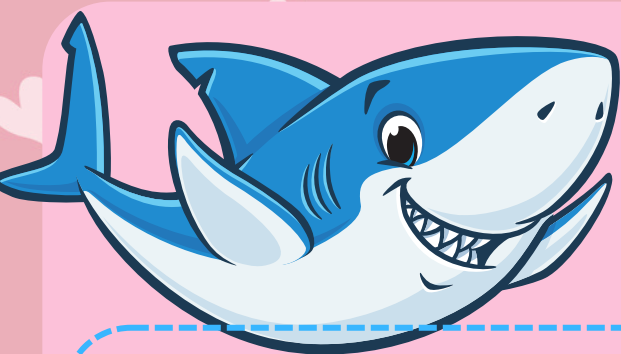


Shark Bites

NEWSLETTER



SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

Thank you to all who attended our Family Valentine's Day Dance on February 14th! We had a fantastic turnout, and it was a great time for everyone—staff included! The smiles on the faces of students, parents, and staff were a testament to what a fun and memorable night it was. A special thanks to our School Council and Fundraising Association for organizing the event, securing silent auction items, and running the concession.

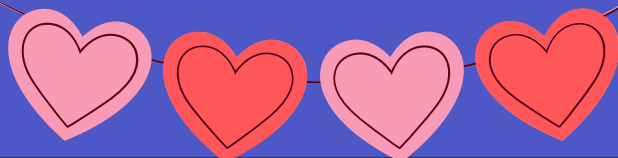
We're also thrilled with the success of our students in the Read-A-Thon fundraiser for Chromebooks to date. Their enthusiasm is helping us reach our goal, and we couldn't be more proud! I'd encourage you if you haven't done so yet to sign your child(ren) up for the Read-A-Thon as this fundraiser is really motivating our students to read and helping us get closer to our goal of purchasing 40 more Chromebooks for our students! This week's School Council & FASS meeting was a great time with parents planning for the next few months and starting to discuss next year. We appreciate the valuable input from our parent community.

Returning student registration closes on Monday, February 24th. A final reminder will be sent out by our central team at 9:00AM on Monday morning. If you have not yet completed the permission click form, please take a few moments to do so.

A reminder that **Pink Shirt Day** is on February 26. Let's all wear **PINK** to show our commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support! Laurie Caines, Principal

NEXT WEEK



Monday (24)	Jr Boys Basketball Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM Jr Girls Basketball Practice @ 4:15-5:30PM Returning Student Registration Closes
Tuesday (25)	Choir @ Lunch Recess Jr High Band @ 3:00-4:00PM Jr Girls Basketball Game @ 4:00PM @ HR Jr Boys Basketball Game @ 5:15PM @ HR Sr Girls Basketball Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM Sr Boys Basketball Practice @ 4:15-5:30PM
Wednesday (26)	Pink Shirt Day Recorder Club @ First Recess Hot Lunch for Gr 1-3 & M/W Kindergarten Jr Girls Basketball Game @ 4:00PM @ SPS vs FSC Jr Boys Basketball Game @ 5:15PM @ SPS vs FSC
Thursday (27) <small>Gr 4-6 Ski Trip!</small>	Gr 6 Hand Chimes @ Lunch Recess Sr Girls Basketball Game @ 4:00PM @ SPS vs NHZ Sr Boys Basketball Game @ 5:15PM @ SPS vs NHZ No Hot Lunch
Friday (28)	Hot Lunch for Gr 7-9 Sr Boys Shark Attack Tournament @ SPS

FEBRUARY

Coming Up this Month

February 24	Returning Student Registration Closes
February 26	Pink Shirt Day
February 26	Hot Lunch for Gr 1-3 and Mon/Wed Kindergarten
February 27	Gr 4-6 Ski Trip
February 27	No Hot Lunch Due to Ski Trip
February 28	Hot Lunch for Gr 7-9
March 3-8	Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival
March 4	Pancake Breakfast for All School
March 4	Jr High Band, Hand Chimes & Recorder Club Performing @ Library
March 5	Early Dismissal
March 6	Choir Performing @ Dow/Shell Theatre
March 6	Deadline to Order March Hot Lunch
March 7	No School (Professional Learning Day)
March 12	Hot Lunch for Gr 1-3 and Mon/Wed Kindergarten
March 12	School Council Meeting @ 4:00PM
March 13	Hot Lunch for Gr 4-6 and Tues/Thur Kindergarten

