



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,



It is hard to believe that the month of May is upon us. Teachers and students are continuing to work hard to ensure that essential learning outcomes are covered by year's end. The staff appreciates your continued support at home to ensure that students finish the year strong. I would like to thank all the parents and community members who participated in the bottle drive that was held on April 22, 2023. A big thank you to the Fundraising Association for all their hard work in organizing this event!

A reminder to students that are riding bikes to school this spring, helmets are mandatory for anyone under the age of 18 in Alberta. Please ensure that you are wearing your helmet while travelling to and from school. Helmets are also strongly encouraged for anyone riding their scooters or skateboards to school. Please lock up your bikes/scooters at the bike racks to ensure they do not go missing.

Thank you to all our students and parents for completing the junior high elective choices for next year. Administration will be looking at students' top choices and beginning to timetable elective courses for next year.

I hope everyone get an opportunity to get outside this weekend and enjoy the warm weather!

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

Monday, May 1	Bus Driver Appreciation Day Education Week Mental Health Week
Tuesday, May 2	
Wednesday, May 3	Hats on for Mental Health Early Dismissal (end of day @ 1:51 pm)
Thursday, May 4	Track Meet for Track Team
Friday, May 5	Professional Learning Day – NO SCHOOL

Coming Up Later in the Month

May 11 SouthPointe Night of Music, 6:30 pm
May 15 Grade 9 PAT: English Language Arts Part A

May 17	Grade 6 PAT: English Language Arts Part A School Council & FASS Meeting @ 5:00 pm
May 18	Fort Saskatchewan Track & Field Day, Junior High Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip
May 19	School Closure Day – NO SCHOOL
May 22	Victoria Day STAT – NO SCHOOL
May 23	SYNC/Community Building @ 12:30 pm
May 24	Hot Lunch - Division 1 & Mon/Wed ECS
May 25	Hot Lunch - Division 2 & Tues/Thurs ECS
May 26	Hot Lunch - Junior High Hat Day
May 30	Kindergarten Information Night, 6:00 pm

THANK YOU! Bus Driver Appreciation Day is May 1

Join us on May 1 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of **SouthPointe School** *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.



Lost and Found

The school has accumulated a large amount of clothing, water bottles, and many other items in our lost and found. We would appreciate it if you and/or your child would have a look through the items to claim anything that belongs to them.

Get ready for Kindergarten!

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend SouthPointe School's upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on May 30 at 6:00 pm. You'll get to:

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers;
- gain insight on play-based learning; and
- see what a typical day looks like.



Kindergarten Information Night 2023:

Date: May 30, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: SouthPointe School

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more. Find it at: [Welcome to EIPS Kindergarten](#).

Additional information about SouthPointe School's kindergarten program is available on the school [website](#).



NIGHT OF MUSIC

MAY 11 @ 6:30 PM
FLEX SPACE

featuring
Junior High Band
Grade 6 Band
Elementary Choir
Junior High Choir
Handchime Ensemble
Recorder Ensembles

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF SPACE-THEMED PERFORMANCES

SouthPointe School is hosting a Night of Music on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm. The concert will happen in the large flex space near the gym. This will be a concert for all students who have been involved in extracurricular music including band, choir, hand chimes, and recorders. Students have been working hard at recesses, lunches, and after school to prepare several space-themed musical selections. There is no limit to seating so please come out to support music at SouthPointe. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Basaraba (maureen.basaraba@eips.ca).

Counsellor's Corner



Mental Health Week takes place May 1-7. To mark the week, SouthPointe has a series of activities and lessons planned for students. We all have different, yet equally valuable stories which can be used to share one key message: universal mental health care is important and needed now! Collectively, students will learn about the importance of mental health care, what it can look like, and how mental health care can be expressed

and nurtured, such as within art, music, and dance. **Collectively our school will participate in wearing hats for Hats on for Mental Health day on May 3.** Our junior high students will have a fun lunchtime activity and during health class they will have an interactive lesson from our Reset Room teacher, EIPS Solutions Navigator, and School Counsellor to explore mental health strategies and resources. Our elementary students will participate in classroom activities led by their teachers as well as daily "Move your Mood" activities to help reset their brains and promote positive physical and mental well-being. At some point in our lives, we all have stressful times. Here is a link to resources for help in tough times. [Alberta Health Services: Help in Tough Times](#)

In addition to events at our school, Fort Saskatchewan has a number of events running for Mental Health Week including: a comedy night, art therapy, a mental health walk, free drop-in fitness classes at the Dow Centre, and a presentation about forming healthy relationships with food. Please see the [attached posters](#) for further details about these events and more.

