



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

We have Parent Student Conferences coming up next week on January 24 & 25. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with teachers to see how your child is progressing to date in classes. Report Cards will be released in March, so this gives students an opportunity to work hard to improve in their classes before the reporting period. Please sign up for an interview slot online.

SouthPointe will also be having a Book Fair again during the interviews, if families are interested in stopping by.

We once again have a large collection of lost and found items that will be on tables the week of interviews. We encourage all families to have a look at the tables next week. Any items that are not claimed by Friday, January 26 will be bagged up and donated to a local charity.

Please stay warm, it looks like next week may provide a bit of relief.

Carol Brown,
Principal



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Jan. 22	
Tuesday, Jan. 23	
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 - 7:30pm Hot Lunch – Gr. 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten
Thursday, Jan. 25	Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 - 7:30pm Hot Lunch – Gr. 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
Friday, Jan. 26	Hot Lunch – Gr. 7-9

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COMING UP

Monday, January 29 Grades 7-9 Ski Trip
Wednesday, January 31 Professional Learning Day – No School for Students

Fundraising Association Update

HOT LUNCH



January's Hot Lunch – **BOSTON PIZZA**

Wednesday, January 24 – Grades 1-3 & Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten
Thursday, January 25 – Grades 4-6 & Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten
Friday, January 26 – Grades 7-9

Order Cutoff Date is Friday, January 19 at 3:00pm. (All orders not paid for by this time, will be deleted).

The Hot Lunch Dates for the rest of the year have been added to the School Calendar and the Hot Lunch Calendar. **January to May is all now LIVE!**
In June we will be doing a Hot Dog Lunch again for all students.



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****

There are still some buckets of bear tracks left, please text Laelia 403-612-9580 or email president.fass@gmail.com to arrange an order. \$30/pail

SILENT AUCTION

School Council is having a dance on Friday, February 16!

We are once again looking for silent auction donations to help raise funds for the school. If you have anything you'd like to donate please contact Tracy @ vicepresident.fass@gmail.com or text 780-298-6295. Thank you in advance.

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!

BOSTON PIZZA (all locations)

- Collect your receipts and drop them off at the school
- Boston Pizza donates 5% back

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!

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 and help with fundraising for the kids.

LOST & FOUND

Once again, our Lost & Found is getting very full, please remind your child to have a look if they think they might be missing something. We will be putting all the items on tables outside the office during Parent Teacher Interviews on January 24 & 25, feel free to have a look then.

Anything not picked up, will be bagged and donated to a local charity soon after.



Book Fair Volunteers

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm excited to announce that our next Scholastic Book Fair is quickly approaching! It will take place from **January 22nd- January 25th**.

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

Opportunities to assist include:

- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Checkout

I am looking for volunteers during the school day on **January 22, 23, 24, & 25** for either the morning, afternoon, and/or full days (8:15AM-2:51PM) no help is needed during the lunch time (11:13-11:53).

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

For students, this is one of the most anticipated events of the school year—and as a volunteer, you'll have the chance to experience the Bookjoy firsthand!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,
Miss Gauchier



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are taking place from 4:30 - 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 24 and Thursday, January 25, 2024. We will be using the online booking system for scheduling an in-person meeting between parents and teachers.

Bookings are now open. You can book through <https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/> and use code **czdjs** or simply click the link below.

Go to <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/czdjs>

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. The next Report Cards will be published on March 15, 2024.

Kindergarten Celebration of Learning (Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews)

Our next Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will take place on Wednesday, January 24 (Mon/Wed Kinder) and Thursday, January 25 (Tues/Thurs Kinder), 2024 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Please be sure to bring your child to these interviews. Interviews/Celebration of Learning will be **20 minutes** in length which will give your child a chance to show you some of the things he/she is learning in kindergarten. A few students/families will be sharing each block of time, so please be on time for your appointments to help our evenings run smoothly.

Fort High Honours Program



FORT HIGH GRADE 10 HONOURS PROGRAM

The Honours program at Fort High is an enriched program designed for high achieving students who are motivated, responsible, and serious about their academic success. This program encourages students to extend themselves beyond the minimal requirements of the regular academic course program. Students enrolling in this program should possess a strong passion for the course content and demonstrate exemplary behaviour and work habits.

