



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

A big **thank you** to our School Council/FASS for providing a pancake breakfast to all our students this morning! It was such a nice treat, and the students were so appreciative. A reminder to parents if you have not had an opportunity to review your child's term two report card it is available on the Parent Portal in PowerSchool.

I wanted to let everyone know that I will be retiring at the end of June. It has been such an honour to be able to be the Principal of SouthPointe since the school opening. Laurie Caines, who is currently the Assistant Principal, will be replacing me in the fall. I know that Mrs. Caines is excited for her new opportunity at SouthPointe, and I have no doubt that she will do a wonderful job continuing to support the students, staff and parents of SouthPointe School.

I hope that everyone enjoys the upcoming spring break. We look forward to seeing everyone when we return April 2, 2024.

Carol Brown
Principal

SPRING BREAK!

REMINDER THAT OUR SCHOOL/OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM **MARCH 22 TO APRIL 1** INCLUSIVE. WE WILL RE-OPEN ON APRIL 2, 2024.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Mar. 25-29	SPRING BREAK!!
Friday, Mar. 29	Good Friday – Statutory Holiday

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COMING UP

March 25 – 29

Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday, April 10

Thursday, April 11

Spring Break

Easter Monday – No school

Classes Resume

Early Dismissal – 1:51pm

Class Photos – Gr. 1-9 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten

Class Photos – Tues/Thurs Kindergarten

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Fundraising Association Update

The FASS is doing a **BOTTLE DRIVE on April 13.**

We will be looking for volunteers to hand out flyers prior, as well as people that day with trucks to pick up the bottles along the route. We are raising money to buy more outside toys for the kids for recess. (Soccer balls, footballs, jump ropes, etc)

HOT LUNCH

April's Hot Lunch will be from Boston Pizza.

Wednesday, April 24 – Grades 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten

Thursday, April 25 – Grades 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten

Friday, April 26 – Grades 7-9

The Hot Lunch for the rest of the year is LIVE!

**** Please ensure you double-check what month you are ordering for and that you complete your payment****

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

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.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

BOSTON PIZZA (all locations)

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

FLIPGIVE

- 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 [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

- **K2TQ9X** and start shopping!

Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech-language or motor-skill development—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in five of its elementary school locations.

Applications are now open for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2020 or 2021, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, fill out the [PALS Program Request Form](#) or call 780-417-8219. For more information, visit eips.ca.

Get ready for Kindergarten!

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend SouthPointe School's upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on Wednesday April 24 from 5:30-6:30 pm.

- Short presentation on what to expect for Kindergarten
- meet the teachers
- see the classroom
- gain insight on play-based learning
- see what a typical day looks like



Kindergarten Information Night 2024:

Date: April 24, 2024

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: SouthPointe School

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit for families. This includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more. [Kindergarten | Elk Island Public Schools | EIPS](#)

Additional information about SouthPointe School's kindergarten program is available on the school [website](#).

Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—greyness indicates the presence of water.

PARENT CORNER

Executive function and self-regulation are the skills that children need to learn in order to be successful in many areas. Imagine your brain is like a busy airport and executive function is the air traffic control tower that helps planes take off and land safely. Without executive function, students may struggle with things like decoding words or organizing their ideas when writing. While we're not born with executive function skills, our brains are ready to learn these skills. Some are modeled to us and we pick them up. Others need more explicit instruction and practice. [Check out this article](#) for some great activities that help children from infancy to adolescence develop their executive function skills.



Make the most of your summer with EIPS Summer School

With more than 40 senior high courses, students can earn credits, upgrade marks, lighten their workloads or finish needed prerequisites.

4-WEEK SESSIONS

JULY 2-26

2-WEEK SESSIONS

JULY 2-12 & JULY 15-26

Bev Facey Community High
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Courses include:

- Core Senior High Courses
- CALM
- Physical Education
- Work Experience & RAP
- Land-Based Learning
- Aboriginal Studies
- Workplace Safety
- First Aid

Plus, online complementary courses



Registration opens March 15

eipsnextstep.ca/summer-school

Do more this summer!

EIPS Summer School: Register opens MARCH 15, 2024

July 2-26

Registration for EIPS Summer School is now open. The program, organized through Next Step, offers more than 40 senior high courses. Students can earn credits, upgrade marks, lighten workloads or finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

Open to EIPS students entering grades 10 to 12 next fall, and students in their Grade 12 year.

