



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 15 No Uni for a \$2:
Your Choice (Wear
"Regular" Clothes)
- Sept. 18 First Full day for Ks
- Sept. 21 Meet the Teacher
Evening (5:00-6:30pm)
- Sept. 22 Terry Fox Run:
Toonie for Terry
- Sept. 22 Hot Lunch (Cold Treat):
Dairy Queen Blizzards
- Sept. 27 School Photo Day
- Sept. 28 Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 29 PRO-D #1 (No School)
- Sept. 30 National Day for Truth
& Reconciliation
- Oct. 2 Day in Lieu for the 30th
(No School)

COMMUNICATION

Communication & connection with our community is important and we want to be able to share & celebrate with you regularly. Please be sure to check out the info shared via the following platforms:

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Email blasts and automated phone calls from the school and the District.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Your go to! Find us. Bookmark us. Check back regularly.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow us on Instagram.
[@southpoplarelem](https://www.instagram.com/southpoplarelem)

SOME OF THIS THINGS THAT YOU WILL FIND ON OUR WEBSITE ...



BELL TIMES

[Click Here](#)

8:30 Drop-Off
2:26 Pick-Up



SCHOOL CALENDAR

[Click Here](#)

Will be updated weekly with school-wide events.



NEWSLETTERS

[Click Here](#)

Find a PDF version of all newsletters.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES



- ☛ Upper lot is for QUICK drop-offs & pick-up (ie. parents stay in the vehicle)
- ☛ For parents that want to get out of their vehicle there is ample parking:
 - 1) Gladwin Road – the lower parking lot
 - 2) Gladwin Road – parking spots along the fence.

[Click here](#) to access our website for maps & more info.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION (8:20-8:30 & 2:26-2:36)

Teachers are on supervision for 10 minutes before the morning bell, and for 10 minutes after the dismissal bell. It is our hope that all students arrive and depart from school within those times.

Should students be dropped off prior to 8:20am, please note that they are not supervised and they do not have access to the school (including the washrooms & phone) until 8:20am.

Any students not picked up by 2:36pm will wait at the main office.

CONTACT INFORMATION (VERIFICATION FORMS)

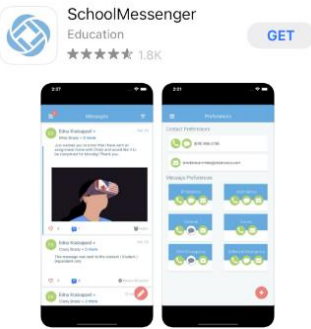


Verification forms will be coming your way next week. Please carefully read it over to ensure that we have the most up-to-date/accurate info for your child and your family.

Forms are due back to the school by Friday, September 22nd.

NOTE: The District's "School Messenger" communication system relies on current phone numbers and email addresses to connect with parents in emergency situations (ie. school closures).

ABSENCES, LATES & EARLY PICK-UPS



Please use the "SchoolMessenger" app to access the "SafeArrival" management system. This is a super easy way to let us know that your child(ren) will be late or absent.

[Click here](#) for more info about "SafeArrival".

Or, if you prefer, you can phone the office (604-853-1845). We have an answering machine on at all times for your convenience.



Any students that arrives after the morning bell (8:35) **MUST** report to the office.

If you will be picking your child up early, please let the classroom teacher know beforehand so she can help properly prepare your child for early pick-up.

Any students that are leaving early **MUST** be picked-up & signed-out at the office.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Please be sure to register for School Cash Online. All of your child's school fees will be posted to his/her account number. School Cash Online makes it easy for you to pay (using Visa, MasterCard, or debit) in just a few simple clicks.



Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is SchoolCash Online?
SchoolCash Online is an easy-to-use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
Learn more.

Register

Sign In

Watch for planner charges (Gr. 1-5), emergency kit charges (K-5), and Kindergarten supply charges to show up on student accounts throughout September.

[Click here](#) for more info about School Cash Online.

#DEAR TERRY

YOU RAN FOR US. NOW WE RUN WITH YOU.

Terry Fox Run | terryfox.org
TERRY FOX RUN/WALK @ SOUTH POPLAR
SEPTEMBER 22ND @ 1:50pm

On Friday, September 22nd, all South Poplar students will be participating in our very own Terry Fox run, happening right here at the school. Students will be:

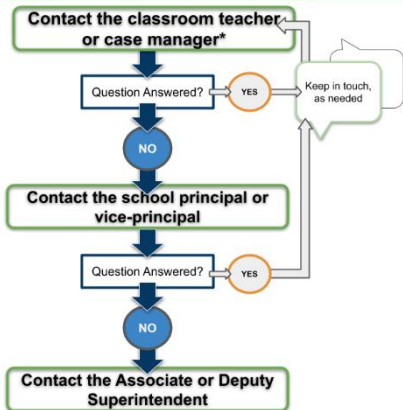
- 👟 learning about Terry – his battle, his journey & his legacy
- 👟 raising money (please send a "Toonie for Terry")
- 👟 running/walking "across Canada" (laps around our school yard)

All parents are invited to come & join their kid(s) on our "Run/Walk Across Canada". Please meet your child at his/her outside line-up area (where you pick-up & drop-off) @ 1:50pm.

