



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,

We hope that everyone was able to enjoy the May long weekend. As you are aware the smoke from the wildfires has impacted our air quality and this has resulted in some indoor recesses /lunch breaks as well as postponement of field trips. We will continue to monitor the air quality advisories and make decisions accordingly.



The Elk Island track meet was today and a team of 60+ students participated. We are sure that they represented SouthPointe well.

Our Fort Saskatchewan Track and Field meet at Fort High has been rescheduled to tomorrow, May 24. We are hoping that the air quality will be good enough to allow for this track meet to occur. A decision regarding this track meet will be made at 6:30 am tomorrow morning. If the track meet is cancelled regular classes will be occurring.

Hat Day is this Friday, and we once again are collecting food bank donations.

A reminder that Monday, May 29th, 2023, is the provincial election. SouthPointe School is being used as a polling station and this will increase traffic and parking at the school.

Have a great week!

Carol Brown, Principal

Week at a Glance

Monday, May 22	Victoria Day – No School
Tuesday, May 23	Grades 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building @ 12:30 pm
Wednesday, May 24	Hot Lunch - Division 1 & Mon/Wed ECS Junior High Track & Field Day
Thursday, May 25	Hot Lunch - Division 2 & Tues/Thurs ECS
Friday, May 26	Hot Lunch – Junior High Hat Day Spring Plant Fundraiser pickup, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Coming Up Later in the Month

May 30	Kindergarten Information Night @ 6:00 pm
June 2	Elementary Track & Field Day
June 5	Elementary Track & Field Day Rainout Day
June 6	Grade 7 & 8 ELA Exam Part A
June 7	Favorite Character Day, Early Dismissal end of day 1:51 pm
June 9	Grade 9 Farewell Field Trip
June 12	SYNC/Community Building
June 14	Hot Lunch - Division 1 & Mon/Wed ECS (tentative)
June 15	Junior High Awards 12:15 pm Hot Lunch - Division 2 & Tues/Thurs ECS (tentative)
June 16	Hot Lunch – Junior High (tentative)
June 20	Grade 6 PAT ELA Part B Grade 9 PAT ELA Part B Grade 7 & 8 ELA Part B
June 21	Mrs. Ford's Kindergarten Year End Celebration @ 1:00 pm National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22	Mrs. Henderson's Kindergarten Year End Celebration @ 1:00 pm Grade 7 & 8 Mathematics Part A Grade 6 PAT Mathematics Part A Grade 9 PAT Mathematics Part A
June 23	Hat Day Ms. Salkeld's Kindergarten Year End Celebration @ 1:00 pm Grade 7 & 8 Mathematics Part B Grade 6 PAT Mathematics Part B Grade 9 PAT Mathematics Part B
June 26	Grade 6 PAT Science Grade 9 PAT Social Studies Grade 7 & 8 Social Studies Exam
June 27	Last Instructional Day Grade 6 PAT Science Grade 7 & 8 Science Exam Grade 9 PAT Science Report Cards Elementary and Junior High

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.**

Junior High Jitters

This is a free caregiver education session hosted by Alberta Health Services. Is your child going into Grade 7 and feeling nervous about it? This session will provide information about developmental changes teens experience, as well as the challenges they may face in this school transition. Strategies for managing these changes and boosting wellness will be discussed. The session is designed for caregivers and pre-teens—grades 6-8—to attend together.

Wednesday, June 14

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m

[Register](#)

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.

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/>.

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.

June hot lunch will be a free hot lunch provided by FASS. June hot lunch will be June 14, 15 & 16. You are not required to order this hot lunch online; every child will receive a hot lunch on their designated day. A huge thank you to the FASS for providing this lunch for our students!

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to email president.fass@gmail.com or contact Laelia at 1-403-612-9580.

Ten volunteers will be needed to help with delivery and pick up on Thursday, May 25 from 2:30–4:00 pm. If you can 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. 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!

❖ 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

The poster is a vertical rectangle with a black background. It features a circular image of a park with a stone fire pit in the top left. The text is arranged in a grid-like fashion. The date 'MAY 30, 2023' is in white. The event title 'FORT SASKATCHEWAN FAMILY GATHERING' is in large orange letters. Below it, the description 'Come for snacks and conversation. Elder Evelyn Day will start us off in a good way.' is in white. The location '6-7 PM TURNER PARK, FORT SASKATCHEWAN' is in orange. A circular inset in the bottom right shows a young girl smiling and holding a piece of food. The bottom left has a white circle with text: 'An opportunity for First Nations Métis & Inuit students and families to create connection in the Fort. See you there!'.

MAY 30, 2023

FORT SASKATCHEWAN FAMILY GATHERING

Come for snacks and conversation. Elder Evelyn Day will start us off in a good way.

Please bring a lawn chair to sit and visit.

6-7 PM
TURNER PARK,
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Elk Island Public Schools

ART WALK 2023

June 3rd, 11am - 4pm

Legacy Park

www.fortsask.ca/YouthFest/



If you are a youth aged 14 - 24 years of age and are interested in showcasing your art work you should check out YouthFest 2023 and the Art Walk.

To sign up use the QR code, if you have questions feel free to reach out to FCSSinfo@fortsask.ca



**YOUTH
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

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

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