



OCTOBER 6, 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- Oct. 11 Fire Drill
- Oct. 11 Gr. 4&5 Soccer Game
- Oct. 13 No Uni for a Toonie: Mad About Plaid
- Oct. 13 Hot Lunch: Papa John's
- Oct. 16 BC Fruit & Veg: Carrots
- Oct. 17 Popcorn Day
- Oct. 17 Gr. 4&5 Soccer Game
- Oct. 17 PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- Oct. 18 Early Dismissal (11:56am) & 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 20 Pro-D Day (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.



### INTRODUCING OUR \*NEW\* WILDCAT LOGO & A VERY EXCITING WILDCAT INITIATIVE

On Wednesday, we hosted our first Wildcat Assembly, which is one part of our new Wildcat Wednesday initiative. Wildcat Wednesdays are all about our whole school celebrating & learning together.

- **Celebrating what?** The things that make South Poplar Wildcat's amazing, the people in our school community, the things that we are doing
- **Learning what?** More about the behaviours and character traits that make South Poplar Wildcat's incredible.

On the first Wednesday of each month, all of the South Poplar Wildcat's will celebrate & learn together by joining together for an assembly @ 1:45pm. (Parents are welcome to attend.)

At October's assembly we ...

- \* **CELEBRATED** our students with September & October birthdays, our fabulous class photo sneak peek, and our brand-new Wildcat logo (shown here). **NOTE: This DOES NOT replace the crest on our uniforms.**
- \* **LEARNED** about being THANKFUL (GRATEFUL). Introduced our "**Wildcat Wall of Gratitude**" (an interactive bulletin board on display near the school office until October 20<sup>th</sup>)

Stay tuned for more exciting Wildcat Wednesday information to come!





## TWO MORE FOUR DAY WEEKS AHEAD!

Please make sure that you have marked your calendars that there is no school for students on the following dates:

- **Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** → Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
- **Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** → Pro-D Day #2 (No School for students)

Please also note that we will have two early dismissal days in October to allow time for Parent-Teacher conferences. More info to come, but for now, please note the following dismissal times:

NO LUNCH REQUIRED THESE DAYS.  
JUST PACK MORNING SNACK.

- **Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** → Students dismissed @11:56pm
- **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** → Students dismissed @ 11:56pm



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES & EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS: OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

As outlined in our district's 2023-24 school calendar, students will be dismissed early on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> to assist us in hosting parent-teacher conferences. The pick-up times are:

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11:56pm**

Your child's teacher is looking forward to meeting with you. Parent-Teacher conferences are an important opportunity for parents and teachers to have a short (12 minute) meeting to chat about their child's life at school. The teacher will share areas of strength, as well as any areas of concern. Parents may also come with questions that they are looking to clarify.

- Appointments are available:
- ★ Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:45 – 2:30 (\*last appointment 2:15-2:45)
  - ★ Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 8:00 (\*last appointment 7:45-8:00)
  - ★ Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:45 – 2:30 (\*last appointment 2:15-2:45)

*Limited appointments available outside of these scheduled times. (Refer to the booking website.)*

**NOTE: WE WILL HAVE A PUNJABI INTERPRETER AVAILABLE FOR THE APPOINTMENT TIMES LISTED ABOVE. PLEASE BE SURE TO BOOK THE INTERPRETER ALONG WITH BOOKING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. (SEE THE INFO BELOW ON SELECTING MULTIPLE STAFF CALENDARS.) \*DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL MRS. SMITH FOR HELP.\***

Please check out our online booking system to book your time with your child's teacher. We appreciate you making this important opportunity a priority and look forward to this valuable time together.

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

1. Click [here](#) to be taken to the online booking site.
2. Click the "REGISTER" menu tab and fill in the online form. Choose a user ID and PASSWORD then click the "REGISTER NOW" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "MANAGE STUDENTS" button. Click the "INSERT NEW" button to add more children.
4. Click the "DATE" icon beside each child's name to schedule an appointment. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "VIEW CALENDARS" button. Hold down the "ctrl" or "command" key to select multiple staff to view their calendars at the same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointment and then click the "BOOK APPOINTMENTS" button to save your bookings.

### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS WITH MORE THAN 1 CHILD @ SOUTH POPLAR:

If you have 2 or more children attending South Poplar please leave 15 minutes between appointments.)

### \*\*BOOKING DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Oct. 18th appointments must be booked by 9:00 a.m. on the 18th.
- Oct. 19th appointments must be booked by 9:00 a.m. on the 19th.

## VERIFICATION FORMS

Please return any outstanding verification forms ASAP. These forms are important for the school to have updated & filed in the case of emergency.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

All families should have received email notification of fees that have been posted to [School Cash Online](#). If you have not set-up your account yet, please do so. Contact Mrs. Smith if you need further help.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

Viewing and ordering photos is simple:

- ★ Scan the QR code handed out to student on photo day
  - OR
  - 1) Go to [www.vibrantphotos.ca](http://www.vibrantphotos.ca)
  - 2) Choose 'Click to Order' and then choose 'click here' on School Day orders.
  - 3) Enter your unique code which is (access code issued on photo day handout) or student ID
- a) View Images.
  - b) Select 'Buy Now' and you will be able to select from a variety of packages, single photo sheets and bonus items. Select product that you want to purchase and then choose which image you want to add to the product.
  - c) Add to cart. Select school delivery or choose ship to home (minimal shipping charge)

NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR CHILD'S PHOTO?

Here's how to sign up for a retake.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Fall\\_2023\\_SPE\\_Final\\_Photo\\_Day](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Fall_2023_SPE_Final_Photo_Day)

Photo retake day is WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.

\*Students that were absent on photo day DO NOT need to sign up for a retake.



Please note there is a \$5 sign up fee for retakes which will be deducted (with a promo code at check out) from your photo package when you order online. Deadline to sign up for a retake is MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH.

[info@vibrantphotos.ca](mailto:info@vibrantphotos.ca)  
604-380-3388

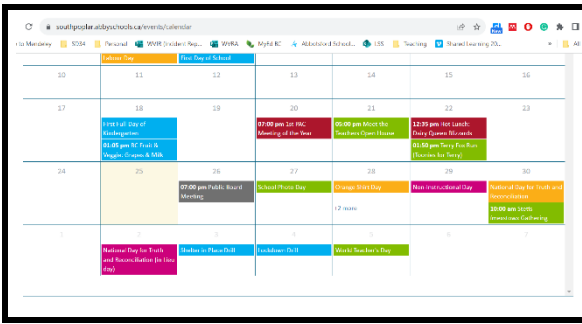
## HOT LUNCH 2023/24

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

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

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

HOT LUNCH DATE	MAIN ENTRÉE	ORDER DEADLINE (9am on each CUT-OFF DATE)	VOLUNTEER TO HELP HERE
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Papa John's Pizza	CLOSED @ 9AM TODAY	<a href="https://volunteersignup.org/B4XHYY">https://volunteersignup.org/B4XHYY</a>
Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn	Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hotdogs	Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	White Spot	Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn	Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	McDonald's Pancakes	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn	Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	



## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is full of important info & links including:

- [School Calendar](#) **\*\*NOW UPLOADED. UPDATED WEEKLY.\*\***
- [Uniform Info](#)
- [Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures](#)
- [All things hot lunch & popcorn related \(how to buy, how to register for an account and how to volunteer\)](#)

And so much more.



## DIVERSITY AT SOUTH POPLAR

We are intentionally taking steps to ensure that each person knows that they are welcome, important, respected, encouraged, and loved at South Poplar. We are committed to making sure that this message is heard, seen, understood, and felt by each member of our school community.

We are excited to learn more about all members of our school community, their families and their cultures. We invite you to share with us more about holidays and traditions that are important to your family, as well as any ideas/feedback on representation & diversity here at South Poplar.

## 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.](#)