GOOD AFTERNOON, SOUTH POPLAR FAMILIES!

This has been another incredible week here at South Poplar.

Yesterday's Parent Appreciation Event was incredibly well attended. Thank you to all that were able to join in on the fun & food. We loved the opportunity to celebrate all that moms & dads contribute to help make South Poplar the fabulous community that it is!

Also, a GREAT BIG thanks to everyone that participated in Jeans Day today. Staff &

students LOVED the opportunity to wear jeans for the day in support of an important cause. Your generous giving added up to a sizeable donation (over \$740) to the BC Children's Hospital. Thank you!



Enjoy the 4-day weekend ahead. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday for a fun week of valuable off-campus learning!

Mrs. Shannon Manky

Des pardes @ the reach

The Reach is currently hosting an INCREDIBLE exhibition that we knew we had to be a part of! Check it out:



Des Pardes explores and celebrates the vibrant and diverse South Asian communities of the Fraser Valley. The phrase "des pardes"—which can translate to "home and abroad" or "Motherland/Other Land"—embodies the sense of longing for, and belonging to, an ancestral place that is experienced differently across generations.

Personal accounts, archival documents, photographs, heirlooms, and works of art contributed by members of local South Asian Canadian communities are organized around the themes of migration, faith, family, business and livelihoods, oppression and opposition, and contemporary culture.

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Des Pardes highlights the importance of tradition and multigenerational family bonds, the tenacity of individuals and communities in the face of adversity and discrimination, and the significant impact that these communities have had in shaping Abbotsford and the surrounding region.

For behind-the-scenes content throughout the duration of the exhibition, follow @despardes.exhibition on Instagram and Tik Tok.

AS PART OF OUR CELEBRATION OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY, OUR ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY WILL BE VISITING DES PARDES

| WHAT WILL THEY DO THERE? | WHEN WILL MY KID(S) 80? | | | |
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| Some of the activities could include: | Tuesday, May 21st | Thursday, May 23 rd | | |
| ★ Tour: Des Pardes Exhibit ★ Tour: Rest of the museum | 9:15 – 11:45 Div. 1 (Mrs. Dhaliwal) | 9:15 - 11:45 Div. 3 (Mrs. Grewal) | | |
| ★ Art: Metal Embossing ★ Scavenger Hunt | • Div. 2 (Mrs. Iversen) | Div. 4 (Ms. Gill) Div. 5 (Ms. Blouin) | | |
| Additional Art Activities Snack (provided by South Poplar) | ■ 10:45 - 1:45 • Div. 6 (Ms. Gravel) | 10:45 - 1:45 Div. 9 (Mrs. Rogers) | | |
| The events of each Field Trip will be tailored to | Div. 7 (Mrs. McMillan) Div. 8 (Mrs. Kantola) | Div. 10 (Mrs. Kogers) Div. 10 (Mrs. James) Div. 11 (Mrs. McConnell) | | |
| the age group attending. | Special note: Students that are g | • Div. 12 (Mrs. Prins) | | |
| the reach | eating their lunch (picnic style) at The Reach. Please pack a disposable (paper baa) lunch, using disposable packgaing. | | | |
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Cost for students: \$12.00

Cost for parents: FREE

This is going to be an incredible experience for our students, and we would REALLY love for you to join in. Please indicate your interest in joining us by checking the box in the permission form on School Cash Online.



WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY: MAY 21st

In 2002, the United Nations General Assembly declared May 21st to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, with the goal of "highlighting not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace & sustainable development."

At South Poplar we want to take this time to further raise awareness of & deepen our understanding of the many different cultures represented here, within our own school community. We proudly celebrate that we are a diverse group of people that are "universally equal and specifically different."

This year we are going to be doing a few things to celebrate cultural diversity, including:

#1: Happening on May 21st

On the 21st, our entire community is invited to dress in special cultural/traditional clothes to further honour and celebrate their family's heritage.

#2: Happening on May 21st & 23rd

Over the course of the week, our entire school community will be visiting The Reach Gallery Museum. *See above.

YOUNG ACTORS PROJECT: MAY 24th – June 3rd

Returning to South Poplar for another fabulous year is The Young Actors Project (YAP).

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Over the 11 days, all students will get 3 opportunities to work with the team from YAP.

What we love about working with YAP:

Drama empowers kids with self confidence. Kids need to believe in their creative ideas and have the bravery to express them in front of others. YAP school workshops make that kind of risk-taking fun, not scary. Students communicate characters, feelings, and stories, which increase their focus and exercise their imaginations. They develop trust through cooperation and collaboration with their peers - learning to accept and build on each others creative ideas. These are skills required not just for the stage – but for the stage of life.

Cost: \$11.25 / student



COFFEE & CONNECT: WEDNESDAYS @ 8:30AM

Every Wednesday parents are invited to stick around for a quick coffee & a chance to connect in our LLC.

The discussion is facilitated by Mrs. Peters. The upcoming topics include:

- May 22nd → Helping Your Child Navigate Friendships
- May $29^{\text{th}} \rightarrow \text{ADHD} \& \text{Other Superpowers}$
- June 5th → Building Self-Esteem

| May 20 | May 21 | May 22 | May 23 | May 24 |
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| Victoria Day (No School) | WORLD | WILDCAT WEDNESDAY | Field Trip: Div 1&2 to Longhouse | No Uni for \$2: Beach Day |
| | World Day for Cultural Diversity World Day for Cultural Diversity Field Trip: The Reach (1st Groups) 9:15-11:45 → Div. 1 & 2 10:45-1:45 → Div. 6, 7 & 8 | Coffee & Connect (8:30-9:00) COFFEE & CONNECT School Panoramic Picture PAC Fundraiser: Deadline to order Panago Gift Cards | Field Trip: The Reach (2 nd Groups) 9:15-11:45 → Div. 3, 4 & 5 10:45-1:45 → Div. 9, 10, 11 & 12 | Young Actors Project PAC Carnival 5:00 – 8:00pm |
| May 27 | May 28 | May 29 | May 30 | May 31 |
| Young Actors Project BC Fruit & Veggie: Apples | Young Actors Project | WILDCAT WEDNESDAY Coffee & Connect (8:30-9:00) COFFEE & CONNECT Young Actors Project | Young Actors Project Field Trip: Div. 11&12 to Pencil Patch | Young Actors Project Deadline to order Hot Lunch: White Spot (June 7) |

| June 3 | June 4 | June 5 | June 6 | June 7 |
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| Young Actors Project | PAC Mtg. | WILDCAT WEDNESDAY Gr. 4 & 5s @ Track & Field (Rotary Stadium) Coffee & Connect (8:30-9:00) Coffee & Connect (8:30-9:00) Coffee & Con | Support Team Appreciation Day Miss Heidi (Div. 8-12) | Hot Lunch: White Spot |
| June 10 | June 11 | June 12 | June 13 | June 14 |
| | | WILDCAT WEDNESDAY Coffee & Connect (8:30-9:00) COFFEE & CONNECT 1:45 – Wildcat Assembly | Miss Heidi (Div. 8-12) Deadline to order Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs (June 20 th) | Gr. 5 Farewell Event |