

# Shark Bites

# NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

We've had a fun and eventful week here at school! A huge thank you to our incredible School Council and FASS parents for organizing our school-wide hot dog lunch—what a treat for everyone! We're also deeply grateful to our generous community for the donations that made it all possible.

Auditions have been taking place all week for our upcoming Grade 1–6 Talent Show, happening on Monday, June 23. We're already seeing some amazing talent and can't wait for the big performance!

Looking ahead, our KBS Kindergarten students will celebrate the end of the school year with a Year End Celebration next Thursday at 1:00PM. Junior High Awards follow on Friday afternoon at 12:30PM in our gym, where we'll recognize our students' hard work and achievements.

Finally, we'd like to wish all the dads, stepdads, grandfathers, and father figures a very Happy Father's Day this weekend! Thank you for all you do.

Laurie Caines, Principal



## NEXT WEEK

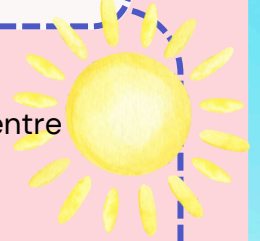
Monday (16)	KAH Kindergarten Strathcona Wilderness Centre Field Trip Rec Fit 7 Bowling Field Trip
Tuesday (17)	Grade 2 In School Field Trip SYNC
Wednesday (18)	
Thursday (19)	KBS Year End Celebration @ 1:00PM
Friday (20)	Grade 6 Bowling Trip Field Trip Grade 4 (not 4/5E) Harbour Pool Field Trip Jr High Awards @ 12:30PM Class 1S Spray Park Field Trip



# June

## Coming Up this Month

June 15	Father's Day
June 16	KAH Kindergarten Field Trip to Strathcona Wilderness Centre
June 16	Rec Fit 7 Bowling Trip
June 17	Grade 2 In School Science Activity
June 17	SYNC
June 19	KB Salkeld Year End Celebration @ 1:00PM
June 20	First Day of Summer
June 20	Grade 4 (not 4/5E) Field Trip to Harbour Pool
June 20	Grade 6 Bowling Field Trip
June 20	Class 1S Field Trip to the Kin Family Spray Park
June 20	Junior High Awards @ 12:30PM
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23	Grade 6 Fort Heritage Field Trip
June 23	School Talent Show @ 12:15PM
June 23	KA Henderson Year End Celebration @ 1:00PM



## 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 & (Hopefully) FOUND

Our bin is brimming, full to the top—

With jackets, bottles, a sneaker (just one)—stop!

Hats and hoodies, gloves galore,

Things we didn't know we could store!

If something's missing, come take a peek,

A sweatshirt you lost? It's been here all week!

The last day to claim is June twenty-five,

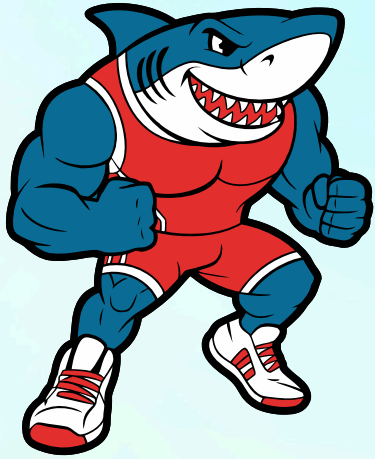
After that, donations take a dive.

So swing on by, give it a glance,

Your water bottle deserves a second chance!

## Note:

We kindly ask all parents and guardians to log in to their PowerSchool Parent Portal to check for any outstanding school or transportation fees. You can sign in [here](#).



**Monday (16)**

**Tuesday (17)**

**Wednesday (18)**

**THURSDAY (19)**

**FRIDAY (20)**



**YOU  
GOT  
THIS!**

# Final Exam SCHEDULE

## Grade 6 PATs

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 17 - Math Part B  
June 18 - Social  
June 19 - Science

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





# MUSIC



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

Thank you to all our students who participated in the auditions! We  
had over 89 students audition for a spot in the Talent Show!

## **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...

# How to Study Effectively



Studying effectively takes motivation, organization, time, and practice. Finding enough time to study, and using that time effectively, can be a challenge for many students. The good news is that good study habits can be learned. Follow these tips to improve your study habits.

## SET YOUR GOALS

Realistic long-term goals, such as being prepared for unit exams or reaching a specific average, will help you organize your efforts for each unit. Short-term goals, such as completing research on an assignment or reading 2 chapters by the weekend, will help you stay on track on a day-to-day basis.

## MAKE SURE YOUR GOALS ARE REALISTIC

Aim for steady improvement in your marks—you'll achieve your goals and be motivated to keep trying.

## SET UP A SCHEDULE

A schedule helps you get organized and make decisions about how much time to spend on what, so you can manage the demands on your time, meet your deadlines and still maintain some balance in your life. Although your schedule needs to be flexible, it's a good idea to record it on a calendar or an agenda book or using software or a smart phone application. Start by writing down exam and assignment due dates for the whole term, and then work backwards from there.

## STUDY EVERYDAY

Shorter, regular study periods are more effective than marathon sessions. Frequent breaks will help you study more effectively. Plan to take a short break every 50 minutes or so. If you're studying for longer than 2 hours at a time, try switching to a different subject every hour.

## AVOID PROCRASTINATING

Identify the ways you typically waste time or put off until later the things you should be doing now—both examples of procrastination. You'll know you're procrastinating when you make excuses for putting things off, such as "it can wait until later" or "I'll just finish this TV program/video game/laundry first."

(Courtesy of <https://alis.alberta.ca/explore-education-and-training/how-to-study-effectively/> )

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!.**

## 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

## GET INVOLVED - WE NEED YOU!

**As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we're looking for amazing parents to join us in making SouthPointe School a vibrant and supportive place for our students, especially as many of our current Council & FASS members have children graduating from SouthPointe.**

There are many ways to get involved — attend School Council meetings, help with hot lunch, volunteer at school-wide events, or join our Fundraising Association (FASS). We're currently looking for parents interested in the following roles:

- School Council Chair (Will be well supported by last year's Chair)
- Vice Chair (School Council)
- President (FASS)
- Vice President (FASS)
- Donation Coordinator (FASS)
- Secretary (FASS)
- Treasurer (FASS)
- Hot Lunch Coordinator (FASS)

These roles are part of a supportive, fun group of parents who work together to enrich our school community. However, please note that if FASS positions are not filled, we will be unable to offer important programs such as hot lunch, special events, and other student activities that rely on fundraising and volunteer support. If you've been thinking about getting involved, now is the perfect time. Let's work together to keep these valuable programs running for our kids!

Please contact: [president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com) for any questions regarding the FASS positions and [southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com) for information on the School Council positions.

### **School Supply Lists Coming Next Week!**

Looking ahead to the new school year? School supply lists for all grades will be available next week on our school website and included in the newsletter.


You'll also have the option to order supplies online through Write-On Stationery for a convenient, stress-free way to get everything your child needs.

**Keep an eye out for all the details coming soon!**



# 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.