- English Language Arts 10-1, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Social Studies 10-1, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Mathematics 10-3, 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 20-3, 30-1 and 30-2
- Science 10, 14, 24 and 30
- Biology 20 and 30
- Chemistry 20 and 30
- Physics 20 and 30
- Physical Education 10
- Traditional Land-based Learning 25
- Aboriginal Studies 10, 20, and 30
- Career and Life Management (CALM 20)
- Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety
- Work Experience and RAP

Plus, choose from a variety of complementary courses—offered online.

Learn more about [EIPS Summer School 2024](#)—including 2024 course offerings, registration, important dates and more.

Did you know?

Alberta Reserves are accumulated surplus funds that may be designated to a school, department or priority. The Board of Trustees approves the transfer of funds to and from reserves and has a yearly plan on how those reserves are used—to the benefit of students. EIPS identifies high-demand areas and uses its operating reserves for initiatives like student learning, new curriculum work, consultant support, mental health initiatives, technology upgrades, public-health best practices and other one-time projects. Operating reserves are also used to furnish and equip new schools and classrooms. With its capital reserves, EIPS replaces ageing equipment, purchases technology, modernizes and expands student learning spaces, and funds emergent capital needs.

Learn more:

- [Board Policy 2: Role of Board](#)
- [Administrative Procedure 501: Financial Management](#)



NIGHT OF MUSIC

WEDNESDAY MAY 1
6:00 PM
SOUTHPOINTE GYM

featuring
Junior High Band
Grade 6 Band
Elementary Choir
Hand Chime Ensemble
Recorder Ensemble

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

SouthPointe School is hosting a Night of Music on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 pm. The concert will happen in the Gym. This will be a concert for all students who have been involved in extracurricular music including band, choir, hand chimes, and recorders. Students have been working hard at recesses, lunches, and after school to prepare several musical selections. There is no limit to seating so please come out to support music at SouthPointe. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Yule (maureen.yule@eips.ca)



On another note,,,,,

SouthPointe school sent four groups to the **Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival** this year during the first week of March. All students performed amazingly and should be proud of their hard work and accomplishments!

The Recorder Ensemble was selected to win the Junior Band Award, which they received at the Awards Gala on March 17th. The awards were as follows:

Junior High Band - Distinction

Hand Chime Ensemble - Distinction

Recorder Ensemble - Distinction and Junior Band Award

Elementary Choir - Honours

Ms. Maureen Yule

Music Teacher

SouthPointe School

EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

April Spotlight: enhancing public education through effective engagement

- [Rules of Engagement](#): Using a collaborative approach to improve student achievement and success
- [Driving change](#): Strengthening public education through Board advocacy

RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

A big *THANK YOU* to EIPS Volunteers

National Volunteer Week takes place April 14-20. On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks to all EIPS volunteers. Every time you've contributed, whether it was helping on a class field trip or planning a school event for families to enjoy, you were there at a moment when we needed you. Students needed you, staff needed you, the community needed you—and you answered the call. These are moments that matter and are ones that make a difference in a student's experience at their school.

So, thank you again for being there. Without you, EIPS would not be what it is today, and schools wouldn't be able to do all the wonderful things they do. This National Volunteer Week, I encourage everyone to celebrate the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours put into supporting student growth and achievement at schools across the Division.

Cathy Allen
Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees

BGC, Families First and Restorative Justice along with FCSS have been working hard to create an event that is coming up Monday, April 8th 6:30-8:30pm for caregivers. BGC is graciously hosting the event. This is an opportunity to come together and meet other caregivers and participate in a couple of learning sessions. Childcare and a light supper will be provided.

There will be Four sessions offered with the chance to participate in Two.

Sessions are:

Cyberworld **OR** 4th R

AND

Love Languages **OR** Brain Architecture

To register: [Community Connections Evening](#)

Space and childcare is limited so early registration is encouraged.

Kristi Wahl (She/Her)
Youth and Family Coordinator
Family and Community Support Services
City of Fort Saskatchewan
780-992-6265

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



ART WALK 2024



**June 1, 2024,
11am - 4pm
Legacy Park**

If you are a youth between the ages of 13-24 and are interested in showcasing your art work you should check out YouthFest 2024 and the Art Walk.

To sign up use the QR Code, or if you have questions feel free to reach out to FCSSInfo@fortsask.ca



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