The Grade 10 Honours program offers a well-rounded education that satisfies the Grade 10 curriculum, while offering more complexity and deeper discussion to prepare students for Grade 11 and 12 academic successes. Assessment for the Grade 10 Honours courses will be the same as the regular grade 10 academic courses (Math 10C, Science 10, English Language Arts 10-1, Social Studies 10-1)

Students will enjoy the benefits of stimulating intellectual and social interaction in a supportive, stimulating, and inviting school community. With distinction and commitment, the Honours program horizontally extends the regular curricular objectives with a focus on higher-level reasoning, critical thinking skills, inquiry-based learning, links to other disciplines, and optional subject matter.

Prerequisite: Students who are thinking of applying to the FHS Honours program for Grade 10 should have their core average in Grade 9 at 80% or higher at the time of application. The top 30 applicants in the program receive enrichment course content in all the core subjects: Math, Science, English Language Arts, and Social Studies. The actual admission average may fluctuate depending on the number of applicants.

Proposed Schedule:

Semester 1 courses: Math 10C / Science 10 / CALM & Physical Education / Option

Semester 2 courses: English Language Arts 10-1 / Social Studies 10-1 / Biology 20 / Option

Rationale: By taking Biology 20 in Grade 10, it allows more flexibility to take all three sciences throughout high school. Physics 20 and Chemistry 20 are recommended to take in Grade 11; this will then open the possibility of taking Biology 30 in Grade 11. Taking the accelerated approach will allow the students to fit Math 31 into their schedules in Grade 12.

Inclement Weather



With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, “school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Cybersecurity Update: Important information for families

As part of EIPS' ongoing commitment to maintaining a secure and effective digital learning environment for students, the Division is implementing an important update to its cybersecurity protocols **Jan. 19, 2024**.

Enhanced Location-based Security for Student Accounts

Starting Jan. 19, 2024, access to student user accounts—used for platforms like PowerSchool, Brightspace and Google—will be limited to within Canada's geographical boundaries. This change is an essential step in strengthening our cyber defenses and ensuring the digital safety of students.

What Does This Mean for You and Your Child?

Location-limited Access: Your child's account will be accessible only when they're physically located in Canada. This includes all activities related to their schoolwork, such as submitting assignments, accessing study materials or sending EIPS account emails.

Seamless In-country Use: While in Canada, students will experience no change in how they access and use their accounts. The process remains as straightforward and user-friendly as always.

PowerSchool Access for Parents and Caregivers: This change will NOT impact parent and caregiver access to PowerSchool during periods of travel.

Why This Change?

The safety and privacy of students are paramount. This location-based access control is a proactive measure to prevent unauthorized access to students' accounts and protect sensitive information from potential cyber threats.

Questions?

For more information, contact the school office at 780-998-2747.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Together, we can ensure a secure and thriving digital learning environment for all students.

CYBERWORLD

JANUARY 25TH

6:30 - 8:30 PM

@ SOUTHPOINTE SCHOOL (11 SOUTHPOINTE BLVD)

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.

Childcare available*

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

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



Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2024? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2024-25 school year on Feb. 1, 2024.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding SouthPointe School's kindergarten program is available at www.southpointeschool.ca

Returning Student Registration: 2024-25

Mark your calendars! Returning student registration for the 2024-25 school year will take place Feb. 8-21, 2024.

Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2024-25 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS.

Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. Watch for more details in the new year.

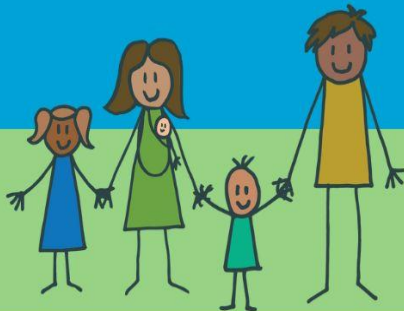


Families First Society
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

T.W.E.E.T

Today we engage and explore together

IN - PERSON



WINTER SCHEDULE 2024



»»»»» DROP IN

Drop in with your children to this FREE play program filled with activities, songs, snacks and more. All are welcome, with activities geared for children aged 0 to 6 years.

