



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

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, November 6	Fall Break
Tuesday, November 7	Fall Break
Wednesday, November 8	Fall Break
Thursday, November 9	Fall Break
Friday, November 10	Fall Break

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COMING UP

- November 11 Remembrance Day
- November 13-17 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- November 13-19 Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign
- November 15 School Council/FASS Meeting 5:00pm
- November 20 National Child Day

Fundraising Association Update



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.



Hot Lunches Online ordering and payment processing for schools
spschool.hotlunches.net

****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.

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!

*Please ensure your 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

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.

We are thrilled to announce that the upcoming **Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie** campaign is benefiting the Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank's Christmas Hamper & Toy Campaign this year!

The three Fort Saskatchewan Tim Hortons stores are happy to support a local charity, and proceeds from cookie sales will directly impact this year's Christmas Campaign.

The special holiday cookies will be available November 13 - 19.

Help us make this a **super successful** event and raise much needed funds for Christmas! Issue a cookie challenge to your colleagues, the different divisions within your company, site management ... get creative to see how many cookies you can buy! Challenge a competing business, or share the cookie campaign with your friends, family, church, school, or sports team.

You can place your order any time prior or during the campaign, but the first day to pick up cookies is November 13!

I have attached the bulk order form for you. Please share it far and wide to those on your contact list. **Thank you!**



Smile Cookie
Pre-Order Form 100%

Take care,

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Office Hours: Monday Wednesday Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Hamper Days: Tuesday 10:00am-7:00pm and Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm

"At the Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank, we ensure access to good and healthy food in order to impact positively on people's lives."

Anti-Bullying Week

During the week of November 13-17 our school will be focusing on making a noise to put an end to bullying. Students will be participating in a variety of lessons to support character education targeted towards building healthy and rewarding relationships. They will learn about boundaries in friendships and how simple banter among friends can turn to bullying but they hold the power to stop bullying. On Wednesday November 15 we will **Rock our Mocs and Odd Socks** as a way to stand in unity in our diversity. Students and staff are invited to wear moccasins and/or odd socks to make a noise about acceptance and kindness.





CHRISTMAS HAMPERS & TOYS

Need some help to make Christmas merry?

Connect with us. We are here to help.

Applications accepted November 6–December 11

New this year! Applications are accepted online at

www.FortSaskatchewanFoodBank.com

If you require assistance with online forms, please contact us at 780.998.4099

The Details:

- Photo ID is required for each adult applying.
- Alberta Health Card or Birth Certificate is required for each child.
- Current proof of Fort Saskatchewan residency is needed.
- You may apply for your immediate family who permanently reside at the address.
- Full details online, or phone 780.998.4099.

Hamper Delivery Day is Saturday, December 16



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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<https://www.heritagehillselementary.ca/>



**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.

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