School Start & End Times

8:10AM - School Begins

11:08AM to 11:48AM - Lunch

2:46PM - School Dismissed

(1:46PM - School Dismissed on Early Dismissal Days)

EIPS Summer School

Registration opens March 17

Mark your calendars! Registration for EIPS Summer School opens March 17. For more information, see the Summer School page on Next Step's website.

Note:

Grades 4-6 & T/TH Kinder Hot Lunch has been cancelled due to the Gr 4-6 Ski Trip. All orders will be credited back to your account.

February Hot Lunch

☀️ Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed K	26 Feb
☀️ Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thur K	CANCELLED
☀️ Grades 7-9	28 Feb

To order next month's hot lunch, go to <https://spschool.hotlunches.net/admin/>

SHARKS ATHLETICS

Monday (17)

Jr Boys Basketball Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM
Jr Girls Basketball Practice @ 4:15-5:30PM

Tuesday (18)

Jr Girls Basketball Game @ 4:00PM @ HR
Jr Boys Basketball Game @ 5:15PM @ HR
Sr Girls Basketball Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM
Sr Boys Basketball Practice @ 4:15-5:30PM

Wednesday (19)

Jr Girls Basketball Game @ 4:00PM @ SPS vs FSC
Jr Boys Basketball Game @ 5:15PM @ SPS vs FSC

THURSDAY (20)

Sr Girls Basketball Game @ 4:00PM @ SPS vs NHZ
Sr Boys Basketball Game @ 5:15PM @ SPS vs NHZ

FRIDAY (21)

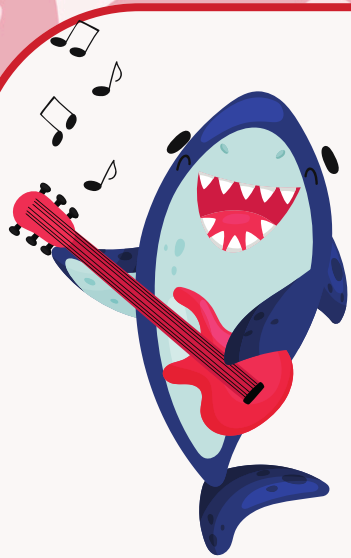
Sr Boys Shark Attack Tournament @ SPS

Go Sharks!

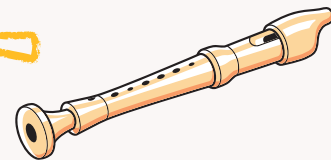


DID YOU KNOW?

The next municipal election is on Oct. 20, 2025—an important component of this is the election of school trustees. Trustees are elected representatives who are knowledgeable about the communities they serve, and are accountable to students, families, staff and community members of a school division. Once sworn in, these individuals work diligently to promote and advocate for a strong public education system. [Learn more](#)



MUSIC



Gr 4-6 Recorder Club on Mondays & Wednesdays at First Recess

Gr 4-6 Choir on Tuesdays at Lunch Recess

Gr. 6 Hand Chime Club on Thursdays at Lunch Recess

Jr High Band on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00PM

We are excited for our students to perform at the Fort Saskatchewan's Music Festival next month!

Our Jr High Band, Hand Chimes & Recorder Club will be performing on March 4th in our Library and our Choir will be performing on March 6th at the Dow/Shell Theatre.

You're Invited!

SouthPointe music is getting prepared for their performances at the Festival again this year! There are two dates to note and more information will be provided by email in the coming days for students and families participating.

