

March 2018



Principal's Message

Report Cards will be available online on Friday, March 16th at 3:00pm. We will not be sending a print copy home of student's report cards but ask that you access these through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have any questions about how to set up your PowerSchool Parent Portal please phone the school and Mrs. Warwa will be happy to help you.

Currently grade 4, 5, and 6 students are preparing and presenting speeches to their classmates. A school based competition will be held on March 14th from 9:00-11:00 am in the gym. Two students from each of the classrooms will be presenting their speeches at the school based competition. The student who finishes first in each grade at the school competition goes on to represent SouthPointe School at the EIPS competition held on April 26th at the Strathcona County Hall.

The weather in February has been unpredictable and March seems to be following the same path. Please ensure that students are properly dressed for the elements and that footwear also reflects the extremely icy conditions that we are experiencing.

Please join us on March 16th at 6:30-8:00 pm for our first family dance at SouthPointe School. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. It is a St. Patrick's Day themed dance, so please wear green!

Our next Parent Council and Fundraising Society meeting will be Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00

pm in the Learning Commons. We hope to see you there.

Carol Brown, Principal

Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 5

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2018 Parent Survey—open from March 5-23.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Three-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey closes March 23, 2018

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Complete the Pre-Enrolment Process: March 1-15

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information and manages requests to attend a non-designated school.

On March 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information—such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts.

All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form prior to March 15, 2018.



Applying to attend a non-designated school?

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it's based on available space. Some EIPS schools have **closed boundaries** because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

NOTE: Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move

into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline.

For more information visit www.eips.ca.

Fundraising Association of SouthPointe School Update

Looking forward to Spring? We are too! However, those fun, busy evenings can be a challenge for supper time! This is why we are excited to announce the Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser. Order forms will be out April 3rd so be sure to watch for it! See you at our next meeting Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00pm.

SouthPointe Family Dance

SouthPointe School's 1st St. Patrick's Day Dance is on **Friday, March 16**. Dress in green!!

Doors open @ 6:15pm

Dance finishes @ 8:00pm

There will be a CASH ONLY 50/50 draw and concession.

As well as several door prizes and spot dance prizes!!

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 per family of 5 or \$5 per individual.



All proceeds go to the Fundraising Association of SouthPointe School for playground development and school council activities!!!

Watch for Thin Ice

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, wants to remind families about the dangers of thin ice during this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey

all posted signs and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information on ice safety, visit www.lifesaving.org.



Did you know?

The way ice forms affects the way it melts in spring. Minerals in the water actually become concentrated in vertical veins throughout the ice as it freezes. Warm temperatures cause these veins to melt more quickly and weaken the ice, a process known as *candling*.

UPCOMING DATES

March 11	Daylight Savings Time – Spring Ahead One Hour
March 16	Report Cards Published Online St. Patrick's Day Dance @ 6:30 – 8:00pm
March 20	Grade 4 Field Trip – Waste Management Centre S.Y.N.C (Gr 5/6) – Southfort Bend Gardens
March 21	Parent Council and Fundraising Society meeting @ 7:00pm
March 22	Grade 6 Field Trip – Fort Lanes Bowling
March 23 – April 2	Spring Break (School Closed)
April 3	Classes Resume