Finally, FCSS along with the Imagine Institute for Learning are offering a session on May 16, 2023 titled "Engaging with Challenging Behaviours". This session will help caregivers of children learn how to reduce the occurrence of challenging behaviours and develop strategies for addressing challenging behaviours when they do occur while maintaining a caring and understanding relationship with children. Please see the [attached poster](#) for further details including registration and log in details.

Complete your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form by April 30!

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.

Last Day to Order your 2022-23 Yearbook!

Where to order: Visit ybpay.ca

Yearbook code: 14214923

Price: \$20 each.

Deadline: April 28, 2023



Fundraising Association Update

Plant Fundraiser

The Fundraising Association of Southpointe School is selling beautiful plants to raise money for next year’s student agendas. Please check out the website to order before the deadline fass.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home

Order Deadline Date: Friday, May 5 @ 4:00 pm

Pick Up Date: Thursday, May 25 @ 2:30 - 4 PM (dependent on plant delivery and weather conditions.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email president.fass@gmail.com.

10 Volunteers will be needed to help with delivery and pick up on Thursday, May 25 (time to be confirmed at a later date). If you are able to volunteer, please email president.fass@gmail.com or feel free to reach out via the Facebook page post.

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, Stawnychy’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!

❖ 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!



Division News

EIPS Summer School: Register now

Registration for EIPS Summer School is open now. Organized through Next Step, the Summer School program offers more than 25 senior high courses that allow students to earn credits, upgrade marks, lighten workloads or finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

Open to EIPS students entering grades 10 to 12 next fall, and students in their Grade 12 year.

- English Language Arts 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Social Studies 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Mathematics 10-3, 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Science 10 and 30
- Biology 20 and 30
- Chemistry 20 and 30
- Physics 20 and 30
- Physical Education 10
- Personal Fitness 10, 20 and 30
- Career and Life Management (CALM 20)
- Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety
- Work Experience and RAP

For summer 2023, all Summer School courses are in-person. Classes take place at schools in Sherwood Park.

[Learn more about the 2023 summer program](#)

My Story: Mental Health Week runs May 1-7

Mental Health Week takes place May 1-7. To mark the week, **SouthPointe School** has a series of activities and lessons planned for students, all centred on Mental Health Week's theme, "My Story." We all have different, yet equally valuable stories which can be used to share one key message: universal mental health care is important and needed now!

Collectively, students will learn about community-based mental health care champions, programs and communities while showcasing the importance of securing universal mental health care, what it can look like and how mental health care can be expressed and nurtured, such as within art, music and dance. In addition to school activities, students and staff can also share messages about their personal journey on various social media platforms using the hashtag *#MyStory*.

For more information:

[Mental Health Week](#)

[Alberta Health Services: Help in Tough Times](#)

Education Week 2023: May 1-5

Education Week takes place May 1-5. Throughout the week, students and staff from SouthPointe School, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta School Councils' Association, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week this year is Learning Uplifts All, which celebrates working toward an inspired future for public education. This includes optimal learning conditions for every child, students who enjoy learning and achieve their goals, opportunities for teachers to continue developing their professional skills, and parents and communities involved and supportive of learning.

SouthPointe School is excited to celebrate Education Week and has a number of activities planned, including:

- Cross grade numeracy activity that will be displayed in the large flex space for the week
- Treats for students and staff.

EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

April Spotlight: Student Growth and Success

- [Early Learning](#): Ensuring early learners reach developmental milestones
- [Culture of Literacy](#): Dive deep into the data and learn how students are developing strong literacy skills
- [Math Matters](#): Enhancing reasoning, understanding and achievement through numeracy-rich classrooms
- [Boosting Educational Outcomes](#): Discover how EIPS supports the growth and achievement of students who self-identified First Nations, Metis and Inuit
- [Beyond high school](#): Supports and strategies that are creating real-life career pathways for learners

RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

Community Resources

Back to Basics Event



ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FCSS Family & Community Support Services
City of Fort Saskatchewan
bcg Fort Saskatchewan

PRESENTS...

back to basics

FREE prizes to be won!!!

