



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,

Report cards for all K-9 students are being released through the PowerSchool Parent Portal today, March 17, 2023. We encourage all parents to log on and see how their 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.

Parents, when the weather becomes warmer our fields can get quite wet and muddy. We ask that elementary students consider wearing boots and packing a change of clothing in case students get wet and muddy at recess breaks.

A reminder that Spring Break is from March 24-April 2. Classes resume Monday, April 3, 2023. We hope that everyone enjoys Spring Break.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

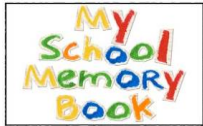
Monday, March 20	Hot Lunch - Grade 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten
Tuesday, March 21	Hot Lunch - Grade 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten Grade 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building, 12:30 pm World Poetry Day Junior High Canteen
Wednesday, March 22	Hot Lunch - Junior High
Thursday, March 23	Hat Day – Donations for Food Bank EIPS Survey Deadline
Friday, March 24	Spring Break – No School

Coming Up Later in the Month

- Mar 24 – Apr 2 Spring Break – Schools closed to staff & students
- April 3 Classes Resume
- April 5 Superhero/Favorite Colour 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)
April 14	Junior High Pizza Lunch
April 18	Grade 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building @ 12:30 pm
April 21	Hot Lunch Ordering Deadline @ 3:00 pm
April 22	FASS Bottle Drive (more information to come)
April 26	Hot Lunch - Grade 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten
April 27	Hot Lunch - Grade 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
April 28	Hot Lunch - Junior High
	Hat Day
	Yearbook Ordering Deadline

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.**

Junior High Pizza Day

The FASS is pleased to offer grades 7 to 9 a pizza day on April 14, 2023.

This is a **cash-only** lunch.

Pizza will be sold by the slice. \$2 per slice OR a combo of 2 slices and a drink for \$5.

Choices will be Cheese, Pepperoni, or Hawaiian (limited cheese gluten free)

Drinks: random Bubly flavors and juices

Pizza will be served on a first come basis until supplies sell out.

Secretary for Fundraising Association

The FASS is excited to welcome Tracy Corbett to the team in the position of Secretary, Thank you Tracy for volunteering!

Chromebook Replacement Funds

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 has 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, there will be a bottle drive on **April 22nd**. 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

2023 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey

Just a quick reminder to complete the [2023 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For parents and caregivers](#). Thank you to all families who've already done so. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you about your experience with the Division and school. Share your thoughts by completing the survey by March 23, 2023.

Annually, EIPS conducts the survey with families to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Survey closes March 23, 2023

Open to all EIPS parents and caregivers

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Complete your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is currently reviewing and updating all parent and guardian contact information within the Division's student information system. This one-time, full-scale review is to ensure the Division has complete and accurate data on file as Alberta Education moves to a new way of capturing information in the provincial database.

As part of the data review, EIPS requires all families to carefully review the parent and guardian information on file for each student in your family—even if you've recently completed a Student Correction and Verification Form. Families can quickly and easily indicate no updates are needed, if that's the case, or provide updated contact information as needed. The form also includes a handful of new questions to help the Division understand each parent and guardian's relationship to the student and their preferences for receiving communication from the school and Division.

To review your information, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and open the "Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form" from the left-hand menu or notification at the top of the page. Review all information carefully, provide updates where needed and submit

your form by April 30. One form is required for each student currently registered at an EIPS school. Only one parent/guardian will complete the form for each student—all associated parent/guardian information for each student is available to review on the same form. If you have any questions about your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form, reach out to the school at **780-998-2747**.

Math Homework Support for Parents and Caregivers

Looking to support your child in their math learning? The [Community Adult Learning and Literacy Society](#) (CALLS) is here to help! A CALLS instructor can walk you through kindergarten to Grade 6 math homework online so that you can feel confident in fostering your child's math skills. Support sessions take place virtually every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Simply call or text 780-667-8441 for a Zoom meeting link.

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.

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
Time Reminders Tuesdays 6:30-9pm Fridays 6:30-10pm	Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 11+.	1	2	3 Obstacle Course Hot Dogs Scavenger Hunt
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

March 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



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