municipal Enforcement and RCMP teams



Bring your gently-used sports gear and bikes (ages 4-17)  
to donate to Sport Central and help kids get in the game!

