

GOOD AFTERNOON, SOUTH POPLAR FAMILIES!

Wow! May is here and if you feel like there is A LOT of stuff going on ... you are not alone. Some refer to it as MAYCEMBER ... all the busyness (& fun) of December, but without the cookies & twinkle lights. 😊

See PAGE 2 of the newsletter for a calendar of the month, but the best place to check for the most up to date information is always the [calendar on our website](#).



Today was a special day at South Poplar, as students & staff honoured Red Dress (& Shirt) Day, in a variety of ways. Red Dress Day is also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) in Canada. While this may feel like a big topic for young children, we know that it is important for us to take time to acknowledge and address this injustice in age-appropriate ways. Our children are our future, and we want them to help make our world a better place.

Matriarchs in Stó:lō Territory

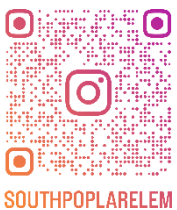
- In Coast Salish Territory, women have an important role in passing down culture and teachings.
- Many First Nations communities are matrilineal, which means family names and rights are passed down through the Mother.
- One of the most important teachings in the longhouse is love. How do you show love for others? How do others show their love for us?
- Stó:lō women are artists, teachers, doctors, lawyers, mothers, and leaders in many ways. Take a look at some amazing women in these posters...

Classrooms focused on topics connected to Red Dress Day, like:

- ♥ learning more about Indigenous matriarchs in Stó:lō Territory
- ♥ studying inspirational Indigenous women (including, Joann Archibald, Gwen Point, Reena Point Bolton)
- ♥ reading children's books written by Indigenous authors (bringing Indigenous representation into our classrooms)

If you would like to learn more about Red Dress Day, here are some resources for adults that you are welcome to check out:

- [Red Dress Day Event in Abbotsford – This Sunday](#)
- [Info About Red Dress Day from North Eastern Ontario: Family & Children's Services](#)
- [Info from the Canadian Government about the National Inquiry into Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls](#)



I will also be using our school's Insta to share weekly reminders. If you aren't following us already, be sure to find us & follow.

Take care, everyone!

Mrs. Shannon Manky

















MORE MAY INFO COMING OUT NEXT WEEK ... FOR NOW ONE QUICK OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF ...



Because we have partnered with the Abby Canucks in the past, they have reached out with a special offer for South Poplar families. If you are considering purchasing tickets to the home games of the Round 2 of the playoffs (happening next week here in Abbotsford), you can use this link to purchase tickets at a discounted price.

*This is not a fundraiser or a school event, just a thanks from the Abbotsford Canucks for South Poplar's support over the past couple of years.

Check out the link here: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/Southpoplar3>

<p>May 6 BC Fruit & Veggie: Cheese Sticks</p>	<p>May 7 Fire Drill</p>	<p>May 8 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY  Coffee & Connect (8:30-9:00)  Ready, Set, Learn (9:00-10:00)  Field Trip: Gr. 4s & 5s to ATS PAC Mtg. @ 7PM</p>	<p>May 9</p>	<p>May 10  Field Trip: Gr. 5s to Camp Squeah</p>
<p>May 13  Field Trip: Div. 3&4 to Longhouse</p>	<p>May 14 PAC Popcorn Day</p>	<p>May 15 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY  Parent Appreciation Event @ 8:30am *No Coffee & Connect this week. Please join us for our Parent Appreciation Event*</p>	<p>May 16 Jeans Day (BC Children's Hospital Fundraiser) </p>	<p>May 17 Non-Instructional Day #6 (No School)</p>
<p>May 20 Victoria Day (No School)</p>	<p>May 21  World Day for Cultural Diversity</p>	<p>May 22 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY  Coffee & Connect (8:30-9:00)  School Panoramic Picture PAC Fundraiser: Deadline to order Panago Gift Cards</p>	<p>May 23  Field Trip: Div 1&2 to Longhouse</p>	<p>May 24 No Uni for \$2: Beach Day Young Actors Project PAC Carnival 5:00 – 8:00pm </p>
<p> FIELD TRIP: WHOLE SCHOOL TO VISIT THE REACH (May 21 or May 23) MORE INFO TO COME</p>				
<p>May 27 Young Actors Project BC Fruit & Veggie: Apples</p>	<p>May 28 Young Actors Project</p>	<p>May 29 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY  Coffee & Connect (8:30-9:00)  Young Actors Project</p>	<p>May 30 Young Actors Project  Field Trip: Div. 11&12 to Pencil Patch</p>	<p>May 31 Young Actors Project</p>