



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,

It is nice to see that the weather has warmed up this week. Students that went on the ski trips seem to enjoy their time on the hill. Thank you to our parent volunteers that were able to come out and help for these ski trips.

Next week students in grade 4 and 7 will have an opportunity to complete the Assurance Survey. When completing this survey students will have an opportunity to share their thoughts on what areas the school is doing well in and what areas we can continue to grow in. This information is used to help in measuring our current school goals and helps inform future goal setting.

Students and teachers are working hard to finish up new concepts before the end of the term. Report cards will be released for all students in K-9 on March 17. A reminder that Friday, March 3 is a professional learning day for staff therefore students will not be in school.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 6	Proposed School Fees Survey Closes @ 3:00 pm
Tuesday, March 7	Junior High Canteen @ lunch
Wednesday, March 8	
Thursday, March 9	
Friday, March 10	Junior High Pizza Day Hot Lunch Ordering Deadline @ 3:00 pm

Coming Up Later in the Month

- March 15 FASS & School Council Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- March 17 Alberta Education Assurance Survey Deadline
Term 2 Report Cards Published
- March 20 Hot Lunch - Grade 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten
- March 21 Hot Lunch - Grade 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
Grade 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building, 12:30 pm
- March 22 Hot Lunch - Junior High
- March 23 Hat Day



Mar 24 – Apr 2 Spring Break – Schools closed to staff and students
April 3 Classes Resume

Math at Home

6 Ways to Support your Child's Mathematical Development – advice from Professor Jo Boaler

Junior High Canteen

We are pleased to announce that SouthPointe has opened a canteen for Junior High students! Initially the canteen will only open on Tuesdays. The Canteen will sell a variety of snack items such as veggies and dip, fresh fruit cups, crackers/cheese/meat, Sunchips, yogurt and granola, cookies, frozen yogurt, muffins, Caesar salad, croissants, beef jerky, and a variety of drinks. Items range in price from \$1.00-\$5.00 and can be purchased using CASH ONLY.

Jump Rope for Heart - March 6–23, 2023

Jump Rope for Heart has begun at SouthPointe school for the month of March. We will be raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. All donations will need to be made online; we will not be accepting cash or cheque donations. Below is the link to make online donations:



<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/17144>

A newsletter containing information regarding online donations and prizes has been sent home with your child.

You can also watch the Jump Rope for Heart Virtual Kick-Off Assembly to find out more about this amazing organization: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jwDUD_qedg

Fundraising Association Update

March Hot Lunch

March hot lunch will be on March 20, 21, and 22. The hot lunch will be from Boston 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 March 10 at 3:00pm. **All unpaid orders will be cancelled.**

April hot lunch will be April 26, 27, and 28. The hot lunch will be from the Canadian Brewhouse. The deadline to order is April 21 at 3:00 pm.

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.

Junior High Pizza Day

The FASS is pleased to offer grades 7 to 9 pizza day on Friday, March 10.

This is a **cash only** lunch. Pizza will be sold by the slice. \$2.00 per slice OR a combo of 2 slices and a drink for \$5.00. Pizza choices will be cheese, pepperoni, and Hawaiian (limited cheese gluten free). Drink choices will be a variety of Bubly flavors and juices. Pizza will be served on a first come first serve basis until supplies sell out.

Chromebook Replacement Funds

The FASS is fundraising to help in the cost of replacing 150 outdated Chromebooks in our school. This is a \$30,000 fundraising event!! Over the past year the FASS have held a number of fundraisers to aid in this endeavor. Bottle drives, Stawnichy's, Purdy's, plants, and dance sales have all contributed to this need for our students and our school. Thank you to all for the amazing aid in these fundraisers. We are almost there!

To continue the finish line for the Chromebooks we will be doing a bottle drive in **April** once the weather is warm enough, if families could please start saving bottles for us. Any little bit helps!

Thank you to all who attended the School Dance, Between the silent auction, concession sales and donation box, approximately \$2,000 was raised for the above initiative.

❖ Ongoing Fundraisers



PET FRIENDLY, SAFE ON GRASS AND CONCRETE!!

There are still a few buckets of Bear Tracks Ice Melter available. Please email president.fass@gmail.com to purchase. \$30.00 per bucket.

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!



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.

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 a reasonably representative sample of students.

Throughout February, Grade 4-7 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 online. 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 has been extended to March 17, 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](#)

Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Did you know?


The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—greyness indicates the presence of water.



Community Resources

BGC Fort Saskatchewan Youth Night

March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Time Reminders Tuesdays 6:30-9pm Fridays 6:30-10pm</p>	<p>Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 11+.</p>	1	2	<p>Obstacle Course 3 Hot Dogs Scavenger Hunt</p> 
6	<p>Badminton 7 Chicken Fingers & Fries Mario Kart Party</p>  	8	9	<p>Floor Hockey Shootout 10 Soda Tasting Challenge Poutine</p>  
13	<p>Volleyball 14 Breakfast Buffet Minute to Win it</p>   	15	16	<p>TchoukBall 17 Green Alfredo Pasta Paint Night</p>   
20	<p>Soccer Shootout 21 Spaghetti Chocolate Tasting</p>   	22	23	<p>\$5 Swim at Harbour Pool 24 Nachos Bean Boozled Challenge</p>   
27	<p>All sorts of Tag 28 Strawberry Shortcake Spa Night</p>   	29	30	<p>Basketball Shootout 31 Grilled Cheese Lego Building Challenge</p>   

March 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		 <p>1 Movies and Sundaes! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4:30-6 pm</p>	 <p>2 Bonfire With Mitch Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm</p>	3
6	7	 <p>8 Paper Circuits with Sam Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 3:45-5 pm</p>	 <p>9 Dungeons & Dragons Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm</p>	10
13	14	 <p>15 Yoga Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4:30-6 pm</p>	 <p>16 Talent Show! Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm</p>	17
20	21	 <p>22 Baking! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 3:45-5 pm</p>	 <p>23 Dungeons & Dragons Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm</p>	24
27	28	 <p>29 Craft Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists No Sessions</p>	 <p>30 Taste Testing! Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm</p>	31
				 <p>31 Rainbow Alliance Rainbow Alliance 6-8 pm</p>

Contact Information

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



Rainbow Alliance

March 31st / 6 - 8 pm

April 28th / 6 - 8 pm

May 26th / 6 - 8 pm

June 30th / 6 - 8 pm

@ The Bridge

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