



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, June 3	
Tuesday, June 4	Grade 7 Exam – ELA Part A
Wednesday, June 5	Grade 8 Exam – ELA Part A Early Dismissal – 1:51pm
Thursday, June 6	Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip
Friday, June 7	Elementary Track & Field Day

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COMING UP

Tuesday, June 11	Grade 6 Immunization
Wednesday, June 12	Hot Dog Lunch – Gr. 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten
Thursday, June 13	Hot Dog Lunch – Gr. 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
Friday, June 14	Hot Dog Lunch – Gr. 7-9 Junior High Awards 12:00 – 1:00pm
Monday, June 17	SYNC 12:45
Friday, June 21	<u>National Indigenous Peoples Day</u>
Monday, June 24	Talent Show Grade 6 Swimming Kindergarten Schedule A Celebration 1:00pm
Tuesday, June 25	Grade 6 Bowling Kindergarten Schedule B Celebration 1:00pm
Wednesday, June 26	Last Day of classes for students

ALL JUNIOR HIGH EXAMS – CHECK SCHEDULE BELOW

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

June's Hot Dog Lunch will be provided by FASS.

Wednesday, June 12 – Grades 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten

Thursday, June 13 – Grades 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten

Friday, June 14 – Grades 7-9



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 spschoolhotlunch@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!

*******EXAM DATES*******

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING EXAM DATES:

- May 13 – Grade 9 PAT – English Language Arts Part A**
- June 4 – Grade 7 Exam – English Language Arts Part A**
- June 5 – Grade 8 Exam – English Language Arts Part A**
- June 12 – Grade 9 PAT – English Language Arts Part B**
- June 13 – Grade 9 PAT – Math Part A**
- June 17 – Grade 7&8 Exam – Math Part A**
- June 18 – Grade 9 PAT – Math Part B**
- June 19 – Grade 7&8 Exam – Science**
- June 19 – Grade 6 PAT – Social Studies**
- June 19 – Grade 9 PAT – Social Studies**
- June 20 – Grades 7&8 Exam – English Language Arts Part B**
- June 20 – Grade 6 PAT – Science**
- June 20 – Grade 9 PAT – Science**
- June 24 – Grade 7&8 Exam – Math Part B**
- June 25 – Grade 7&8 Exam – Social Studies**



ANNUAL TALENT SHOW *****

SouthPointe School will be holding our annual Talent Show on Monday June 24 at 12:30. Students at our school have a wide range of abilities that they have been practicing and perfecting over the years. We would like to showcase their accomplishments! We will be grouping the students into four categories: singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or a variety act (magic, skipping etc). If your child is currently involved in lessons outside of school, we encourage them to participate in our show!

Due to time restraints, we must limit the number of performances. An audition process will take place to review performances, and students must bring everything they need for their audition.

Guidelines:

- Maximum 3-minute performance (no lip-synching!)
- Limit of one audition per student (choose to be solo or in a group!)
- Groups submit ONE form with all names
- Provided equipment: piano, mats for gymnastics, and computer/speaker for backing tracks. Email backing track or link to Ms. Yule (maureen.yule@eips.ca)

We will be posting the order of auditions on the music room door on Friday June 7. Auditions will be held at lunch and lunch recesses (11:13 – 11:53) on the following dates:

Monday June 10	Grade 1 and Grade 4
Tuesday June 11	Grade 2 and Grade 5
Wednesday June 12	Grade 3 and Grade 6
Thursday June 13	Any extras missed

Forms are available from Ms. Yule and should be returned by **Wednesday June 5!** Please note we will not be accepting late forms, finding students of missed auditions, or rearranging performance placements. Thank you in advance for your understanding, cooperation, and continued support!

Ms. Maureen Yule
Music Teacher
SouthPointe School

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2024-25 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 12	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 12	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 14	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 16	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 16	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 21	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 21	6:30 p.m.

