



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe Families,

Extracurricular activities started once again after the break and it is a busy place at SouthPointe School! We currently have junior high basketball teams practicing and beginning their season of games. Grade five and six students have also started tryout and practices for their basketball season. Next week we will begin tryouts for grade four to six students who are interested in the Running Room Games that are held in Edmonton. Elementary choir and junior high band activities have also resumed. At our school council meeting on Wednesday, January 18 we will be discussing upcoming fees for the 2023-24 school year. At this meeting we are looking for feedback from parents on junior high elective fees, extracurricular and fieldtrip fees. Please join us to provide input and guidance around fees for next year. The meeting starts at 5:30pm and will be held in the large flex space. Parent Teacher Interviews are quickly approaching. Information is provided in this addition of Shark Bites on how to sign up for the interviews and the code to use to book an interview spot. Interviews will be held on January 25 and 26 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. We are looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you!

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance:

Monday, January 16	
Tuesday, January 17	
Wednesday, January 18	Parent Teacher Interview Bookings Opens @ Noon (see below for booking link) Fundraising Association Meeting @ 5:30pm Deadline for 2023-24 EIPS Junior High Honours Program applications
Thursday, January 19	EIAA: Jr Basketball Tournament
Friday, January 20	January Hot Lunch Deadline @ 3:00pm Orders can be placed online through hotlunches.net . EIAA: Jr Basketball Tournament

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Coming Up Later in the Month:

- January 25 – Hot Lunch (Grade 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten)
Parent Teacher Interviews, 4:30 – 7:30pm
- January 26 – Hot Lunch (Grade 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten)
Parent Teacher Interviews, 4:30 – 7:30pm
- January 27 – Hot Lunch (Grade 7-9)
Hat Day
- January 30 – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL
- January 31 – Second Semester Begins
- February 1 – Early Dismissal (end of day 1:51pm)
Kindergarten & Returning Student Registration Opens
Beach Day

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held from 4:30 - 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25 and Thursday, January 26, 2023. We will be using the online booking system for scheduling an in-person meeting between parents and teachers. Bookings will open at **noon** on Wednesday, January 18 at schoolinterviews.ca using event code: **aw5pm**. **When bookings are open**, an email will be sent to parents with all the information needed to schedule a time.

These interviews give parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss the progress students have made to date. It will also give students the opportunity to improve before report cards are published. Report cards will be available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal on March 17, 2023.



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school once again! Each student will be given a flyer to take home, which provides a preview of only a few of the many books that will be available.

We encourage families of kindergarten to grade 3 students to make purchases for their child. To facilitate this, the book fair will be open during the school day on Thursday and Friday for parents/guardians to come in and make purchases for your family. Students will still be able to make purchases during their class's scheduled book fair time.

The Book Fair will be open during the following dates and times:

- Thursday, January 19 8:00 am - 2:30 pm: Parents/guardians welcome
- Friday, January 20 8:00 am - 2:30 pm: Parents/guardians welcome
- Wednesday January 25 4:30pm - 7:30 pm
- Thursday January 26 4:30pm - 7:30 pm

We look forward to seeing you! Thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literacy event.

Happy reading,
Mrs. Adams

Makerspace at SouthPointe School

We would love your help with some of the supplies that are needed for our Makerspace! Recyclables and old art/sewing/decorating supplies are great for building and creating!

Students are enjoying our Makerspace so much that we could use your help with some of the supplies that need to be refilled! Recyclables and old art/sewing/decorating supplies are great for building and creating! For example:

- Clean yogurt containers
- Cereal & cracker boxes
- Paper towel and toilet rolls
- Popsicle sticks & straws
- Masking tape & regular tape
- Ribbon
- Yarn
- Crayons, markers, pencil crayons
- Pipe cleaners & pompoms
- Scrap booking paper
- Small pieces of cardboard
- Bread tags
- Buttons
- Newspaper
- Straws



These items can be dropped off in the blue bin labelled Makerspace in our school's lobby or brought directly to the library.

Inclement Weather



With the winter season here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or on the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, “school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Fundraising Association Update

January hot lunch will be on January 25, 26, and 27. Hot lunch will be from the Canadian Brewhouse, and ordering is now open. Orders can be placed online through hotlunches.net. ***This site uses Paypal. You can link credit card or your bank card for payments or choose to pay as a guest only. The deadline to order is January 20 at 3:00pm. **All unpaid orders will be cancelled.**

The fundraising association needs a volunteer to be a part of the board as a secretary. If you are interested, please email president.fass@gmail.com.

❖ Ongoing Fundraisers

COBS (Fort Saskatchewan location only):

- Just mention Southpointe School when you are making a purchase.
- Cobs gives back 5% of what we spend! Last year \$350.00 was given back to the school from this fundraiser!

FLIPGIVE

- For online shopping! (Old Navy, Indigo, Canadian Tire, Walmart, Home Depot, Starbucks and more!)
- Just download the app, use the code K2TQ9X and start shopping!

