



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,

We have another busy week ahead of us! McDonald's is providing coffee and muffins for parents & staff just outside the parent loop on Wednesday, June 14 before school. Please stop by for coffee and treats!

The junior high awards ceremony will be on Thursday, June 15 at 12:15 pm in the gym. Parents will be notified if their child is receiving an award. We hope parents can join us to celebrate our students' achievements.

Our Fundraising Association is providing a BBQ lunch for all students on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A big thank you to our Fundraising Association for all their hard work this year.

A big thank you to our construction classes and the Fundraising Association for providing the materials for our students to make picnic tables for the school yard. Take a look the next time you are at the school.

We are wrapping up the last bits of learning before the summer break. Grade 6 students and all junior high students have exams coming up. We encourage students to do nightly review to ensure they are ready for their PAT and final exams.

I hope everyone can get outside this weekend and enjoy the warm weather.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

Monday, June 12	PRIDE Week Grade 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building
Tuesday, June 13	Last Junior High Canteen of the year
Wednesday, June 14	McDonald's Coffee & Pastries, 8:00 am Hot Lunch - Division 1 & Mon/Wed ECS
Thursday, June 15	Junior High Awards @ 12:15 pm (doors open @ 12:00 pm) Hot Lunch - Division 2 & Tues/Thurs ECS
Friday, June 16	Rainbow Day Hot Lunch – Junior High

Coming Up Later in the Month

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 SouthPointe School Talent Show @ 12:30 pm 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.

SouthPointe School Talent Show

SouthPointe School will be holding our annual Talent Show on Friday, June 23, at 12:30 pm. Students at our school have a wide range of artistic abilities that they've been practicing and perfecting over the years. We would like to showcase their accomplishments! We will be grouping the students into four categories; *singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or a variety act (magic, skipping etc)*. If your child is currently involved in lessons outside of school, we encourage them to participate in our show!

Due to time restraints, we will be limiting the number of performances. An audition process will take place to review performances and students must bring everything they need for their audition. We will have a CD player to play their music through, but they must provide their own karaoke tracks - no lip synching – and auditions must be *performance ready*. Since many students belong to a variety of dance clubs they may wish to perform as a group or individually, but each student can do only 1 performance. Please submit only one form per group and include all participants names on the one form. **All performances must be no more than 3 minutes**. **Students will not be given time to practice at school**. We will be posting the order of auditions on the music room door on Tuesday morning June 13.

Auditions will be held at lunch recesses (11:12 – 11:52) on the following dates:

Tuesday, June 13 – Grades 1/4 (grade 4 first half/grade 1 second half)

Wednesday, June 14 – Grades 2/5 (grade 5 first half/grade 2 second half)

Thursday, June 15 – Grades 3/6 (grade 6 first half/grade 3 second half)

Friday, June 16 – Grade 7 and extra (Junior High first half, grade 1/2/3 second half)

Monday, June 19 – extra time for those missed (grade 4/5/6/Junior High first half/grade 1/2/3 second half)

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*
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.*

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. Kids will also be getting a drink and bag of chips. 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!

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. 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

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

June 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



THE BRIDGE
WELLNESS HUB FOR YOUTH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			 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