



As we wrap up our final day of December to Remember 2023, I want to pause to express my gratitude to the outstanding staff here at South Poplar, to our incredible students and to our amazing families. Not only has this been a month to remember, but this has also been a Term to be proud of.

Together, we have made some great things happen ...

- ♥ Extended our learning in all kinds of areas (like reading, writing, math, problem solving, navigating friendships)
- ♥ Wildcat Wednesdays (including monthly assemblies, whole school initiatives & even a new uniform item)
- ♥ Gifted all kinds of items to Toys for Tots
- ♥ PAC hot lunches, popcorn days, a movie night, cookie fundraisers
- ♥ Filled a HUMUNGEOUS bin with some of the most needed items for the Food Bank (**PLUS** sent a significant financial donation, of \$830.80)

We have set goals and achieved them ... together.

Thank you for the part that you have played in making a world of difference for our South Pop community. I am excited for the next things that we will accomplish together.

I wish each and every one of you a fabulous Winter Break & I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!
♥ Mrs. Shannon Manky

We know that this week there has been a sleigh-full of information coming your way, and we want to make sure that you didn't miss any of it, so please read on for a quick recap:

DECEMBER TO REMEMBER: SPIRIT DAYS

Our Spirit Days were a great success thanks to the efforts of many. Thank you!

Special thanks to Mrs. James for all of her work in assembling & posting the books for each day.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wear a FESTIVE/UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER	Make a new BEARD FOR SANTA & WEAR IT	Wear BLUE, YELLOW AND/OR WHITE	Wear a SANTA HAT	Wear YOUR COZY PAJAMAS
				
CLICK ON EACH BOOK FOR A LINK TO THE YOUTUBE VIDEO OF IT BEING READ BY SOME OF OUR SOUTH POP STAFF:				
				



SOUTH POPLAR IS INVITED TO AN ABBY CANUCKS GAME: JAN. 21ST @ 4pm (ABBOTSFORD CANUCKS VS. SAN DIEGO GULLS)

The Abbotsford Canucks' School Spirit Program is an opportunity for our school community to gather for an afternoon/evening of fun while also raising some money for our school.

Last year there were 149 of us that went to the game, and it was a blast!
PLUS \$745 was raised towards our school library resources.

If this is something that you are interested in, act fast, as there are a limited number of seats. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS.](#)

Tickets are \$28
(\$5/ticket comes back to the school)

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PAC: HOT LUNCHES 2024



A NEW ONLINE ORDERING PROGRAM

We are happy to announce that from Jan, 2024 we will be switching to MunchaLunch.com for placing our hot lunch orders.

You can pay for your orders by credit card (Visa/Mastercard) OR debit-credit card OR pre-paid credit card.

***Please [click here](#) for all of the info about how to register for your munchalunch account.**

- ★ You can now REGISTER for your accounts!!
- ★ ORDERING will OPEN January 8th

A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS ABOUT HOT LUNCHES

- 🕒 Orders must be placed by 9:00 am, one week before the hot lunch/popcorn date.
- 🕒 If your child is ill on a lunch date, **you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch by 12noon;** otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch. Consistent with previous years, there are NO REFUNDS as this is a PAC fundraiser.

We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program as the funds go towards our children and general fundraising within the school.

VOLUNTEERING

We are always in need of Volunteers! **If you have done your Criminal Record Check and are available to help prep and handout hot lunches, please email southpoppac@gmail.com and let us know.**

Our thanks to the South Poplar Elementary PAC for supporting this important fundraiser and to our wonderful volunteers who help make this program a success!



INFORMATION ABOUT KINDERGARTEN 2024-2025

Believe it or not, it's time to think about Kindergarten registration for 2024-2025. **This is for siblings (brothers & sisters) of students who are currently attending South Poplar, not for new families.** If you have a child who will be turning 5 in 2024 (born in 2019) [please click here](#) and fill out the Kindergarten Sibling form. That's all you need to do!

The deadline to complete the form is Tuesday, January 9th, 2024.

In February 2024, we will send registration paperwork home with your oldest child for you to complete.

NOTE: On January 10th at 6:00pm we will be holding a Kindergarten information night for any NEW families interested in South Pop. You do not need to attend this event, but you are more than welcome to join us.



SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

We will gently welcome students back to school with a warm smile, and an uneventful week. A few notes for the rest of January ...

- 15th → Martin Luther King Jr. Day / Black Excellence Day (wear a black shirt)
- 15th → *BIG ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT AN EXCITING WHOLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE*
- 16th → Popcorn Day (to make up for the one missed in November)
- 16th → PAC Meeting
- 18th → Traditional Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting @ 3:30pm
- 21st → Abby Canucks Game
- 26th → No Uni for \$2: "Regular" Clothes Day
- 26th → Hot Lunch: Wok Box