



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

We hope that everyone had an opportunity to get outside over the long weekend and enjoy the fabulous weather. It has been a busy week at SouthPointe.

We have had our first fire drill and have completed bus evacuation drills as well. We will be practicing drills throughout the year to ensure that students are aware of the protocols and procedures to ensure they are safe in the event of an emergency.

Next week is Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. We hope to see everyone on October 18-19. This is a great opportunity to hear how your child is progressing at school to date and what they need to continue to work on before report cards are released in early December. If you are having problems signing up online, please phone the front office and our staff will be happy to help you.

During conferences the SouthPointe Book Fair will also be set up in the Learning Commons, if families are interested in browsing and purchasing books.

Carol Brown, Principal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 16	
Tuesday, October 17	
Wednesday, Oct 18	Picture Retakes Gr 1-4 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30pm
Thursday, Oct 19	Picture Retakes Gr 5-9 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30pm
Friday, October 20	Deadline for Hot Lunch Orders 3:00pm

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COMING UP LATER THIS MONTH

October 25	Hot Lunch – Grades 1-3, Mon/Wed Kindergarten School Council/FASS Meeting 5:00pm
October 26	Hot Lunch – Grades 4-6, Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
October 27	Hot Lunch – Grades 7-9
October 31	HALLOWEEN

2022/23 Yearbooks Still Available

We have a limited number of last year's yearbooks for sale at the office. They are \$20.00 each and available on a first come first serve basis while supplies last. Drop in or call the office to purchase.



Fundraising Association Update

HOT LUNCH

The next hot lunch will be October 25, 26 and 27. The vendor is Tim Hortons. Deadline for orders is Friday, October 20 at 3:00pm.

Hot lunch orders for October, November and December are now online for you to order.

<https://spschool.hotlunches.admin>





BEAR TRACKS ICE MELT

**Unfortunately, due to low sales, we may need to cancel this fundraiser. If you'd like to order, please either use the hot lunch website to prepay, or email president.fass@gmail.com or text Laelia at 14036129580 to preorder your pails for the best ice melt, safe for lawns, concrete and pets! \$30 dollars per 35-pound pail. **

We are using the same site as we do for hot lunches to pre order bear tracks!

Pick up day is Thursday Oct 19th School loop (U-Haul) 2:30pm to 3:30pm. (Please ensure you do not block the loop. Park your car and the volunteers will help you with your order to your vehicle,) OR pick up at 3:45pm to 6 PM at 4 Becker Cres. If you CANNOT pick up your order at either of these times, please text 403-612-9580 or email president.fass@gmail.com to arrange a time. *Please ensure you order is paid for in full at the time of ordering.

<https://spschool.hotlunches.admin>

Bottle Drive

Thank you to all the volunteers for the bottle drive and all those who donated. We made \$2200. Thank you all!

FASS Secretary

We are looking for a volunteer to join the FASS team! If interested, please contact Laelia [@president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com). This is a great way to get involved with the school.

To order hot lunches, we use the spschool.hotlunches.net website. Parents must create an account and add their children. All parents must go in and select their child's new teacher for this year. To pay for your order the website uses PayPal. There is an option to check out as a guest through PayPal if you do not have an account; doing so this way will not save your credit card information. For those who do not have credit cards there is an option to pay via cash; please bring your printed receipt along with the exact amount to the office prior to the end of school on the last day for orders. Failure to pay for the order by the deadline will result in the order being cancelled.

If your child is sick on the day of their hot lunch, please call the office and let them know. You can either pick up their lunch from the office at your convenience before the end of the school day or you can anonymously donate it to another student. No refunds will be given if a student is absent on the day of their hot lunch.

If you need to cancel or change an order, you must do so before the deadline. A refund will be processed as a credit on your account to be used for future hot lunch orders. Once the deadline has passed orders cannot be changed or cancelled.

Should you have any comments, suggestions, or questions you can reach out via email at spschoolhotlunchadmin@gmail.com.

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

- Perfect timing to start Christmas shopping!
- For online shopping! (Old Navy, Indigo, Canadian Tire, Walmart, Home Depot, Starbucks and more!)
- You can even get/reload your gift cards here!
- Just download the app, use the code **K2TQ9X** and start shopping!



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are taking place between 4:30-7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19, 2023. We will be using the online booking system for scheduling an in-person meeting between parents and teachers. Bookings will open on Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00 pm (noon). Got to <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/sjtap> to book your time.

These interviews give parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss the progress students have made to date. This will also give students opportunity to improve before report cards are published. Grades 1-9 report cards will be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal on December 1, 2023.

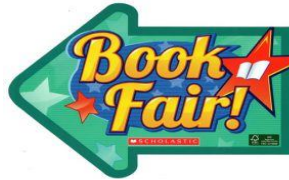
Pay School Fees online!

School fee information for the 2023-24 school year will be posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) in late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay online using a credit card.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If you're unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2023.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [eips.ca](#). Alternatively, contact Mrs. Chantelle Grieve, Business Manager, at SouthPointe School, at (780) 998-2747.



Book Fair

I'm excited to announce that our first Scholastic Book Fair of the school year is quickly approaching! It will take place from **October 16th- October 19th**.

This year's **Arctic Adventure** Book Fair is going to be epic, but we need volunteers to make it happen.

I am looking for volunteers during the school day on **October 16, 17, 18, & 19** for either the morning, afternoon, and/or full days (8:15AM-2:51PM), to help with shoppers and checking out books/cashier.

If you're available to lend a hand at this upcoming event, please contact me at stephanie.gauchier@eips.ca with your availability.

ALSO...