**Learn more about
how to help your
children thrive**

Saturday Mornings Fort Saskatchewan

Families First Building
9901 90 Street

9:30 am to 11:30 am

- ✓ January 20
- ✓ February 10
- ✓ March 9 and 23



Families First Society
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

SILLY SPROUTS PLAY

WINTER SCHEDULE 2024

IN-PERSON

DROP-IN

Join us for songs, rhymes,
stories and time to play!

Drop-in to this **FREE**,
facilitated program for
caregivers and their
children aged 0 to 6 years.

Alberta Provincial Family
Resource Networks

Program of the Fort Saskatchewan
and Sturgeon Region
Family Resource Network



MONDAYS - CARDIFF

Cardiff Community Hall
55320 RR 251 Sturgeon County

9:30 to 11:00 am

January 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 26
March 4, 11, 18

No program
February 19

MONDAYS - GIBBONS

Gibbons Cultural Centre
5115 51 Street

9:00 to 10:30 am

January 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 26
March 4, 11, 18

No program
February 19

TUESDAYS - REDWATER

Pembina Place
4944 53 Street

9:30 to 11:30 am

January 16, 23, 30
February 6, 13, 20, 27
March 5, 12, 19

WEDNESDAYS - LEGAL

Citadel Centre
4812 51 Avenue

9:30 to 11:30 am

January 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 6, 13, 20

WEDNESDAYS FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Families First Building
9901 90 Street

9:30 to 11:30 am

January 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 6, 13, 20

THURSDAYS BON ACCORD

Town Office Basement
5025 50 Avenue

9:30 to 11:30 am

January 18, 25
February 1, 15, 22, 29
March 7, 14, 21

No program
February 8



Families First Society
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

WINTER 2024



DROP-IN

Open doors to an evening of family fun, nutritious snack and a bedtime story.

Activities will be geared for children aged 0 to 6 years with the invitation open for all to play.

Come spend some special time together as a family!

Join us in the following communities:

JANUARY:

- Thursday, January 18- Morinville Community Cultural Centre
- Monday, January 22- Legal Citadel Centre
- Tuesday, January 30- Gibbons Cultural Centre

FEBRUARY:

- Wednesday, February 7- Redwater Pembina Place
- Wednesday, February 14- Bon Accord- Arena
- Thursday, February 22 - Morinville Community Cultural Centre
- Monday, February 26- Legal Citadel Centre

MARCH:

- Tuesday, March 5- Gibbons Cultural Centre
- Wednesday March 13- Redwater Pembina Place
- Wednesday, March 20- Bon Accord- Arena



Program of the Fort Saskatchewan
and Sturgeon Region Family Resource Network

Time 5:30 to 7:00pm

For More Information :

780-998-5595 ext. 221

www.familiesfirstsociety.ca

Alberta Provincial Family
Resource Networks



CIRCLE FOR CAREGIVERS OF YOUTH

This is a support circle for caregivers of youth aged 8 to 13 years who are struggling with intense behaviours and feelings of overwhelm. It is a safe space to connect with other caregivers who are parenting through these important years. 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

WINTER 2024 DATES

- January 15 + 29
- February 12 + 26
- March 4 + 25

Children's programming is available

Please register for any of the sessions you can attend by calling 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.

Are you a caregiver navigating the unique challenges and joys of raising a neurodiverse child? We warmly invite you to join our monthly support group.

This is a safe space to share your journey, learn from others, and gain valuable insights into navigating the world of neurodiversity.

Join our Village

Register and reserve your child spot in advance by calling (780) 998-5595 ext 221 no later than the previous Monday.

