



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,



It is hard to believe that it is already June. We are just about finished our year and I am not sure where the time has gone.

Students in grades 7 and 8 write the ELA written portion of their final exams on June 6. The junior high common exam schedule as well as the grades 6 and 9 PAT schedule is posted on our school calendar. Please have a look so that you know what date your child is writing exams.

With the weather warming up, we encourage students to wear sunscreen and bring hats for when they are outside. Please feel free to apply sunscreen on students before they leave home in the morning.

We continue to finalize our staff for next year and will communicate, before the end of the year, what the grade configurations and school staff will be for the 2023-24 school year.

Our Grade nine students are heading to WEM waterpark for their farewell celebration on June 9. A big thank you to all our parent who have agreed to supervise our grade group field trips.

A big thank you to Mr. Nyznyk, Ms. McKee, and the junior high students for organizing and running the elementary track and field day today. It was a great success and the students had a wonderful time.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

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| Monday, June 5 | |
| Tuesday, June 6 | Grade 7 & 8 ELA Exam Part A |
| Wednesday, June 7 | Favourite Character Day Junior High Pizza Lunch Early Dismissal, end of day 1:51 pm |
| Thursday, June 8 | |
| Friday, June 9 | Grade 9 Farewell Trip to WEM |

Coming Up Later in the Month

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| June 12-16 | PRIDE Week |
| June 12 | Grade 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building |
| June 14 | McDonald's Coffee & Pastries, 8:00 am Hot Lunch - Division 1 & Mon/Wed ECS |
| June 15 | Junior High Awards @ 12:15 pm Hot Lunch - Division 2 & Tues/Thurs ECS |
| June 16 | Rainbow Day Hot Lunch – Junior High |
| 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 Social Studies Grade 9 PAT Social Studies Grade 7 & 8 Social Studies Exam |
| June 27 | Last Day of School Grade 6 PAT Science Grade 7 & 8 Science Exam Grade 9 PAT Science Report Cards Elementary and Junior High |

PRIDE Week at SouthPointe School

SPS is celebrating Pride week June 12-16. During the week students will create rainbow art, listen to 2SLGBTQIA+ books, learn about different celebrities who are part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and more! At the end of the week, we will have Rainbow Day where students can dress in rainbow colours.

REMINDER: 2022-23 School Fees

School fees for the 2022-23 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child's account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [eips.ca/schools/fees](https://www.eips.ca/schools/fees). And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2022-23 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2023.

Student Transportation: 2023-24 Registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2023-24 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2023.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, simply fill out this [registration form](#).

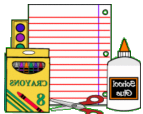
For more information about EIPS Student Transportation, visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, visit the [EIPS Student Transportation building](#) during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-school days.

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.**

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2023-24 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

| Location | Date* | Time* |
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| EIPS Central Services | August 14 | 5 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Services | August 14 | 6:30 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Services | August 15 | 5 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Services | August 15 | 6:30 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Services | August 17 | 5 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Services | August 17 | 6:30 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Services | August 18 | 5 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Services | August 18 | 6:30 p.m. |

* *Special Education session for PALS and Project Unit Funding students only.*

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| SouthPointe School | August 21 | 5 p.m. |
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** *SouthPointe School locations are for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan.*

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:

eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Pre-Kindergarten Programming at EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech-language or motor-skill development—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in five of its elementary school locations—including Ecole Parc Elementaire in Fort Saskatchewan. In fact, EIPS is now accepting applications for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2019 or 2020, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, fill out the [PALS Program Request Form](#) or call 780-417-8219. For more information, visit eips.ca.

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](#)

Alberta Health Services Addiction and Mental Health Newsletter

SCHOOLS

The June edition of the Alberta Health Services Addiction and Mental Health Newsletter focuses on emotions. [Newsletter](#)

Themes include:

- [Understanding emotions](#)
- [Tense and release](#)
- [Self-care](#)
- [Gratitude](#)

Caregiver Series: May and June Sessions

EIPS

REMINDER: Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics include 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

June Hot Lunch

June hot lunch will be a free BBQ 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!

Junior High Pizza Lunch

FASS is doing another pizza lunch for junior high on June 7. \$2 a slice or a combo of 2 slices of pizza and a drink for \$5.00.

McDonald's Coffee & Pastries

FASS will be providing McDonald's coffee and pastries on the morning of June 14. They will be outside the main door that morning.

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.

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

Tools for School

SouthPointe School has once again partnered with the United Way for the [2023-24 Tools for School](#) campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school in August. Drop-off boxes are located at the EIPS Central Services office, all [Staples locations](#) and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact **SouthPointe School** at **(780) 998-2747**, or call EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

[United Way Tools for School Requests: Family Orders](#)

2022-23 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers – Results now available

The results of the 2022-23 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 2,709 responses from parents and caregivers across EIPS. EIPS, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2022-23 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

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

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



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"

June 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | |  1 Dungeons & Dragons Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm | 2 |
| 5 | 6 | Annual General Meeting 7 6:30-8 pm Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists 3:45-5 pm |  8 Adulting 101 Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm | 9 |
| 12 | 13 |  14 Youth Drag! Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists 4-6 pm |  15 Pride Festival Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm | 16 |
| 19 | 20 |  21 Forest Therapy Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists 3:45-5 pm |  22 Dungeons & Dragons Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm | 23 |
| 26 | 27 |  28 Water Colours With Sam Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists 4-6 pm |  29 Adulting 101 Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm |  30 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