Indigo Love of Reading

I'm excited to announce that our school was selected to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's annual **Adopt a School Fundraiser!** Every dollar raised in-store at **Chapters South Pointe** (3227 Calgary Trail N.W.), in Edmonton, and online between October 10 - 31, 2023 will go DIRECTLY to our school library to help fill our shelves with new and diverse books!

Below is the link to our schools online fundraising page if you are interested in sharing with friends and family!

<https://indigoloveofreadingfoundation.givecloud.co/fundraisers/southpointe-school>



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**Family & Community
Support Services**
CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Hi, my name is Kristi Wahl and I am the Youth and Family Coordinator with the City of Fort Saskatchewan FCSS. What is FCSS? It stands for Family and Community Support Services and that is what we are, we are there to help support, lift up and provide navigation to those who need it. My role specifically is to help support and provide resources/trainings/workshops and presentations to schools and local organizations. I also run the Youth Advisory Committee and Youth Council. I am one very small part of FCSS; Natasha Magas is the Youth Outreach Worker and her role is to work with children, youth and families aged 6-18 with short term goal orientated support that is aimed at building on youth and families' strengths and abilities. This program can help with emotional, family, school based, and social concerns in a variety of settings such as school, home, or office visits.

Krista Allan is the Community Development Coordinator, and her role is to help residents and organizations come together to achieve their goals and to support community led projects. She is responsible for things like Poverty Reduction Initiatives, Family Violence Prevention, and neighbourhood-based programs such as Block Parties, the Good Neighbour Program and Shape Your Community grant.

Amber Grant is the Diversity, Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator. This role focuses on supporting a welcoming and diverse community where all members feel able to actively participate in the economic, social, and cultural aspects of the community without encountering barriers. It oversees the City's Diversity and Inclusion action plan, advocates for accessible and equitable programs and services, and develops policy and programming that represents the City's commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.

Toni VanVelzen is our Seniors Coordinator and she supports seniors and families in navigating the senior world. She is an amazing advocate and knows the ins and outs of Senior supports.

Michelle Hoy is the Home Support Coordinator; Home Support provides practical, in-home support services to residents of Fort Saskatchewan. Home Support enables individuals to retain and/or improve their quality of life by enhancing independent living, reducing isolation and promoting a safe and quality home life.

The FCSS Counselling Program is an affordable, professional service designated to address short term counselling needs and focuses on resolving client concerns. Our counsellor Valerie Jansen-Lakusta (M.Ed.) and uses solution focused, cognitive behavioural approaches to assist clients in meeting their counselling goals.

For any questions or to book service please contact FCSS via email FCSSinfo@fortsask.ca or call 780-992-6267.

FCSS Hosts: Drug Awareness For Caregivers

- Types of Drugs-what they look like and side effects
- Common signs of when someone is under the influence
- Accessing supports
- Meet and Great with local RCMP, Municipal Enforcement and AHS Youth Mental Health and Addictions

October 25, 2023

7:00pm - 8:00pm

@ the Fort Heritage Precinct, Program Space
(10006-100 Ave)

*Light refreshments available



EATING HEALTHY ON A BUDGET WITH KIDS

October 18th

6:30 - 8:00pm

Fort Heritage Precinct, Program Space
(10006-100 ave)

Join Meghan Brooks-Goodburn, Registered Dietician with Sherwood Park Primary Care Network as she provides some tips and tricks to help you eat healthy on a budget with kids.

TO REGISTER: [FORTSASK.CA/FCSSWORKSHOPS](https://fortsask.ca/fcssworkshops)



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
780-992-6267
OR [INFO@FORTSASK.CA](mailto:info@fortsask.ca)





CHILDREN, TEENS, AND TECHNOLOGY

THIS THREE-HOUR SESSION SUPPORTS BOTH CAREGIVERS AND PROFESSIONALS IN FINDING TECHNOLOGY BALANCE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEMSELVES. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PERSPECTIVES FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE DEBATE, CURRENT RESEARCH REGARDING CHILDREN AND YOUTH'S RELATIONSHIP WITH TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA, AND STRATEGIES FOR HEALTHY TECHNOLOGY USE.



[REGISTER](#)

October 24.2023

DCC, Scotia Bank Rm
(8700-84 street)

6:00pm - 9:00pm

ImagineInstitute.ca

Passsword: 20FORTSASK23

For more information

fortsask.ca/FCSSWORKSHOPS



CYBERWORLD

OCTOBER 17TH

6:30 - 8:30 PM

@ DCC, SCOTIA BANK RM (8700-84 ST)

A presentation for parents and caregivers on practicing internet safety with youth. The presentation also discusses online child sexual exploitation and how to respond to it.

For more info contact 780-992-6267 or FCSSInfo@fortsask.ca







[TO REGISTER FORTSASK.CA/FCSSWORSHOPS](https://www.fortsask.ca/FCSSWORSHOPS)



October 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	 Bonfire/Forest Therapy 4-6 pm Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists 4-6 pm	 Board Game Night! Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	6
9	10	 Karaoke! Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists 3:30-5:30 pm	 Dungeons & Dragons 5-8 pm Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	13
16	17	 Movie Night! Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists 4-6 pm	 Cooking with a Chef! 5-7 pm Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	20
23	24	Saffron Centre Presentation 5:30-6:30 pm Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists 3:30-5:30 pm	 Dungeons & Dragons 5-8 pm Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	27
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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.



Kokum's Bannock & Tea

"WORKING TRADITIONALLY ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT"

Running Thursdays

Oct 26th - Nov 23rd, 2023

10:00am - 12:00pm




Topics Include:

Medicine Wheel Teachings, Tipi Teachings, Traditional Roles, and knowledge sharing from our Elders

Open to community members. First 15 registrants. Child care available.

Call or text Tanya to register: 587.936.0348

LOCATION:
Pembina Place, 4944 53 St. Redwater, AB.

