



June 27, 2024



Hello Summer

Just when you thought you were done getting emails from us for a bit ... 😊

SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE AS WE LOOK BACK ON 2023-24 ...

This has been a fabulous year at South Poplar. We have a lot to celebrate and be proud of.

Our students have ...

- ☑ Participated in monthly "Wildcat Assemblies", where we have learned more about what it means to be a South Poplar Wildcat
- ☑ Competed at Track & Field, basketball tournaments and soccer games, too.
- ☑ Grown in their abilities to read & write, add & subtract, to make friends and to forgive
- ☑ Proudly added the "Wildcat T" into their uniform wardrobe
- ☑ Participated in 3 school-wide field trips, December to Remember celebrations & more!

BYE!



I look forward to our days to come, but until then ... have a fabulous, fun & adventure-filled summer, everyone!

♥ Mrs. Manky



DON'T FORGET TO ORDER SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

<https://southpoplar.abbyschools.ca/parentsstudents/schoolsupplies/southpoplar>

NEW BELL SCHEDULE!

- 🔔 8:30 – Warning Bell
- 🔔 8:35 – Classes Begin
- 🔔 10:35-10:50 – Recess
- 🔔 12:20-12:35 – Lunch (Eating Period)
- 🔔 12:35-1:05 – Lunch (Recess)
- 🔔 2:28 – Dismissal Bell



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

A few dates to save. More info to come your way in the fall.

- 📅 Aug. 30th – Class lists posted @ 3:30pm
- 📅 Sept. 3rd – First Day of School (Arrival bell @ 8:30am. Dismissal bell @ 11:15am.)
- 📅 Sept. 12th – Meet the Teacher Evening
- 📅 Sept. 13th – Terry Fox Run
- 📅 Sept. 23rd – School Photo Day
- 📅 Sept. 26th – Orange Shirt Day
- 📅 Sept. 27th – Pro-D Day (No School)
- 📅 Sept. 30th – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)

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The **FINAL MARK** may or may not be the same as the **TERM MARK**. For example, maybe there was something that your child found super challenging in Term 3 which might mean that their Term 3 mark is lower than usual, but overall they are still deserving of the higher mark.

On the other hand, maybe there was something that your child really excelled in during Term 3, but over the course of the ENTIRE year they have struggled in that subject area. This might mean that their **TERM MARK** is higher than their **FINAL MARK**.

READ ON FOR A FEW IMPORTANT MESSAGES WE WANTED TO SHARE ...

- INFO RE. A DISTRICT BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT
- A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We are pleased to announce that the Abbotsford School District will be hosting our 5th annual back-to-school event. The event aims to assist families with elementary school-aged children who may need additional support as they prepare for the new school year. Thanks to partnerships with local organizations such as Tim Horton's, the Salvation Army Centre of Hope, Archway Food Bank, and Raymond James, we can offer this event for another year.

Each student will receive the following items to help them start the school year as well as a hamper of perishable and non-perishable food items:

- 2 School Start Coil Note Report Book (10 ½" x 8) – 80 pages
- Yellow, Green, Orange, Light Blue, Red, Report Covers (10 Report Covers in total)
- 2 School Start Exercise Books (Plain, 72 pages)
- 2 School Start Exercise Book (1/2 Plain - 1/2 Interlined, 72 pages)
- 2 School Start Exercise Book (Dotted Interlined, 72 pages)
- 1 Staedtler Norica HB #2 Pencil (pre-sharpened, 12-pack)
- 2 Sharpie Fine Point Permanent Marker (black)
- 1 Crayola Wax Crayons – 24 Pack
- 2 School Start 7" Scissors
- 2 School Start Clear Glue Stick – 40 g
- 1 School Start One Hole Pencil Sharpener w/ Container
- 1 School Start Plastic Pencil Box (8" x 4.7" x 2.3")
- 1 Pack of Staedtler Colored Pencils (pre-sharpened, 24-pack)
- 2 School Start White Premium Erasers
- 1 Sheet of Personalized Student Labels

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, August 28th, 2024
- **Time:** 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **Location:** Abbotsford Senior Secondary School, 33355 Bevan Ave, Abbotsford, BC V2S 0A9
- **Registration Form:** <https://form.jotform.com/241415948414054> (see below for QR Code)
- **We are pleased to host a Hot Dog BBQ for attendees.**

Please register by Friday, July 12th at midnight to ensure that appropriate supplies can be collected and prepared. We will accept registrations until this date or until we reach capacity.

Please arrange for transportation as hampers and school supplies will be heavy.

If you need any assistance, please contact backtoschool@abbyschools.ca.

Sincerely,
Andrea Senft Manager of Early Learning and Childcare





June 21, 2024

Ref: 300057

Dear Students, Parents, and Caregivers:

As we have reached the end of the 2023/2024 school year, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to every student, parent and caregiver for their hard work and dedication. I share my deep gratitude to everyone who is a part of our greater school community. I hope you can take some time this month to reflect on your accomplishments this past year.

As a parent, I understand the need to keep building better education opportunities while creating spaces where all students and staff feel safe and welcome. I am grateful for everyone who has played a role in making this possible in the past year by working towards issues like student safety, inclusivity, and greater engagement in our schools. This includes making school environments safer by helping to support access zones around schools so BC's K-12 students and staff will be protected from any disruptive protests or harassment. Ensuring everyone can access schools without fear or intimidation continues to be a top priority.

To keep kids safe and healthy, we have also asked school districts to have policies in place by next school year that will restrict personal digital devices in schools so students can focus on their education. While technology is certainly a part of our lives, we are working towards providing kids and their families with the tools they need to develop healthy habits with devices.

Before we enter our summer holiday, I would also like to take this moment to highlight some of the other progress we have made this school year.

While schools across British Columbia are facing unprecedented enrolment growth, the Province has taken urgent action to make more spaces for students in fast-growing communities by funding new schools and expanding our current schools through prefabricated additions. Prefabs are new to most of the school districts in the province, and we have funded several projects this past year as an innovative construction option to build school additions faster as we welcome more students.

We have also remained focused on supporting students through initiatives like new early literacy screening for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 which will begin to roll out in 2024/2025 school year. This includes funding for provincial outreach teams that will provide resources for students to support their progress and learning development.

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Our government also understands that families are in much need of extra support due to the rising costs of living that are impacting all countries globally. This year, each school district received replenished funding through the Student and Family Affordability Fund to help support students and families who need it most to cover the cost of school related expenses. This is on top of the Feeding Futures funding to help expand school food programs throughout the province.

As the Minister of Education and Child Care, it has been one of my greatest honours to see the growth of our school communities throughout the year. These changes are a testament to all your hard work this year and I hope you feel proud of the milestones you have reached. I look forward to an even more exciting upcoming school year. To those graduating this year, congratulations and all the best with your future endeavours!

Once again, I am deeply grateful for your amazing work. Have a wonderful summer break!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Singh', with a horizontal line underneath the 'h'.

Rachna Singh
Minister