



# Shark Bites Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



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## Principal's Message

May is shaping up to be a busy month. It was nice to see the rain fall this past week. Our field can be quite muddy at this time of year. Rubber boots, splash pants and extra socks and clothes are all great items for students to have on hand in their lockers to help us navigate this time of year.

A big thank you to Ms. Yule and her students for sharing their talents with us during the Night of Music that occurred on Wednesday evening. It was great to have so many families come out to celebrate their children's extracurricular work, dedication, and talents.

The elementary relay team have been running in preparation for the upcoming relay meet on May 9. Our grade 6 badminton teams have also been practicing for their upcoming tournament on May 14 at Southpointe. All junior high students will be joining Rudolph Hennig and Fort Christian students on May 15, at the track located behind Fort High, to compete in the Fort Saskatchewan Junior High track meet. More information about this event will be sent out through permission click.

PAT exams start for our Grade 9 students on May 13. Students will be writing part A of their English Language Arts exam. This is a regular attendance day for students and regular classes will be occurring after the exam is complete. I would encourage all students in grade 6 and junior high to start reviewing for their final exams and Provincial Achievement Tests. The dates and times for all exams are listed on the school website.

*Carol Brown*

Principal



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, May 6	<a href="#">Mental Health Week</a> Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Tuesday, May 7	
Wednesday, May 8	Hats on for Mental Health – Hat Day
Thursday, May 9	
Friday, May 10	<a href="#">Bear Witness Day</a> Grade 6 Field Trip

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## COMING UP

Thursday, May 16	<a href="#">Moose Hide Campaign Day</a>
Thursday, May 16	School Closure – No school
Friday, May 17	School Closure – No school
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
Wednesday, May 22	Hot Lunch
Wednesday, May 22	SYNC – 12:45pm
Thursday, May 23	Hot Lunch
Thursday, May 23	Grade 2 Field Trip
Friday, May 24	Hot Lunch
Monday, May 27	Kindergarten Field Trip – Schedule A
Wednesday, May 29	<a href="#">Red Shirt Day</a>
Friday, May 31	Kindergarten Field Trip – Schedule B

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 last day to order is Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

**\*\*It has come to our attention that the Grade 4's have a field trip booked on their hot lunch day. If you already ordered, please make sure you cancel BEFORE the cut of MAY 17! Your account will be credited to be used for next year. If you don't cancel before the cut off, unfortunately there won't be anything we can do.**

June hot lunch will be provided by the FASS. This will be a hot dog lunch.



Hot Lunches Online ordering and payment processing for schools  
[spschool.hotlunches.net](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

**\*\*\*NEW FUNDRAISER FOR JUNIOR HIGH ONLY...**



**Help Us**  
**FUNDRAISE FOR**  
**YOUTH**

**CANDY BAGS \$2.00**      **COTTON CANDY \$3.00**

**MAY 8 & 10**  
**LUNCH**

By purchasing candy you are helping YAC raise funds for local youth and purchase:  
**Bus Cards • Gift Cards**

FCSS Family & Community Support Services CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Decorative elements: star, butterfly, camera, megaphone, clipboard, skateboard, heart, rainbow, flower.

## 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](http://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](#)

## **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](https://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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