March 4

Instrumental Performances by Jr High Band, Hand Chimes & Recorder Club

Time: 9am-11am

Location: SouthPointe Library

March 6

Choir Performance by SouthPointe School Choir

Time: 9am-11am

Location: Shell Theatre at the Dow

GRADE 6 BAND

The Grade 6 music classes have been hard at work learning new instruments since January. These instruments include flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, and tuba. **Starting on Monday, March 10**, an after-school group will start up for any students wanting to participate in the **Spring Night of Music** on their band instrument. Grade 6 families should watch their emails for more information soon. Practices will be as follows:

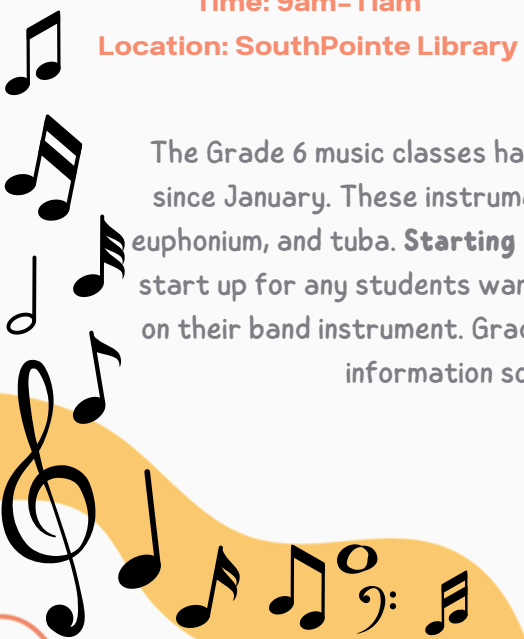
Monday, March 10 from 3:00-3:45

Monday, March 17 from 3:00-3:45

Monday, March 31 from 3:00-3:45

Monday, April 7 from 3:00-3:45

Monday, April 14 from 3:00-3:45



Counsellor's Corner...

February is Black History Month

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Experience A Taste of Africa & Caribbean!



FEBRUARY, 22 2025
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Dow Centennial Centre- Lion Mane Room

FREE ENTRY | FOOD TASTINGS | MUSIC | ART

**BOOK LAUNCH BY LOCAL AUTHOR
AJIBOLA ABITOYE**

TO LEARN MORE: FORTBLACKCOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM

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"I AM HERE"

**ART COMPETITION & CELEBRATION
OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Are you a youth age 12-18 and would like to participate in an Art Competition in celebration of **Black History Month**?



Submission Deadline:

FEBRUARY, 22 2025

THEME:

**THE POWER OF US: BUILDING BRIDGES
THROUGH ART**

Exhibit Location:

**Dow Centennial Centre
Lion's Mane - 3:30-5:30pm**

PRIZES TO BE WON

For Submission Details and More Information:
FORTBLACKCOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM



Thank you to Noel for visiting our school and sharing your gift of drumming & story telling with our staff and students.



Events Around the Community:

**African Drumming @ Calypso Singing Workshop –
February 23 @ West River's Edge @ 5:30PM to 7:30PM**

What's Happening

AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

Welcome to Miss Davidson who has joined our staff as an ECA working in Grade 2.



Mrs. McKee's Grade 8 Leadership class and 2F worked together to create posters for Random Acts of Kindness Week! We love when our classes work together!



SouthPointe Families we need your help...

Here are a few simple ways we can all keep our library books in great shape:

- Handle books gently (no dog-ears or bending please!)
- Keep books away from water & food to prevent any damage
- Store them safely when not in use
- Bring them back on time for others to enjoy

If a book gets damaged, no worries—just let us know!

Thanks so much for your help in keeping our library awesome!

Warmly, Ms. Gauchier

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

Grades 4-6 Ski Trip!

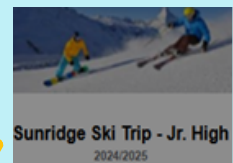
This THURSDAY!

