



# Shark Bites Weekly Update

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## Principal's Message

Below is a list of the teaching staff for the 2024-25 school year. We say farewell and best of luck to the following staff: Miss Yuill, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Russell, Ms. Wright, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Boychuk, Mrs. St. Thomas, and Miss Brown.

## SouthPointe Teaching Staff: 2024-25

Class	Staff Name	Room Number
ECS (A & C)	Julie Henderson	Room 131
ECS B	Kasha Salkeld	Room 130
Grade 1	Amanda Sheridan	Room 148
Grade 1	Lisa Jefferis	Room 137
Grade 2	Shelby Foster	Room 135
Grade 2	Rynae Lechelt	Room 132
Grade 2	Shari Olsen (AM) Jill Gulseth (PM)	Room 149
Grade 2/3	Cindy Beasley	Room 193
Grade 3	Joanne Oram	Room 195
Grade 3	Kristy Germaine	Room 194
Grade 4	Karly Melnyk (AM) TBD (PM)	Room 196
Grade 4	Kayla Hartwick	Room 197
Grade 4	Stacey Estey	Room 198
Grade 4/5	Jameson Epp	Room 200
Grade 5	Posh Das	Room 202

Grade 5	Carole Bossert	Room 189
Grade 6	Chandra Henry	Room 190
Grade 6	Barb Percy	Room 191
Grade 6	Rick Henderson	Room 192
Music	Maureen Yule	Room 145

### **Junior High**

Staff Name	Room Number
Trish McKee	Room 159 & Foods Lab
Mel Lichak	Room 165 & Foods Lab
Kaylee Connors	Room 164
Cory Kokotailo	Room 161
Chris Sudyk	Science Lab
Cora Dallyn	Room 188 (sharing with Mrs. Nelson)
Cindy Louma	Room 187
Tyler Nyznyk	Gym & Construction Lab
Lindsey Arnason	School Counsellor
Laurie Caines	Principal
Danielle Nelson	AP & Teaching - Gr 9 Social (Room 188)
Ben Giesbrecht	AP & Teaching - Gr 6 (3 blocks), FNMI (3 blocks), Gr 7 Health (2 blocks)

We welcome back the following classified staff: Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Grieve, Mrs. Gauchier, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Zielinski, Mrs. Pitters, Mrs. Wishloff, Mrs. Dykstra, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Hammel and Mrs. Hamilton.

We will be hosting our Meet the Staff night on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30. Please save the date. More details will be shared with you prior to school opening. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer.

*Carol Brown*  
Principal

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**COMING UP**

Wednesday, Aug. 28	Meet the Teacher – 4:30-6:30pm
Thursday, Aug. 29	First Day of Classes for Grades 1-9 Staggered Entry for Kindergarten Schedule B
Friday, Aug. 30	Staggered Entry for Kindergarten Schedule A
Monday, Sept. 2	Labour Day – Stat Holiday No school

**Fundraising Association Update**

**2024-25 Hot Lunch dates are on our School Calendar.**



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 [spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto: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](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

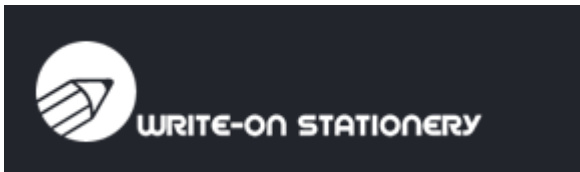
### FLIPGIVE

- 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!

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Once again, SouthPointe School is using Write-On Stationery to provide parents with the opportunity to order school supplies in a quick and convenient manner, that is specific to SouthPointe School and the child's grade.

All orders can be placed online from now until August 1, 2024, and packages will be delivered right to your home! (We do not provide pick up at the school).

It is not a requirement that you order through Write-On Stationery, and SouthPointe is unable to collect payment. All orders must be placed online and here is the link for your convenience

[www.write-on.ca](http://www.write-on.ca)

School Supply Lists are now on our website, under the Parents Tab.

## 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](https://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](https://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](http://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](http://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.

### **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](#)

## **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.

**June Spotlight:** [EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26 \(Year 3\)](#), which details the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes over a four-year period.

- Priority 1: To promote the growth and success of all students.
- Priority 2: To enhance high-quality learning and working environments.
- Priority 3: To enhance public education through effective engagement.

The plan also outlines the performance measures and strategies the Division will use to meet each priority, goal and outcome in the 2024-25 school year.

## **RELATED INFORMATION**

[EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23](#)

[EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23: Overview](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2025-28](#)