****Children's Programming is Available!****

Families First Society, 9901 90 St, Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 3T1

DRAGONFLY SUPPORT GROUP



Winter 2024 Dates

DATE	TOPIC	TIME
January 22	Speaker from Canada Revenue Agency	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
February 05	Group Discussion	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
March 18	Group Discussion	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Drop In Is Open
Tuesdays and Fridays
From 3pm-6pm

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED
8	9 GAMER TUESDAY 3pm-6pm Drop-In PRIZES	10	11 BASKETBALL 6PM-730PM	12 Flex Fridays 3pm-6pm Drop-In BOARD GAMES Baking Cookies
	Rockwall Climbing 6pm-9pm Need a Wavier Painting			NERF WAR 6pm-9pm Just Dance Pizza pops
15	16 GAMER TUESDAY 3pm-6pm Drop-In PRIZES	17	18 BASKETBALL 6PM-730PM	19 Flex Fridays 3pm-6pm Drop-In BINGO Making Bracelets
	Swimming 6pm-9pm COSTS \$9			Karaoke 6pm-9pm Dodgeball
22 Snowboarding Field Trip 5pm-9pm Need a Wavier Cost 25\$	23 GAMER TUESDAY 3pm-6pm Drop-In PRIZES	24	25 BASKETBALL 6PM-730PM	26 Flex Fridays 3pm-6pm Drop-In MOVIE
	CLOSED			Spa Day Nails . Masks Watch A RomCom 6pm-9pm
29	30 Tobogganing 4pm-7pm FIELD TRIP TO 7 HILLS Need a Wavier Youth Center is Closed	31 CLOSED	bgc Fort Saskatchewan	Youth Night is on Tuesdays and Fridays 6pm - 9pm

FINANCIAL LITERACY

WITH THE CREDIT COUNSELLING SOCIETY

All sessions are virtual and at 7 - 8pm
Attend any or all of the sessions

Holiday Money Hangover
January 17th

Vacations on a Budget
February 20th

Home Ownership -Are You Ready?
March 13th

Raising Financially Fit Kids
April 10th

Register via fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops
If you have questions please call
780.992.6267 or FCSSinfo@fortsask.ca



Celebrating Differences

Our differences make us stronger, more vibrant, and richer as a community. Whether it's our diverse backgrounds, unique talents or varied perspectives and abilities, embracing differences helps us to learn, grow, and connect - creating a more inclusive environment for everyone.

Talking to children about diversity can sometimes be difficult, especially as difference is often viewed negatively. They may ask us uncomfortable questions, and we may not have all the answers. However, when these questions are rooted in curiosity, it provides us an opportunity engage in meaningful conversation rather than shut it down. Diversity is what makes each one of us unique, with different perspectives. By reframing these differences positively, we provide the space to learn from one another.

Staying curious and asking questions is what leads to a better understanding and sense of belonging for all.

Amber Grant

Diversity, Inclusion and Community Development Coordinator

FCSS



Grandparents who Parent Support Group

Connect with other grandparents who are raising their grandchildren

Meetings are 4th Monday of the Month

6:30 - 8:00pm

@BGC Fort Saskatchewan



Meeting Dates:

January 22, 2024

February 26, 2024

March 25, 2024

April 22, 2024

May 27, 2024

June 17, 2024

To register for Childcare or
for more info call 780-992-0103

ext. 303



Family and Community Support Services

What's coming up?

January

Credit Counselling: Holiday Money Hangover

January 17th 7-8pm Virtual

Cyberworld by SAFFRON

January 25th 6:30 - 8:30pm @ SouthPointe School

February

Eating Disorders Info Session for Caregivers

February 6th 6-7:30pm @ the Fort Sask Public Library

Credit Counselling: Vacations on a Budget

February 20th 7-8pm Virtual

Co-Parenting 101

February 22nd 6:30-7:30pm @ the Fort Sask Public Library

Eating Healthy on a Budget with Kids

February 27th 6:30-7:30pm @ the Fort Sask Public Library

March

Child Support - The Basics

March 7th 6:30 - 7:30pm @ the Fort Sask Public Library

Credit Counselling: Holiday Money Hangover

March 13th 7-8pm Virtual

Separation and Your Parenting Rights

March 21st 6:30-7:30pm @

Fort Sask Public Library



For more information: fortsask.ca/fcss or 780-992-6267