EIPS Central Services August 14 2 p.m.
** Special Education session for PALS and Project Unit Funding students only.*

SouthPointe School August 13 5 p.m.
SouthPointe School August 13 6:30 p.m.
*** SouthPointe School locations are for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan.*

SouthPointe School August 22 5 p.m.
** Special Education session for PALS and Project Unit Funding students only.*

A.L. Horton Elementary August 15 5 p.m.
**** The A.L. Horton Elementary location is for students attending schools in Vegreville and the surrounding area. This session is a combined session for regular busing students and Special Education students for PALS and Project Unit Funding students.*

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

*SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan
A.L. Horton Elementary is located at 5037 48 Ave., Vegreville*

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:
eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

REMINDER: 2023-24 school fees

School fees for the 2023-24 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view fees and pay them online using a Mastercard or Visa credit or debit card. Make sure to monitor your child’s account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child’s school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2023-24 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2024.

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review their information the Division has on file to ensure it’s up to date. Using the *Student Information Update* available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review their information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you’re moving this summer, you’ll submit the necessary updates through the Student Information Update after you’ve moved at the start of next school year. The form is open—for current-year updates—until June 14 at noon. It will reopen for families at the start of next school year.

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 still 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.

Student Transportation: 2024-25 registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2024-25 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2024.

For those students who did not indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, contact EIPS' Student Transportation office at 780-417-8151.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation, visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, visit the [EIPS Student Transportation building](#) during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-school days.

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?

EIPS is collectively committed to ensuring all members of the school community are provided with welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments that respect diversity and foster a sense of belonging.

Specifically, the Division believes that all individuals within EIPS have the right to learn in settings that promote equality of opportunity, dignity and respect regardless of race, age, ancestry, place of origin, colour, religious beliefs, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical or mental disability, marital status, family status, socioeconomic status and sexual orientation. Learn more:

- [Board Policy 19: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments](#)
- [Administrative Procedure 170: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments for Staff](#)
- [Administrative Procedure 311: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments for Students](#)

Tools for School

SouthPointe School has once again partnered with the United Way for the [2024-25 Tools for School](#) campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school in August. Drop-off boxes are located at the EIPS Central Services office, many [Staples locations](#) and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region. For more information about Tools for School, contact the school office at 780-998-2747 or call EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

[Tools for School Requests: 2024-25 Family Orders](#)

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](#)

2023-24 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey Results Report

The results are now available for the 2023-24 EIPS Annual Feedback Surveys: For Parents and Caregivers and For Students conducted in March. Thank you to all families and students who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. The surveys included a series of questions related to the three priorities outlined in the [EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26 \(Year 2\)](#).

- Priority 1: Promote growth and success for all students
- Priority 2: Enhance high-quality learning and working environments
- Priority 3: Enhance public education through effective engagement

The overall Division results represent close to 1,900 responses from parents and caregivers and more than 2,000 responses from grades 9 and 12 students across the Division.

The survey results for SouthPointe School have helped us identify the following areas of strength and opportunities for growth.

Areas of strength:

- 91 % of parents believe their child/children are demonstrating growth in literacy.
- 87% % of parents believe their child/children are demonstrating growth in numeracy.
- Parents and students believe their school is safe.

Opportunities for growth:

- SPS needs to continue to strive to encourage students to be responsible, respectful and engaged citizens.
- Student engagement in their learning.
- Improve the quality of education over the next three years.

The feedback gathered in the survey will help our school and the Division measure its progress toward meeting the priorities and goals outlined in the EIPS [Four-Year Education Plan](#) and develop strategies to better serve students and the wider community moving forward.

[Annual Feedback Survey Results: Division](#)

[Parent Survey 2024 Responses: SouthPointe School](#)

[Student Survey 2024 Responses: SouthPointe School](#)

PRIDE WEEK JUNE 3 - 7!!!

SouthPointe will be celebrating Pride Week from June 3rd to June 7th! Each day during the recess breaks, students will have the opportunity to participate in a different activity if they choose.

At SouthPointe, we strive to create a welcoming, caring, and inclusive space for everyone.