FORT SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
(10002 97 AVE)
THURSDAY MAY 11TH 2023
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SUPPLIED
PRE REGISTER AT [HTTPS://FORMS.FORTSASK.CA/FCSS/WORKSHOPS](https://forms.fortsask.ca/fcss/workshops)
OR CALL 780 - 992 - 6267

WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS WORKING

WE KNOW THAT TOXIC STRESS IS HARMFUL TO DEVELOPING BRAINS AND THAT THE PANDEMIC HAS CREATED CHALLENGES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH. **THE BRAIN ARCHITECTURE** GAME IS A FUN AND INFORMATIVE WAY TO ENSURE OUR PROFESSIONAL TEAMS HAVE A STRONG UNDERSTANDING OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DISRUPTIVE EFFECT THAT EXTREME, PROLONGED AND UNCERTAIN PATTERNS OF STRESS CAN HAVE. BRING YOUR ENTIRE TEAM AND COMPETE TO BUILD THE STRONGEST AND TALLEST BRAIN USING JUST PIPE CLEANERS AND STRAWS. ARE YOU A SKILLED BRAIN ARCHITECT?



Moose Hide Campaign

MAY 11, 2023 ♦ **MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA**

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Red Dress Day Event

MINIWG2S

May 5th, 2023 at
Legacy Park, Fort Saskatchewan
4:30pm - 8:30pm

Free Hot Dog Roast & Entertainment

Walk starts at 5pm from Legacy Park

Wear your Ribbon Skirt/Shirt

Hosted by the Indigenous Society
& City of Fort Saskatchewan



Creating Hope Society of Alberta
All donations must be made by May 8th, 2023



CALL OUT TEDDY BEAR & SHOE DONATIONS

Blanket of Remembrance

"Remembering the children who died in care, for those who never returned, and honoring our children today"



Drop Off: to Creating Hope Society of Alberta,
#4, 10865 96st NW, Edmonton, AB, T5H 2K2

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Camillia Ph. 587-590-4247

Email: Shcw.central@creatinghopesociety.ca

DEADLINE: MONDAY MAY 8TH, 2023

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

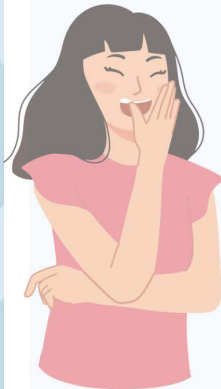
Mental Health Week Events

May 01

Bring your loved ones and get your laugh on with the HILARIOUS Sean Lecomber

Admission is only \$ 5.00 thanks to the generosity of Inter Pipeline!

Tickets can be purchased at ticketpro.ca or by calling 780-992-6400



STAND UP COMEDY



Doors 7:00 pm
Show 7:30-8:30 pm

Fort Saskatchewan Community Centre - Normandy Room

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 **inter pipeline**

All proceeds support local mental health programming



Family & Community Support Services
CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Call 780.992.6267 or visit fcss@fortsask.ca for more information

Forming a Healthy Relationship with Food

Presented by Imagine Institute

May 10
Virtual
6:30 - 7:30pm

This session will provide strategies for forming a healthy relationship with food. This can help to set us up for success in healthy eating, dismantle diet culture and prevent things such as eating disorders.

Register via imagineinstitute.ca
Password: 20FORTSASK2023
If you have questions please call 780.992.6267 or
FCSSinfo@fortsask.ca

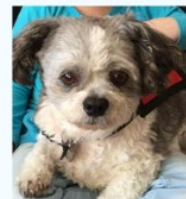


Call 780.992.6267 or visit fcss@fortsask.ca for more detailed information

Mental Health Walk and Activities

May 3rd
3:00 - 4:30pm
City Hall

Come join us to connect with community and some amazing therapy animals.



3:15 pm Walk for Mental Health
3:45 pm Mental Health Activities and Therapy Animals
4:30 pm Closing





ENGAGING WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS

THIS THREE-HOUR SESSION WILL ENGAGE PARTICIPANTS IN EXPLORING WHICH CHILD BEHAVIOURS THEY FIND PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING AND WHY. WITH A FOCUS ON REDUCING THE OCCURENCE OF CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS IN THE FIRST PLACE, THIS SESSION WILL AID PARTICIPANTS IN DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING THESE BEHAVIOURS WHILE MAINTAINING CARING AND UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN.



REGISTER

May 16.2023

DCC, Scotia Bank RM

(8700-84 street)

1:00pm - 4:00pm

ImagineInstitute.ca

Passsword: 20FORTSASK23

or contact

780.992.6267

fcssinfo@fortsask.ca