



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

Thank you to all our parents that were able to join us for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. It was great to see so many families and to hear how your children are progressing at school. Our Book Fair was an overwhelming success! Thank you for supporting our school Library/Learning Commons.

Our next School Council/Fundraising Meeting is coming up on Wednesday, October 25 at 5:00pm in the large flex place, feel free to join us.

Our 2 new modulars have now been completed and students have moved into their new space. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Carol Brown, Principal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 23	
Tuesday, October 24	
Wednesday, October 25	HOT LUNCH – Gr. 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten School Council/FASS Meeting 5:00pm
Thursday, October 26	HOT LUNCH – Gr. 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
Friday, October 27	HOT LUNCH – Grades 7-9 Raid a Closet Dress Up Day – 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's

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COMING UP

October 31	HALLOWEEN
November 1	Early Dismissal
November 3	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 6-10	November/Fall Break

Fundraising Association Update



HOT LUNCH

The next hot lunch will be October 25, 26 and 27. The vendor is Tim Hortons.

Ordering for November and December is now live! You can log in at any time to preorder, so you don't miss the cutoff date.

<https://spschool.hotlunches.admin>

**Please remember if your child is away on their hot lunch day, plan to either pick it up from the school office or donate it. Unfortunately, if we are not aware, the lunch will be donated to another person, refunds will not be given. We ask that you please contact the school if your child is away.

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

BEAR TRACKS



If you'd like to order Bear Tracks Ice Melt, you can prepay using the hot lunch website or email president.fass@gmail.com or text Laelia at 1-403-612-9580. The Ice Melt is 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!

<https://spschool.hotlunches.admin>

*** **change of day***** Pick up day is Friday November 17, 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 between 3:45pm – 6:00pm at 4 Becker Cres. If you CANNOT pick up your order at either of these times, please text 1-403-612-9580 or email president.fass@gmail.com to arrange a time.

*Please ensure you order is paid for in full at time ordering.

FASS Secretary

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

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!

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.

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 Point** (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>



Stephanie Gauchier
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Food Bank

We Scare Hunger



SPS is hosting a Food Bank Campaign to help support our local food bank. Donations will be collected from

Monday, Oct. 30 - Thursday, Nov. 2

Please bring donations to your homeroom teacher.

The Food Bank is in urgent need of the following:

- Granola Bars
- Fruit cups
- Pudding
- Cracker & Cheese Kits



While all non-perishable food, toiletries, and pet food, and monetary donations are gratefully accepted, the following is a current list of items that are most needed by clients of the Food Bank:

- Jam- small jars
- Instant Oatmeal
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Ready-to-eat Soup
- Pasta Sauce
- Sidekicks (rice or noodles)
- Rice
- 1L Juice

Remembrance Day



Every year Canadians pause for a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. On Friday, November 3, we will be having our school-wide Remembrance Day Ceremony in the gymnasium, commencing at 10:45am, families are welcome to attend.

The ceremony will be led by Grade 9 Leadership students. The Choir will be performing the canon "Dona Nobis Pacem" (which translates to Grant Us Peace). Handchimes will be playing "Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar, and Grade 6's will be doing the Act of Remembrance and Commitment to Remember, along with the poem "In Flanders Fields".



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

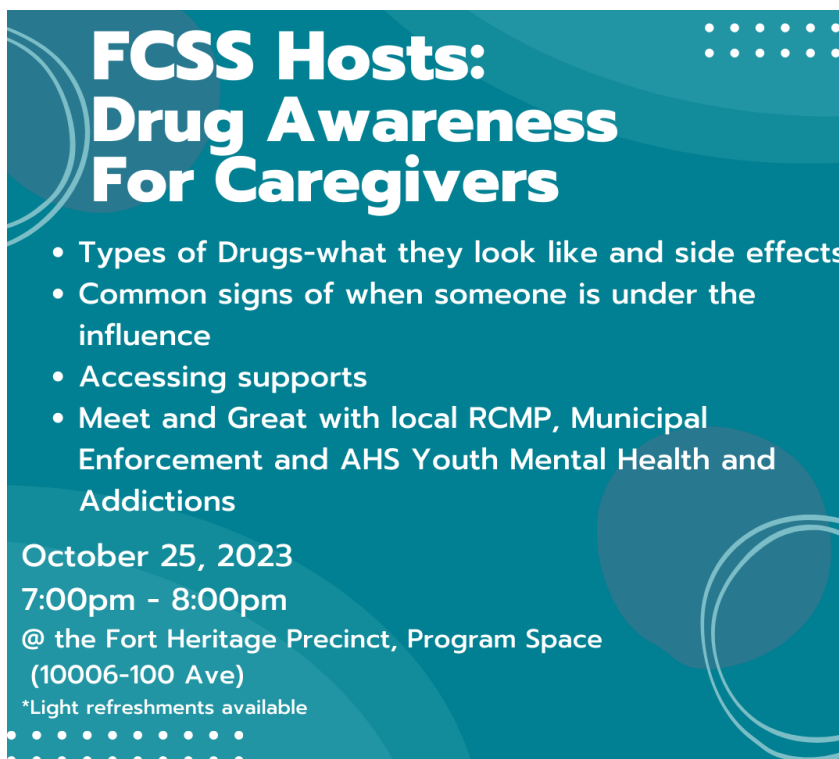
barriers. It oversees the City's Diversity and Inclusion action plan, advocates for accessible and equitable programs and services, and develops policy and programming that represents the City's commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.

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





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



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.

