



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe Families,

The first week of February was another busy week at SouthPointe. Just a reminder that kindergarten and returning school registration is upon us. Please take some time to log into PowerSchool Parent Portal and complete the returning registration information. Deadline for this is February 28, 2023. Students attending junior high at SouthPointe School during the 2023-24 school year will be provided with elective information early in March. More information will be shared with parents when elective registration begins. For grade 9 parents with children attending Fort High for the 2023-24 school year, they are hosting an open house on February 16, 2023. The administration from Fort High is coming February 7 to share information about their open house and share flyers with the students. A reminder that Teachers' Convention is February 9-10, 2023, so the school will be closed to students on those days.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance:

Monday, February 6	
Tuesday, February 7	
Wednesday, February 8	
Thursday, February 9	Teachers' Convention – No School
Friday, February 10	Teachers' Convention – No School
Monday, February 13	
Tuesday, February 14	Valentine's Day
Wednesday, February 15	
Thursday, February 16	Ski Trip Permission Click and payment deadline
Friday, February 17	Hot Lunch ordering closes at 3pm. All unpaid orders will be cancelled. Random Act of Kindness Day! Valentine's Day Family Dance, 6:30 – 8:30pm!

Coming Up Later in the Month:

- 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
Hat Day
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
Alberta Education Assurance Survey Deadline



Reset Room Opening!

SouthPointe School is excited to pilot a new space in the school to add to our support for students. The “Reset Room” is a new space in the school for students to access when they need a safe place to regulate their brains and bodies. The room is staffed by Ms Melnyk, a certificated teacher. Our goal is to create a safe place for our junior high students to regulate with adult support so they can return to the classroom ready to learn. All students in grades 7-9 can access the “Reset Room,” if needed. The Reset Room will be open starting February 13, 2023 and will be operational until the end of June 2023.

SouthPointe School Ski Trip

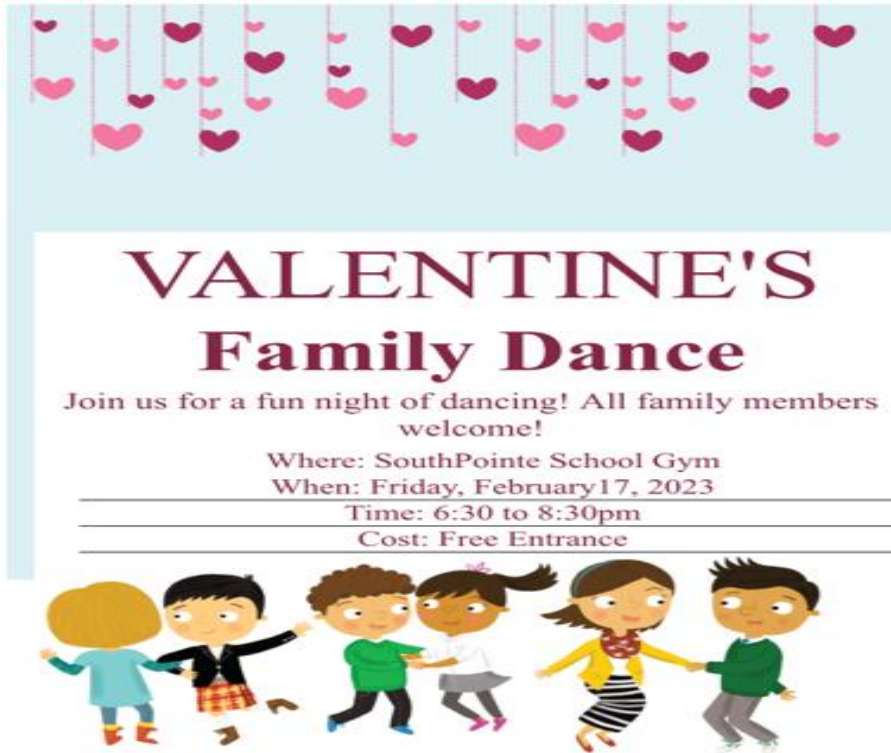
As part of the physical education program, all SouthPointe School students in Grades 4-9 have the opportunity to spend a full day at Sunridge Ski Area in Edmonton. The field trips will take place on:

