



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe Families,

It is hard to believe that January has come and gone, and February is just around the corner.

Thank you to all our families that were able to join us for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday.

Returning Student Registration will open on February 1, 2023. Please log on to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and indicate if your child will be returning for the 2023-24 school year. The returning student registration form will remain open until February 28, 2023. Kindergarten registration will also open on February 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 school year. If you have a child that is turning five before December 31, 2023, please complete the online registration form for next year. SouthPointe School is once again a closed boundary school and, as such, will only accept new student that reside within our attendance area.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance:

Monday, January 30	Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL February hot lunch ordering opens Division High School Information Session @ 6pm
Tuesday, January 31	Second Semester Begins
Wednesday, February 1	Kindergarten & Returning Student Registration Opens Beach Day Early Dismissal (end of day 1:51pm)
Thursday, February 2	
Friday, February 3	Grade 5/6 Basketball Tournament @ FSC (TBA)

Coming Up Later in the Month:

February 9-10 – Teachers' Convention: NO SCHOOL

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 17 – Hot Lunch Ordering closes at 3pm. **All unpaid orders will be cancelled.**

Valentine's Family Dance
 February 20 – Family Day: NO SCHOOL
 February 22 – Grade 1-3 & Mon/Wed Hot Lunch & Pink Shirt Day
 February 23 - Grade 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Hot Lunch
 February 24 - Junior High Hot Lunch
 February 27 – Junior High Ski Trip
 February 28 – Grade 4 - 6 Ski Trip
 Returning Student Registration 2023-24 Closes
 March 3 – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL



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.

Fundraising Association Update

February hot lunch will be on February 22, 23, and 24. Hot lunch will be from Domino's Pizza, and ordering will open on January 30. 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 February 17 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

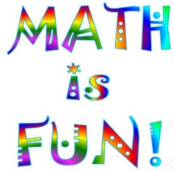
COBS (Fort Saskatchewan location only):

- 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!

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- 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!

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!

Counsellor's Corner

At SouthPointe the promotion of positive mental health strategies is always woven into our daily activities. This week we took extra time to recognize mental health and strategies to support our well-being on Bell Let's Talk day. Fostering the growth of students' social emotional skills using mindfulness can lead to better focus in school, better cooperation with others, improved self-awareness, more self-regulation strategies, decreases in stress/anxiety, and improvements in our overall sense of well-being. One of the programs we use at SouthPointe to promote mental health literacy is the MindUp program. AHS is offering a free interactive session that explores strategies from the MindUp program. This session will explore the topic of mindfulness and how mindfulness strategies can help support your child's social and emotional well-being. They will explore how our brain's stress responses (fight, flight, or freeze) may impact our social and emotional well-being and how we can use mindfulness to calm our brain. They will discuss how the brain influences thinking, emotions, self-regulation, and behaviour.

February 15, 2023 6:30pm - 8:30pm Register: <https://buff.ly/3GCaa4m>
 #MHCBAlberta #RVSEd #mentalhealth #mindfulness

Division News:

Download the SchoolMessenger App

Southpointe School and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform to communicate with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add communications@eips.ca and general.sps@eips.ca to your safe sender list to avoid having important messages funneled into your junk mail folder.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates from both the Division and your child's school direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in their inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) today.

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](#)

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