



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,



It is hard to believe that this will be the last edition of the Shark Bites weekly newsletter for the year. School supply lists for the 2023-24 year are on our website for next year. For those parents that are interested in ordering their school supplies online from Write-On Stationery, please check out the information on our school website.

Report cards will be available to all parents online at the end of the day on June 27, 2023. Parents will need to sign in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal to access the report cards. A special thanks to our School Council and Fundraising Association for planning and running a number of events, hot lunch, and fundraising opportunities at the school. We appreciate all the support our parent community has provided us.

We are working to finalize our staffing for next year and will have an update on the website as soon as all positions have been filled.

I would like to share that Mr. Robertson will be leaving SouthPointe and heading to Davidson Creek Elementary as their new Assistant Principal. I would like to thank Mr. Robertson for all that he has brought to the SouthPointe community during the last two years. We wish him well at his new school.

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Laurie Caines to SouthPointe School as our Assistant Principal. Mrs. Caines comes to us from Edmonton Public and brings a wealth of experience. I asked Mrs. Caines if she would share a little bit about herself. Here is what she wrote:

"I am honoured and excited to embark on the opportunity to be a part of the admin team at SouthPointe School. I have 23 years of experience in education as a teacher (both Elementary and Junior High), a Division Consultant in programming for student differences, and administration (both in elementary schools and a K-9 school). I hold a Masters Degree in Education (Special Education) from the University of New Brunswick, and I have a Bachelor of Education Degree (Elementary), also from UNB. Lastly, I completed my Bachelor of Arts Degree (Major in Canadian History and Minor in English) from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. I was born and raised in Newfoundland and moved to Edmonton in 2000 to start my career in education.

In my personal life, I am a wife and a Mom to our 15-year-old son. In my free time I enjoy quality time with my family (which includes four cats), working out, outings in nature, baking/cooking, volunteering/supporting my son's multiple athletic endeavors, and reading a lot.....which complements my career in education wonderfully!

I firmly believe that success for students starts with strong relationships, connections, and collaboration between students, staff, parents, community partnerships, and the greater school community. Moving forward, I am truly honoured to continue my career at SouthPointe School. To get the opportunity to lead and learn alongside a wonderful community is humbling and I look forward to working with you all in Fall of 2023.”

Mr. Robertson and I would like to express how grateful we are to be leading such an amazing community of students, parents, and staff. It has been a wonderful year. We are very proud of all the achievements and accomplishments of our students here at SouthPointe School.

For those students that are leaving SouthPointe at the end of the year, we wish you all the best at your new schools. For those students returning to us in the fall, we are excited to see you on August 31, 2023.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

Monday, June 19	
Tuesday, June 20	Grade 6 PAT ELA Part B Grade 9 PAT ELA Part B Grade 7 & 8 ELA Part B
Wednesday, June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day Mrs. Ford’s Kindergarten Year End Celebration @ 1:00 pm
Thursday, June 22	Grade 6 PAT Mathematics Part A Grade 7 & 8 Mathematics Part A Grade 9 PAT Mathematics Part A Mrs. Henderson’s Kindergarten Year End Celebration @ 1:00pm
Friday, June 23	Hat Day SouthPointe School Talent Show @ 12:30 pm Ms. Salkeld’s Kindergarten Year End Celebration @ 1:00 pm Grade 6 PAT Mathematics Part B Grade 7 & 8 Mathematics Part B Grade 9 PAT Mathematics Part B

Coming Up Later in the Month

- 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

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!

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. 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.
SouthPointe School	August 21	5 p.m.

*** 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.

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

We would like to thank everyone who made this year such a great success. Whether you volunteered, purchased or donated to raising money to help out, we thank you so very much! Can't wait to see all the kids back next year and to start fundraising again!

Thank you from SouthPointe School & FASS

A huge thank you to Safeway, Co-op, Freson Brothers, Costco and the city of Fort Saskatchewan for their donations for the hot dog lunch this week. Thank you to McDonald's for the coffee and cookies that were delivered on Wednesday.

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

Summer Solstice
Round Dance
 Honouring the Community
 4:30pm Pipe Ceremony and Feast, Round Dance to follow,
 Round Dance to End at 10:00pm
 The first 10 singer payed
 Elder: Jesse Morin
 Stickman: Lloyd Cardinal
 June 21, 2023
 Legacy Park, Fort Saskatchewan

Wear your Ribbon Skirts/shirts

Hosted by
 Indigenous Society and The City of Fort Saskatchewan

INDIGENOUS SOCIETY

What is going on?

Events Happening with Indigenous Society of Fort Saskatchewan.

2023

ISFORTSASK@YAHOO.COM

FACEBOOK

Indigenous Society of Fort Saskatchewan

June 14th – The last day of Pow-wow teaching. There will be a Celebration. And Pot luck.

June 18- Male Dancer performer. He will be Teaching us about his Regalia, and telling his story about his Journey getting his Regalia. This will be held in front of city hall at 1:00pm

June 19th - The City of Fort Saskatchewan and The Indigenous Society will be hosting a Movie **On Sacred Ground** at the Shell Theatre. Stars at 7:00pm. The Tickets are Free Visit the Shell Theatre or see the link on our Facebook page.

June 20th – National Indigenous Peoples Day Event is Happening at Cardiff Community Hall 55320-RR251. There will be dancers, vendors and food trucks. 5pm to 8pm One of the hosts are Creating Hope Society










June 21- Round Dance, Indigenous Society and the City of Fort Saskatchewan will be hosting a Summer Solstice Round Dance.

June 27th – The City of Fort Saskatchewan will be Raising the Treaty 6 and Métis 4 Flag at 12:30 at City Hall

June 2023

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