



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,

We appreciate all who attended our Night of Music last night! A big thank you to Ms. Basaraba, Mrs. Booker, and all our music students for putting together such an enjoyable evening of music.



Students in grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 will start to write their finals exams soon. Please make note of the following dates and times:

- Grade 6 ELA Part A PAT: May 17 @ 9:00-11:00 am
- Grade 7 ELA Part A: June 6 @ 8:30-10:30 am
- Grade 8 ELA Part A: June 6 @ 8:30-10:30 am
- Grade 9 ELA Part A PAT: May 15 @ 9:00-11:00 am

The next School Council and Fundraising Association meeting will be held next week on Wednesday, May 17 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the large flex space and all parents are welcome to attend.

We wish a Happy Mother's Day to the SouthPointe moms and hope you can all get outside to enjoy some sunshine this weekend.

Carol Brown, Principal

Week at a Glance

Monday, May 15	Grade 9 PAT: English Language Arts, Part A
Tuesday, May 16	Grade 6 Badminton Tournament 3:30 pm
Wednesday, May 17	Grade 6 PAT: English Language Arts, Part A School Council & FASS Meeting @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, May 18	Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip Fort Saskatchewan Junior High Track & Field Day
Friday, May 19	School Closure Day – NO SCHOOL Hot Lunch Ordering Deadline @ 3:00 pm

Coming Up Later in the Month

- May 22 Victoria Day STAT – NO SCHOOL
- May 23 Grades 5 & 6 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	Spring Plant Fundraiser pickup, 2:30 - 4:00 pm Hot Lunch - Junior High Hat Day
May 30	Kindergarten Information Night @ 6:00 pm
June 2	Elementary Track & Field Day

School Supply Lists

School supply lists for the 2023-24 school year are now available on our [website](#).

Write-on Stationery



Write-on Stationery provides parents the opportunity to purchase a school supply package for their child that is specific to SouthPointe School and his or her grade. Save some time this year and order through Write-on Stationery – it's quick and easy! Orders can be placed [on-line](#) from **May 10 to August 1, 2023**. School supply packages will be delivered directly to your home. We will not be providing pickup at the school this year. It is not a requirement to order your supplies through this program. *Please Note:* SouthPointe is unable to collect orders/money for Write-on Stationery. **All orders must be placed online.**

Martyn Godfrey Young Writer's Award Recipients

This is an annual, juried short story contest open to all Albertan students grades 4-9.

Congratulations to these amazing story writers:

- Amelia Hurley of Fort Saskatchewan for [It's My Turn](#) Grade 4 (Cindy Beasley)
- Pierce Ror of Fort Saskatchewan for [Broken](#) Grade 9-2 (Cindy Louma)

Please check out this site to read their stories: <https://www.yabs.ab.ca/martyn-godfrey-young-writers-award/>.

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](#).

Caregiver Series: May and June Sessions

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics include understanding autism, strategies for test anxiety and transitioning to teenage years. The list of [May and June 2023 sessions](#) is now available.

Parent's Corner

How can parents help their children prepare for tests?

"It is important that children feel relaxed and comfortable when they write any test, including provincial achievement tests (PATs). Children's feelings about a test are very much influenced by what adults close to them say about those tests. Parents can be of most help to their children by encouraging them to relax and do their best, just as they would when writing any test."

[Grade 6 Parent Guide](#) – Alberta Education

Fundraising Association Update

Hot Lunch May

May hot lunch will be May 24, 25, and 26. The hot lunch will be from Quiznos. The deadline to order is **May 19** 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.**

Hot Lunch Reminder

Just a reminder to let the school know if your child is going to be away on their day of hot lunch. Let us know if we are to take it to the office to be picked up or donated to another student. Please remember we are volunteers who run the hot lunch and sometimes mistakes happen so please get your child to let their teacher know immediately if something isn't right so we can try our best to rectify the problem. The orders go in a week before hot lunch runs so unfortunately, we are not able to make any changes once the orders have been sent in.

Spring 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: CLOSED

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

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the bottle drive last Saturday and all those who helped with handing out flyers. We were able to raise \$5,060.00 for the Chromebooks! 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!

❖ 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 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

FORT SASKATCHEWAN

BIKE RODEO

BBQ & Bike Safety Event for Kids



Sunday, June 4 | 1 - 4 p.m.
Taurus Field Parking Lot
8200 Southfort Dr.

Helmet Fitting & Certification
Skill Testing Obstacle Course
Bike Safety Inspections



****Parents Must Accompany Children****



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



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

BGC Fort Saskatchewan Youth Night May 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1	 Karaoke Smoothies Paint Night 	3	4	 Movie Night & Popcorn Bar! Wear your PJs!	
8	 Badminton Grilled Cheese Slime Making  	9	10	11	Basketball Shootout Spaghetti Spa Night  
15	 Capture The Flag Breakfast Buffet Sock Tie Dye  	16	17	18	\$5 Swim at Harbour Pool Chicken Fingers & Fries Dodgeball  
22	Krazy Kickball Brownie Bonanza! Scavenger Hunt   Prizes!	23	24	25	Puppies visit the BGC! Making Dog treats!  
29	 Volleyball DIY Sandwich Bar  Skate Park Tricks Show off Prizes!	30	31	Ages 11+ All Welcome Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 11+. Come and check out the fun!	

Contact Information

Please call the club at 780.992.0103 and ask for the Youth Programs Coordinator.

Time Reminders

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