



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

It looks like winter has finally arrived. We encourage students to bring winter clothing to school so that they are prepared for outside recess.

Next Wednesday is early dismissal, students will be dismissed at 1:51pm.

We are also having our Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, November 3, 2023. Parents are welcome to join us, the ceremony will start at 10:45am in the gym. We recommend parents arrive around 10:30 so that we can get you seated before our presentations start. Please access the front doors so we can sign you in.

A reminder that our fall break is from November 4- 12. Students will return to class on November 13.

Carol Brown, Principal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 30	
Tuesday, October 31	HALLOWEEN
Wednesday, November 1	Early Dismissal Take Our Kids to Work Day
Thursday, November 2	
Friday, November 3	Remembrance Day Ceremony Pizza Lunch Grades 4-9

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COMING UP

- November 6-10 November Break
- November 11 Remembrance Day
- November 13-17 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- November 20 National Child Day

Fundraising Association Update



PIZZA LUNCH

Next Pizza Day will be Friday, November 3rd.

This is open to grades 4-9. Pizza is sold on a 1st come 1st serve basis until it is gone. To meet the high demand, students will be limited to purchasing **2 slices at a time**. They may purchase additional slices after everyone has had a chance to buy. Please ensure your child has a Back-up lunch if pizza runs out and they are not able to buy any. Reminder this is a cash only lunch. \$2/slice or \$5 for 2 slices and a drink.



HOT LUNCH

The next hot lunch will be November 22, 23 and 24. The vendor will be The Canadian Brewhouse.

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. November's cutoff is the 17th at 3:00pm.

<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!

Take Our Kids to Work Day

[The Students Commission of Canada](#)

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".

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.

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

Blanket Exercise - November 16 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm

In support of learning more about our common history and moving towards reconciliation, Heritage Hills Elementary is hosting a Blanket Exercise in the school gym on November 16 that is open to all community members. It will be led by members of the EIPS First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Team. Please note, this event is intended for adults only.

The Blanket Exercise is a powerful experiential learning opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. It is a 1 ½ hour interactive simulation that shares the story of colonization and the lived experiences of First Nations, Métis and Inuit over 500 years of shared history. The exercise was developed by KAIROS and Indigenous Peoples as a response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and helps participants begin to understand the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous Peoples and the Crown.

If you have attended a Blanket Exercise in the past or if this is your first time, it is a very impactful, thought-provoking activity. To learn more about this activity, visit:

<https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>

Click [here](#) to RSVP by November 8.



Sherri Johnston

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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.

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.





PARENTING YOUTH CIRCLE

This is a support circle for caregivers of youth aged 8 to 13 years. It is a space to connect with other caregivers who are parenting through these important years of development. You will have the opportunity to share your strategies, successes and difficulties in raising youth.



Monday Night Fort Saskatchewan

Families First Building
9901 90 Street

5:30 to 6:00pm Supper
6:00 to 7:30pm Circle

October 30th
November 13th
November 27th
December 4th

Children's programming is available

To register
Call 780-998-5595 ext. 221

In a circle we are all equal.
There is no one behind you, no one above you, and no one below you.

Program of the Fort Saskatchewan
and Sturgeon Region Family Resource Network

Alberta Provincial Family
Resource Networks