NOTE: We do need some parent volunteers to help at the event. If you are interested and available, please call or email Mrs. Smith.



Suggestions, questions, or concerns about your child?



* Case Manager: The teacher who coordinates a student's educational programming. They work with parents and others involved, ensure adaptations are used, write the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and monitor student progress.

PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING SUGGESTIONS, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Should a question or concern arise, we ask that parents follow the process outlined below.

1. Contact the teacher involved and make arrangements for a meeting.
 - Consider writing down your concerns/questions to ensure they get covered in the meeting.
 - Most times, this opportunity to connect will lead to a resolution.
2. If you still have concerns, contact the principal.
 - Keep your original notes, plus any additional notes from your meeting with the teacher.
3. If the matter is still not resolved, contact Assistant Superintendent Mr. Jay Pankratz at the school board office (604-859-4891).

PAC

Our PAC plays a significant role in making South Poplar a fun & exciting place to be. They work hard to fundraise towards important school projects/initiatives.

We have an amazing PAC and we would love for you to join in on the exciting and important things that they have planned.



[Click here to learn more about South Pop's PAC.](#)

HOT LUNCH 2023/24

If you are interested in participating in our hot lunch program this year, please register for an account at <https://southpop.hotlunches.net>.

NOTE: If you had an account prior to this year it has been deleted and you must re-register this year.

[Click here](#) for more info on registering for hot lunches.

HOT LUNCH DATE	MAIN ENTRÉE	ORDER DEADLINE (9am on each CUT-OFF DATE)
Sept. 22 nd	Dairy Queen Blizzards <i>*NOTE: This is not a lunch, it is a special cold ice cream treat.**</i>	Sept. 15 th
Sept. 28 th	Popcorn	Sept. 26 th
Oct. 13 th	Papa John's Pizza	Oct. 6 th
Oct. 17 th	Popcorn	Oct. 13 th
Nov. 3 rd	Hotdogs	Oct. 27 th
Nov. 17 th	White Spot	Nov. 10 th
Nov. 28 th	Popcorn	Nov. 24 th
Dec. 8 th	McDonald's Pancakes	Dec. 1 st
Dec. 12 th	Popcorn	Dec. 8 th

BC FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM

This year, South Poplar, will join with thousands of schools across the province, to participate in the BC Fruit & Veggie Program.

BC students deserve to eat the best, and that's BC grown fruits and vegetables. The BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program (BCSFVNP) grew out of an idea formed in 2004 to bring BC grown fruits and vegetables into the classroom.



Watch a [video with info here](#) or read on ...

The BC ministries of Agriculture, Education, and Health selected the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation (BCAIFC) to implement a pilot program. As a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing BC's agriculture to students, we were a natural choice. Already working closely with schools, producers, suppliers, and distributors, we were proud supporters of BC farmers and BC grown produce.

What a long way we've come! The BCSFVNP has grown from an initial launch of 10 schools to over 1,400 K-12 public schools and K-12 First Nations schools that are participating in the program for the 2022/2023 school year. With the help of our over 4,000 volunteers and incredible agricultural partners, we now provide fresh fruits and vegetables 12 times in the school year to over 530,000 students. Many of those students are trying new foods for the first time and finding out how great they taste. They are also making connections to where their food comes from and learning that eating BC grown produce supports local farmers and the economies of rural regions — building blocks toward a lifetime of healthy and sustainable eating.

If you are interested in helping distribute our fruits, veggies & milk (for some or all of the 12 Monday afternoons throught the year), please contact Mrs. Smith.

CHANGE TO KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY SCHEDULE

****The first full day is now Monday, September 18th (8:30am – 2:26pm).****

Today, it was announced that there has been a change to our District's gradual entry calendar, which means that we will now be welcoming all of our kindergarten students to full-day K on the 18th.

We are absolutely thrilled to have the newest & youngest members of our South Pop family here with us all day, starting Monday, Septmeber 18th.

We understand that this change may require some adjustments to family schedules, and for that, the Abbtosford School District has extended sincere apologies.

We also want to say a big thank you to our kindergarten teachers, students & families as they partner together to flex their plans and partner together for an amazing start to our kindergarteneres education journey.