February 27th
@ Sunridge

Sunridge Ski Trip Grades 4-6	Total cost
Lift ticket, lesson, rentals and bus	\$52.00
Lift Ticket, lesson, bus (own equipment and helmet)	\$39.00
Season Passholder - discounted lift ticket, lesson, rentals and bus	\$42.00
Season Passholder - discounted lift ticket, lesson and bus (own equipment and helmet)	\$29.00

If your Grade 4-6 student would like to participate on the Ski Trip, please do the following:

- Fill out the Grade 4-6 Sunridge Ski Trip Permission Form
- Log on to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and click on this icon:
- Add it to your cart and enter your payment method
- Don't forget to press SUBMIT



**Deadline to Submit Payment & Permission Form
is February 25**

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

Grades 7-9 Ski Trip RESCHEDULED!

**March 17th
@ Sunridge**

**Check your email
for the new
permission click
form!**



Many of SouthPointe's classes partner with the Paper Bag Fairies by providing beautiful, handmade cards for seniors in Fort Saskatchewan. We participated at Christmas time and just sent off a basket full of cards for Valentine's Day. We are looking forward to making more for them at Easter time!

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

We're excited to share that United Way is offering the opportunity to participate in the 'Blessing Bags' initiative at SouthPointe School once again this year! Let's join forces to make this initiative a success and showcase the generosity and caring spirit of our school and community.

The Grade 6 Community Building Club and class 5B are collecting the following items:

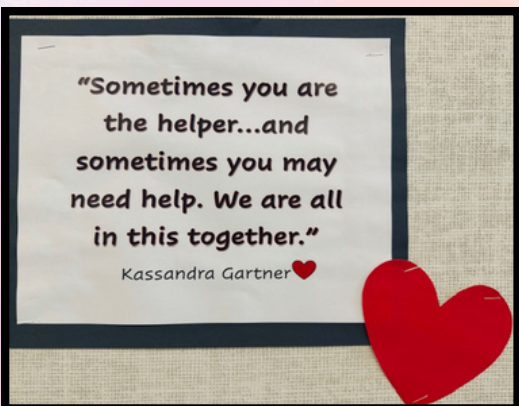
**Granola Bars - Lip Balm - Shampoo - Conditioner - Toothpaste - Toothbrushes
Candy - Gum - Socks - Small First Aid Kits**

Your contributions will make a real difference, and together, we can spread kindness and support those in need. Thank you for your support!

Grade 6 Community Building Club & Class 5B



**In Need Of:
Granola Bars
Lip Balm
Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Candy
Gum
Socks
Small First Aid Kits**



What's Happening

AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

FASS/School Council Info

Family Valentine's Day Dance Highlights



In addition to the money raised from the silent auction, we collected 145 lbs of food for the Fort Sask Food Bank!



Well done SouthPointe families! Thank you for your generosity!

Family Valentine's Dance THANK YOU!

Cameron Dental (Jason Cameron) - HQ Salon and Spa - Cineplex - Goodlife Fitness - Fort Sask Golf & Curling Club - Safeway - Cornerstone Dental Centre - Crochet By Sam - On Par Golf & Lounge - Fort Cinema - Starbucks - Dairy Queen - Dow Centennial Centre & Harbour Pool - Windsor Plywood - The Fort Distillery - Freson Bros - Home Hardware - Home Depot - Heartland Fort Vet Hospital - Southfort Vet Clinic - Boston Pizza - The Mayor and Councillors - FYI Doctors - Southfort Dental Centre - Ross Creek Dental - LUXE Medical Spa and Laser - 10 Downing Street Restaurant and Bar - Fort Sask Vet Clinic - Cobs Bread - Co-op - Sunridge - Fountain Tire - Jiffy Lube - Stone Heron Gallery (donated by Pat Sanford) - Sherwood Bowl - Launch Pad - Fort Sask Pottery Guide - The Canadian Brewhouse - Gimmies - Crosswinds Driving Range - Amazone Playzone - Vertically Inclined - Creative Chaos By Kailee - Rustic Designs (Donated By Jennifer Laferdy) - The Facialist Inc.