- Monday, February 27: Grades 7-9
- Tuesday, February 28: Grades 4-6

Please watch out for a Permission Click field trip permission form that will be sent out shortly via email, which will include all the information regarding the upcoming trips. The Permission Click form as well as payment will need to be submitted by the end of the day on February 16, 2023. We are excited that the students can enjoy a fun day on the hill!



Valentine’s Family Dance!



Scholastic Book Fair Success!

We would like to thank our SouthPointe families for their generous support of our Scholastic Book Fair that ran during parent/teacher/student interviews. We raised \$9,276.26! All the money raised will be used to purchase new materials for our learning commons.

Fundraising Association Update

February hot lunch will be on February 22, 23, and 24. The hot lunch will be from Domino's Pizza, 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 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!

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!

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:

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 Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

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.

Complete your Returning Student Registration: February 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) [returning student registration](#) process is now open. All current students, except Grade 12, must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their enrolment in a school for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. 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. **All current EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2023.**

To access the Returning Student Registration Form, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you do need to set one up. For help see: [Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information contact the school directly at (780) 998-2747.

RELATED INFORMATION:

[Returning Student Registration Process](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)
[EIPS School Boundary Maps](#)
[Closed Boundaries 2023-24](#)
[Find my designated school](#)
[Applying to a non-designated school](#)

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

Measuring Success: Complete this year's Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is surveying teachers, students and families through its annual Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey. The survey acts as an annual check-up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as education quality, citizenship, family involvement, engagement levels, school climate and student wellness.

The AEA survey is sent to

- Small schools (fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12)—based on jurisdiction requests for more reportable survey data at the school level, the survey is expanded to include all students in grades 4 and above and their parents and guardians.
- Large schools (120 or more students in grades 4-12)—only students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and their parents and guardians are included in the survey. These grades are considered to be a reasonably representative sample of students.

Throughout February, Grade 4-9 students at SouthPointe School are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey doesn't take long to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in these grades are also asked to take a survey, either online or by mail. Alberta Education will send families information about the survey directly. As with the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and asks questions about your school experiences. If you have a child in these grades, we encourage you to participate. The survey deadline is March 3, 2023.

Results from the AEA Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each spring. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. Each fall, the results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities in the Division's *Annual Education Results Report*.

RELATED INFORMATION

[AEA Survey: Parent letter](#)
[AEA Survey: Methodology for rate calculation](#)
[Assurance and Accountability: Alberta's K-12 education system](#)

Community Resources

Next Meetings

- February 13th 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location:

Families First Society
9901 - 99street
Fort Saskatchewan

For more information please contact 780-992-6267



FINANCIAL LITERACY

WITH THE CREDIT COUNSELLING SOCIETY

All sessions are virtual and at 7 - 8pm
Attend any or all of the sessions

Relationship & Money -
Ending the Financial Feud

February 15



Register via fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops
If you have questions please call 780.992.6267 or
FCSSinfo@fortsask.ca



February 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Yoga Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 5:30-7 pm	2 Crafts With Mitch Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	3
6	7	8 Wax Seals with Sam Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 3:45-6:45 pm	9 Dungeons & Dragons Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	10
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Contact Information

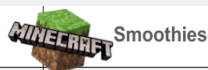
Any questions please call the hub at 780.589.0224 or email us at info@thebridgewhy.com.

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.



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Bonkers Bingo
Tacos
Basketball Shootout



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Bring your electronics!



Hot Dog Cooking

Pin Making

Time Reminders

Tuesdays 6:30-9pm
Fridays 6:30-10pm