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



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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

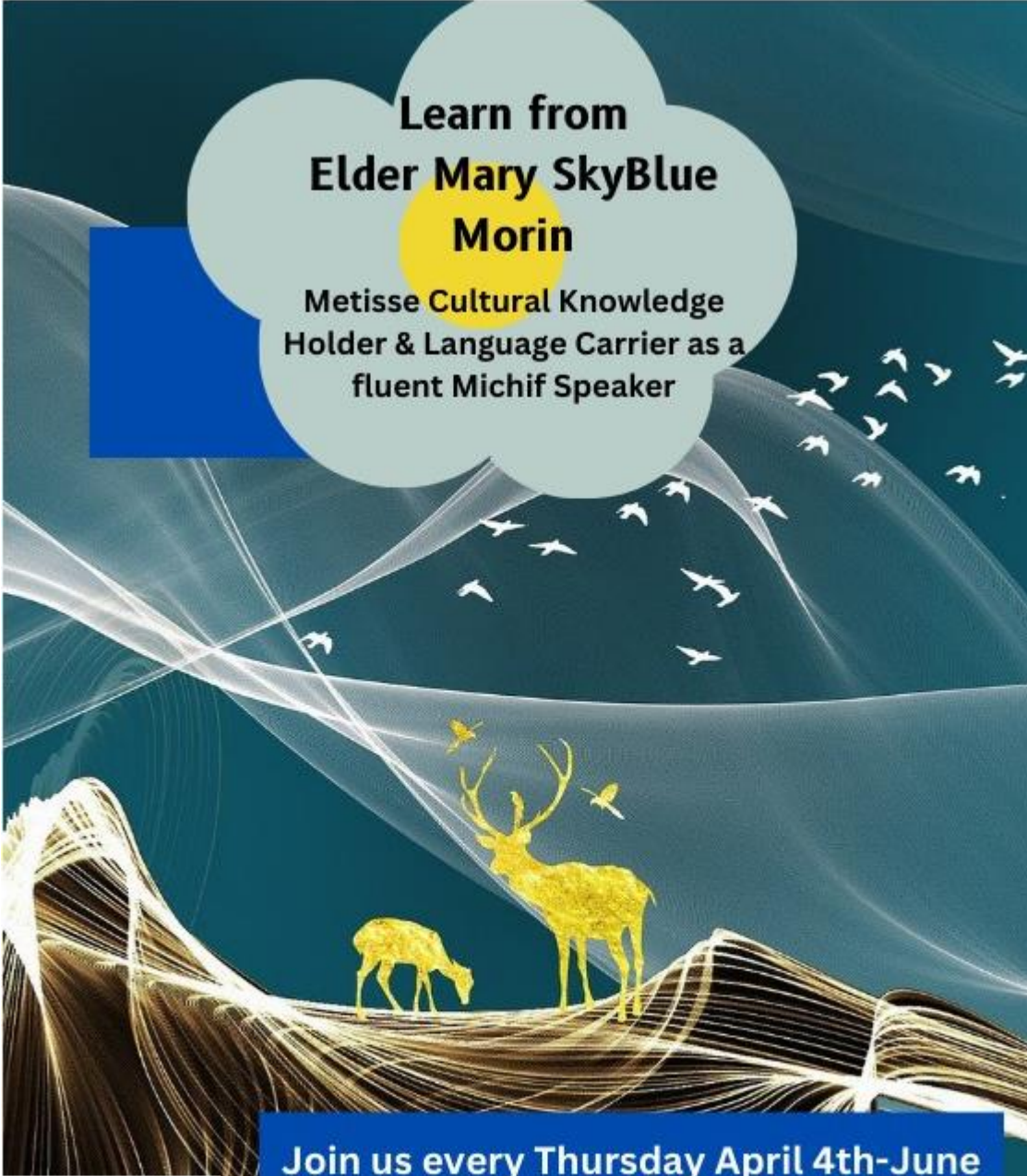
To register for Childcare or
for more info call 780-992-0103

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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