



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,

Elementary and junior high report cards are being released through the PowerSchool Parent Portal on March 17, 2023 at 3:00 pm. We encourage all parents to log on and see how your child is progressing in school. If you have any questions about how to set up your PowerSchool Parent Portal, please phone the school and Mrs. Warwa, Mrs. Barker or Mrs. Wasylynchuk will be happy to help you. Our next School Council and Fundraising Society meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15 at 5:00 pm. At this meeting we will be sharing information from the parent school fee survey and the projected fees for the 2023-24 school year. We hope you can join us!

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 13	Substitute Appreciation Week
Tuesday, March 14	Pi Day Junior High Canteen
Wednesday, March 15	FASS & School Council Meeting @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, March 16	
Friday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day Alberta Education Assurance Survey Deadline Term 2 Report Cards Published, 3:00 pm

Coming Up Later in the Month

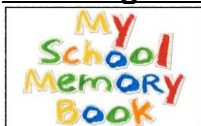
- March 20 Hot Lunch - Grade 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten
- March 21 Hot Lunch - Grade 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
Grades 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building, 12:30 pm
World Poetry Day
- March 22 Hot Lunch - Junior High
- March 23 Hat Day
- Mar 24 – Apr 2 Spring Break – Schools closed to staff and students
- April 3 Classes Resume
- April 5 Superhero Day
- Early Dismissal (end of day 1:51 pm)
- April 7 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

April 10 Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
April 12 Class Photos - Grades 1-4 & ECS (Mon/Wed)
April 13 Class Photos - Grades 5-9 & ECS (Tues/Thurs)

Week of Inspirational Math

Did you know that March 13-17 is the week of Inspirational Math? Students at SouthPointe will be participating in various activities throughout the week that incorporate numeracy, which will help our students to see that math is everywhere!

Ordering for 2022-23 Yearbook is Open



Where to order: Visit ybpay.ca

Yearbook code: 14214923

Price: \$20 each.

Deadline: April 28, 2023

Class Photos

We will be having class photos on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 12: Grades 1-4 and ECS (Mon/Wed)
- Thursday, April 13: Grades 5-9 and ECS (Tues/Thurs)

Each student will be receiving a complimentary class photo for a keepsake. Bring your spiffy looks and your brightest smile!

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 sells 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

Caregiver Series: March Sessions

EIPS

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics include understanding depression, anxiety, and parenting teens in the 21st century. The list of [March 2023 sessions](#) is now available.

Fundraising Association Update

April Hot Lunch

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. 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. **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.

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. Bottles 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](#)

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

RCMPTalks Session

RCMPTalks sessions facilitate meaningful conversations with students, police officers, parents, and organizations from across the country in a virtual safe space. Each session aims to raise awareness about a specific youth crime or victimization topic.

The RCMP is hosting its first ever RCMPTalks for parents on March 15, from 7:00–8:30PM EST. The virtual session will cover topics including mental health, substance use, cyberbullying and sextortion. Register now: Parents, educators, and youth-facing professionals can register by contacting RCMP.Youth-Jeunesse.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

BGC Fort Saskatchewan		Youth Night 		March 2023	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Time Reminders Tuesdays 6:30-9pm Fridays 6:30-10pm		1	2	Obstacle Course Hot Dogs Scavenger Hunt	3
6	Badminton Chicken Fingers & Fries Mario Kart Party	7	8	9	Floor Hockey Shootout Soda Tasting Challenge Poutine
13	Volleyball Breakfast Buffet Minute to Win it	14	15	16	TchoukBall Green Alfredo Pasta Paint Night
20	Soccer Shootout Spaghetti Chocolate Tasting	21	22	23	\$5 Swim at Harbour Pool Nachos Bean Boozled Challenge
27	All sorts of Tag Strawberry Shortcake Spa Night	28	29	30	Basketball Shootout Grilled Cheese Lego Building Challenge
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March 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



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

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.

Rainbow Alliance

March 31st / 6 - 8 pm

April 28th / 6 - 8 pm

May 26th / 6 - 8 pm

June 30th / 6 - 8 pm

@ The Bridge

10307-100ave, suite #2

You are invited to a Round Dance!

Elk Island Public Schools Community Round Dance

Friday March 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

At F.R. Haythorne Jr. High School

Elk Island Public School Division takes pride in hearing and honouring the voice of our children within our division. In doing so, we are proud to host our 1st round dance. All families are invited to come learn about and understand the meaning behind the round dance.

The evening will be interactive with dancing, storytelling, laughter and learning together. There will be a pipe ceremony the morning of, as well.

There will be soup, bannock and beverages as well and a small giveaway.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Team.

Fort Saskatchewan Community Round Dance

Sunday March 19, 11:00 - 3:00 PM

At the Normandy Room at The Legion

A pipe ceremony and a feast will be included.
Everyone is invited to attend.

PIPE CEREMONY 11:00AM
FEAST 12:00, ROUND DANCE TO FOLLOW
GIVEAWAY AT 3:00PM

Hosted by the Indigenous Society of Fort Saskatchewan, FCSS Fort Saskatchewan & The City of Fort Saskatchewan