A huge SHOUTOUT to the businesses above for donating to the silent auction for the dance!



What's Happening

AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

FASS/School Council Info

Pancake Tuesday



March 4th is Pancake Tuesday!

Our amazing School Council will be serving all 745 students a pancake that morning. They are looking for parent volunteers on March 3rd and 4th to help with cooking and serving.

If you are available either days, please email Tasha at southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

yummm!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

MARCH

Stay tuned for our upcoming Purdys Fundraiser coming in March! Orders will be due by March 30, with the order being submitted on March 31 for pickup locally on April 16.

A flyer will be sent home during the week of March 3 to provide further details.

The FASS is planning a BOTTLE DRIVE for later in April. Start saving your bottles, and we'll provide more details as the date approaches.

These fundraisers will help support the purchase of 40 Chromebooks and a charging cart for our students, which will greatly enhance their learning experience.

APRIL

FASS/School Council Info

Please
register
your student
HERE

The more students we
have registered, the
more money we can
fundraise as reading
at school counts too!



We have
seen great
success so
far and we
still have
**ONE WEEK
LEFT!**

Our Read-A-Thon has been such an inspiring success so far, and we want to keep the momentum going! This exciting event helps raise funds for 40 new Chromebooks and a charging cart, bringing more tech and opportunities to our students.

Don't forget – register your child today so every minute they read, whether at school or home, counts! And remember, reading together as a family is a great way to inspire your child and make this event even more memorable! Let's keep reading and supporting our school

Mark your calendars! Our next School Council Meeting is March 12 at 4:00PM in the Large Flex Space.

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch is OPEN for March!

**No Hot Lunch
on Feb. 27!
(due to ski trip)**
All orders will be credited back to your
account

To order hot lunches, we use the spschool.hotlunches.net website.

Deadline to order for MARCH is coming up quick, Mar. 6th at NOON.

Failure to pay for the order by the deadline will result in the order being cancelled.

If your child is sick on the day of their hot lunch, please call the office **before 10:30AM** and let them know. No refunds will be given if a student is absent on the day of their hot lunch.

Once the deadline has passed orders cannot be changed or cancelled.

Should you have any comments, suggestions, or questions you can reach out via email at spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com.

REMINDER:
Please still send
**SNACKS on Hot
Lunch Day**

Hot Lunch Volunteer Opportunity:

We're looking for volunteers to assist with our hot lunch program! As a thank-you, each volunteer will receive a \$5 discount on one child's hot lunch account for their help.

If you are able to volunteer, please email spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com.

News from EIPS

Complete your Returning Student Registration: February 10-24 Elk Island Public Schools'

EIPS returning student registration process is now open. All current students, except Grade 12, must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their enrolment in a school and program for the upcoming 2025-26 school year. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school or program need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. All current EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 24, 2025.

To complete your child's returning student registration, refer to the Returning Student Registration Form email you received from Elk Island Public Schools through Permission Click on February 10. Families will receive one email for each student. No log in is required to complete the form.

For more information, contact the school directly.

RELATED INFORMATION:

[Returning Student Registration Process](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[EIPS School Boundary Maps](#)

[Closed Boundaries 2025-26](#)

[Find My Designated School](#)

[Applying to a Non-Designated School](#)



Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2025? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

New for the 2025-26 school year, EIPS is piloting three full-day, every-day kindergarten programs. If interested, families can register their children for these programs until February 28. [Learn more](#)

Additional information regarding SouthPointe's kindergarten program is available at <https://www.southpointeschool.ca/>



News from EIPS



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.