Counsellor's Corner

AHS Caregiver Series

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth, as well as sessions for adults. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics for **January** include understanding anxiety and how sleep affects your family's mental health. The lists of [January 2023](#) sessions are now available.

Dragonfly Support Group

A Monthly group for parents whose children face mental health challenges

A safe and supportive place for parents and caregivers to share their challenges and concerns

Presents:
Gateway Association

January 16, 2023
7:00pm - 8:30pm
@ Families First



Discussion will include:

- FSCD Supports and how to access them
- PDD and the transition from youth to adulthood
- Childcare is available, please call 780-998-5595 ext. 221 by January 13



Math at Home

Looking for engaging ways to incorporate math at home? This website has interactive activities that you can do at home (or in the classroom).

<https://mathathome.mathlearningcenter.org/>

You can pick the grade and concept and work your way through the different math activities!

Division News:

Junior High Honours Program: 2023-24 Applications

Is your child considering the Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Junior High Honours program for the coming school year? The [EIPS Junior High Honours program](#) is designed for students in grades 8 and 9 with high achievement in their core courses and who enjoy a challenging academic environment. Students enrolled in Junior High Honours are expected to complete 25 hours of community service in an area of passion and will be automatically enrolled in the "CTF: Enterprise and Innovation" option course. Students must have a **minimum of 80 per cent** on average in **each** of the four core subjects to be eligible to apply to the Junior High Honours program.

On January 9, the parent/guardian No. 1 on file in PowerSchool for all current grades 7 and 8 families will receive direct communication from EIPS outlining the application process for the EIPS Junior High Honours program—including a link to the application form. Applications for the 2023-24 EIPS Junior High Honours program are due Jan. 18, 2023.

EIPS will confirm conditional acceptance in the 2023-24 Junior High Honours program in late-January—based on a student’s marks as of January 18. Students must maintain their honours standing on the year-end report card in June to receive final acceptance in the Honours program for the upcoming year.

Kindergarten Registration for 2023-24

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it’s almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2023-24 school year on Feb. 1, 2023.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

For more information, contact the school office at 780-998–2747.

Returning Student Registration for 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don’t have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at 780-998–2747.

Community Resources

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT NETWORK OF ALBERTA PRESENTS:
EATING DISORDERS AND DISORDERED EATING

JANUARY 17, 2023

6:30PM - 8:30 PM VIRTUAL

Topics Include:

- Myths and Facts
- Causes
- Warning Signs
- Support options

To Register

WWW.FORTSASK/FCSS/WORKSHOPS/



For questions contact:
780-992-6267
FCSSInfo@fortsask.ca

**WOULD
YOU
LIKE TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?**

WE NEED CARING, POSITIVE PEOPLE
willing to spend time hanging out
& having fun with kids!

Our Mentoring Programs have expanded! 😊
We welcome you whether you can commit
1 to 3 hrs/week for 1-on-1 mentoring
OR even a ONE-TIME guest visit to our
Group Mentoring "Buddy Bunch"!

**MENTORS
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**











Contact "Tammy@fsbgc.ca"
or call 780.992.0103 ext 307

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January 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4  Crafts With Mitch Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 3:30-7 pm	5  Snowman Competition! Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	6
9	10	11 Free Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4-7 pm	12  Dungeons & Dragons Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	13
16	17	18  PJ's & Movie Night Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4-6:45 pm	19  Dungeons & Dragons Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	20  Rainbow Alliance 6-8 pm
23	24	25  Paint Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4-6:45 pm	26  Paper Flowers with Sam Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	27
30	31			

Contact Information

Any questions please call the hub at 780.589.0224 or email us at info@thebridgewhy.com.

Ages 11+ All Welcome

Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 11-24.

Hours of Operation

We are open 2-8 pm on Wednesday and Thursday. We provide supper and snacks.

BGC Fort Saskatchewan

Youth Night

January 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 	4	5	6  DUNGEONS & DRAGONS Dodgeball Mania! 
	10 Paint your own BGC Ceiling Tile!	11		13 DUNGEONS & DRAGONS Sledding at Legacy Park! Bring your own sleds! We will leave the club at 7 pm
16	17 Fort Saskatchewan Fire Department visits the BGC! 	18	19	20 DUNGEONS & DRAGONS Pin Making & JEOPARDY!
23	24 The Bridge staff visits BGC! 	25	26	27 DUNGEONS & DRAGONS Rock Painting & Tchoukball! 
30	31 Crochet & Soccer Shootout! 			Time Reminders Tuesdays 6:30-9pm Fridays 6:30-10pm

Contact Information

Any questions please call the club at 780.992.0103 and ask for the Youth Programs Coordinator.

Ages 12+ All Welcome

Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 12+. Come and check out the fun!

Rock Wall Waiver

Please come in and sign a waiver so your youth can make the safe climb!