



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

Thank you to those parents that joined us for the Kindergarten Information Night on Wednesday. It was nice to see so many parents and students join us. We are looking forward to your children joining us next year in our ECS classes.

Our Junior High Badminton teams are wrapping up their seasons this week. Both the junior and senior teams were competing in the Elk Island League tournament. We will have updates as to how the students did in next week's edition.

Our elementary relay students are practicing hard for their upcoming relay meet in early May. We also have several elementary students that are practicing their badminton skills as they prepare for an upcoming tournament in mid-May.

We are working on scheduling and class configurations for next year. If you are moving and will not be attending SouthPointe School next year, could you please phone the front office and let us know. The more accurate picture we have of enrollment for next year, will allow us to better calculate how many classes we will need for each grade.

On May 1, our music teacher Ms. Yule, will be show-casing students that have participated in extra curricular music opportunities this year. If you have a child performing, we hope you will join us for an evening of Music.

Carol Brown
Principal



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Apr. 29	
Tuesday, Apr. 30	
Wednesday, May 1	Early Dismissal 1:51pm Night of Music – 6:00pm
Thursday, May 2	
Friday, May 3	PD Day – No School for Students

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COMING UP

Sunday, May 5 [Red Dress Day](#)
Monday, May 6 [Bus Driver Appreciation Day](#)
May 6 – 12 [Mental Health Week](#)
Wednesday, May 8 [Spirit Day – Hats on for Mental Health](#)
Friday, May 10 [Bear Witness Day](#)

We would like to remind parents to not use the staff parking lot for student pick up and drop off. This practice impacts staff as they are trying to park in their assigned stalls or families that need to use the accessible stalls. We do have families that require these stalls to ensure that their needs are being met. Please use the parent loop located at the front of the school or streetside parking located along Allard Way and SouthPointe Boulevard. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Fundraising Association Update

HOT LUNCH

May's Hot Lunch will be from **Canadian Brewhouse**.

Wednesday, May 22 – Grades 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten

Thursday, May 23 – Grades 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten

Friday, May 24 – 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

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!



***** Check out the new Counsellor's Corner on our school's website for upcoming community events and resources:
<https://www.southpointeschool.ca/counsellors-corner>



YEARBOOKS

Order your yearbook today at
ybpay.ca

Scan to order
today!



Order Deadline: April 26, 2024

Yearbook ID Code: 14214924

School Name: SouthPointe School

Yearbook

\$20

- Sturdy softcover with protective coating
- All-colour pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year
- Durable saddle-stitched binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear

Prices include sales tax where applicable. When you pay by check, you authorize us to process the payment as a check transaction, or to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your checking account. A service fee may be charged on returned checks. Post dated checks are not accepted. By completing and submitting this order form, you are agreeing to all of Lifetouch's terms and conditions located at www.lifetouch.ca/terms-conditions and to our privacy policy located at www.lifetouch.ca/privacy.

Contact our Help Center for assistance at lifetouch.com/support-ca.
Select Yearbook Orders for assistance.



Spring Food Drive

Beginning with Earth Day, **Monday, April 22** and continuing through to **Friday, May 3**, Southpointe School will be collecting Food Bank donations. In addition to school days, we are collecting donations during the **Night of Music**, (6:00pm Wednesday, May 1). We will have bins set up at the gym doors. We gratefully accept any toy, non-perishable food, or personal care items you generously donate.

Your generosity is appreciated!

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.

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.

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)

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](#)

THANK YOU! Bus Driver Appreciation Day is May 6

Join us on May 6 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of SouthPointe School **THANK YOU** to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

PRIDE Education Series

To Register: fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops

Queer Inclusivity, Allyship, and Contexts

May 2nd 9:00am - 12:00pm,

West Rivers Edge

Supporting Queer Youth

May 15th 6:00pm - 8:00pm,

West Rivers Edge

Two-Spirit /Indigiqueer

Pasts, Presents, and Futures

May 21st 3:00pm - 4:30pm,

West Rivers Edge

Queer Inclusivity at Work

June 27th 10:30am -11:30am,

West Rivers Edge



To register please go to the following link: [Pride Series](#)

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



Elk Island Public Schools is offering students, families and teachers the opportunity to learn Northern Michif from Elder Mary SkyBlue Morin. Attached is the poster with more information. Everyone is welcome to learn and practice together, no experience necessary. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

Here is the [link to the form](#) for registration.



**Learn from
Elder Mary SkyBlue
Morin**

**Metisse Cultural Knowledge
Holder & Language Carrier as a
fluent Michif Speaker**

**Join us every Thursday April 4th-June
13th**

Online 6 pm-7:30 pm

Registration form:
<https://forms.office.com/r/bkRa8PVjbZ>



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