Bev Facey Community High
99 Colwill Blvd, Sherwood Park

4-WEEK SESSIONS

JULY 7-31 8:30 AM to 1 PM

2-WEEK SESSIONS

JULY 7-18 8:30 AM to 1 PM

JULY 15-26 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Courses include:

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

Plus, online options for English and Social Studies, as well as other complementary courses



Registration opens March 17
eipsnextstep.ca/summer-school

Community Resources

February 2025

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3</p> <p>Hours 11-7 pm Appointment Based</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Hours 3-7 pm Appointment Based</p>	<p>5</p> <p>PJs, Milkshakes, & Movies Night Drop-in Counselling 3-6pm Drop-in Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists by appointment</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Making Dreamcatchers with Creating Hope Society Youth Outreach Worker 2-7:45pm Psychologists by appointment</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Drop-in Counselling 3-6pm Drop-in Tutoring 3:30-4:30pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Hours 3-7 pm Appointment Based</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Self-care & Valentines Day Crafts with Mitch 5:30-7:30pm Drop-in Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists by appointment</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons 5-7:45pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-7:45pm Psychologists by appointment</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Happy Family Day!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hours 3-7 pm Appointment Based</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Making Shrinky Dinks February Birthdays Night Drop-in Counselling 3-6pm Drop-in Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists by appointment</p>	<p>20</p> <p>DIY Language Bookmark (International Mother Language Day) Youth Outreach Worker 2-7:45pm Psychologists by appointment</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Kickstand Qualitative Analysis Project: Youth Session 1-2:30pm Drop-in Counselling 3-6pm Drop-in Tutoring 3:30-4:30pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Kickstand Qualitative Analysis Project: Caregiver Session 5:30-7pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Bingo night Drop-in Nurse Clinic 2-6 pm Psychologists by appointment</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons 5-7:45pm Youth Advisory Meeting @7pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-7:45pm Psychologists by appointment</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Rainbow Alliance 6-8 pm</p>

Free Drop-in Activities, Mental and Physical Health Services for Youth Ages 11-25

Hours of Operation
 Wednesday: Drop-in 2-7:45pm
 Thursday: Drop-in 2-7:45

Contact us
 Phone: 780-589-0224
 Email: info@thebridgewhy.com

The Bridge - Kickstand Fort Saskatchewan is having an event!

Join us to Enhance Youth Mental Health Services in Alberta

You need to :

- be a youth aged 11-25
- have used Kickstand in Fort Saskatchewan in the last 12 months

Why?

We want to hear your experiences and insights on the Kickstand hubs. You will discuss your experiences in a group with other youth. The group discussion will be guided by adults who are bringing their questions. The adults attending will be researchers from the University of Calgary.

Join us on: Monday, February 24th, 1-2:30 pm
 At: The Bridge - Kickstand Fort Saskatchewan suite #2 10307 100 Ave

If you come and participate on February 24 at 1-2:30pm you will get a gift card for \$25/hour redeemable at various vendors. There will be physical gift cards given for prizes on the day.

Let us know you are coming or if you have any questions by emailing: KickstandEval@ucalgary.ca



Are you a parent or caregiver to a youth who has used Kickstand in Fort Saskatchewan in the last 12 months?

We are inviting you to join us to Enhance Youth Mental Health Services in Alberta

Why?

We want to hear your experiences and insights on the Kickstand hubs. You will discuss your experiences in a group with other parents or caregivers of youth. The group discussion will be guided by researchers from the University of Calgary who hope to use that information to enhance mental health services in Alberta.



Join us on: Tuesday, February 25th, 5:30-7 pm
 At: Kickstand Fort Saskatchewan
 Suite #2, 10307 100 AVE, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

To show you that we appreciate your time and input you will receive a gift card at the rate of \$25/hour redeemable at various vendors. Please indicate a gift card preference when sending the RSVP.

RSVP for the event by emailing: KickstandEval@ucalgary.ca



Drop-In Group Tutoring

Mondays 3:30PM - 4:30PM
 In-person at the Bridge -
 Kickstand Fort Saskatchewan

Free tutoring!
 It's never too late to ask for help!



Personalized Learning

- Available for all youth grades 5-12
- Experienced & qualified tutor who has experience working with students with learning differences

Location: 10307 100 Ave
 Suite #2, Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 1Y9



For More Information
780-589-0224
support@thebridgewhy.com