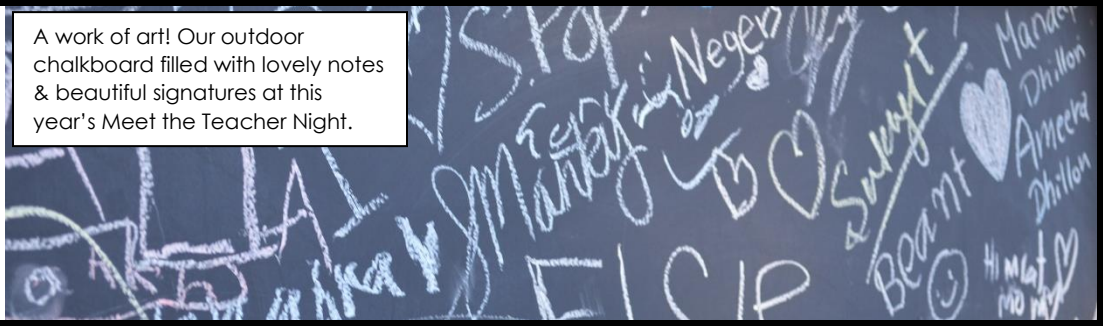




A work of art! Our outdoor chalkboard filled with lovely notes & beautiful signatures at this year's Meet the Teacher Night.



SEPT. 13, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 16 First Full day for Ks
- Sept. 20 PAC No Uni for \$2
- Sept. 20 PAC Treat Day:
Dairy Queen Blizzards
- Sept. 23 School Photo Day
- Sept. 24 PAC Popcorn Day
- Sept. 25 Terry Fox Run:  Toonie for Terry
- Sept. 26 Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 27 PRO-D #1 (No School)
- Sept. 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (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
2:28 Pick-Up



SCHOOL CALENDAR
[Click Here](#)
*Updated weekly



NEWSLETTERS
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Find a PDF version of all newsletters.

WILDCAT TS FOR SALE

The **"Wildcat T"** is a DRESS CODE APPROVED item that students can wear on Wednesdays.
*Please read carefully: The **"Wildcat T"** can ONLY BE WORN ON WEDNESDAYS.*



Cost: \$23.00

(Able Cresting will donate \$2.00 back to South Poplar for each **"Wildcat T"** that is purchased.)

Order yours today through SCHOOL CASH ONLINE (Sept. 14th – 28th)

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ★ **SIZING:** Wildcat Ts are Gildan SoftStyle T-shirts. They are soft & very comfortable **and they fit smaller than typical Ts. Please consider ordering a size larger than you usually do.**
- ★ **ORDERING:** Wildcat Ts cannot be purchased directly from Able Cresting. They can only be purchased through the sales hosted by South Poplar twice a year (September & February).
- ★ **PARENT Ts:** Parents are an important part of the South Poplar community. As such, you are also invited to purchase & proudly wear a Wildcat T along with us. Why not join in on the fun & show your Wildcat spirit??

COMING TOMORROW TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

We have posted our first charges of the year and they will be live to you tomorrow (Saturday).

★ ALL Students	Emergency Kit Fees	\$2.00	Due by Oct. 1 st
★ Grade 1-5 Students	Planners	\$6.50	Due by Oct. 1 st
★ Kindergarten Students	School Supplies	\$33.00	Due by Oct. 1 st
★ ALL Students	OPTIONAL: Wildcat TShirts	\$23.00	Due by Sept. 28 th

If you have not registered for SchoolCash Online, please take care of that ASAP. Thank you!

PAC NO UNI FOR A TOONIE (\$2)



OUR FIRST
NO UNI DAY IS:
FRI. SEPT. 20TH

Give your child a break from their uniform + support the PAC by participating in NO UNI FOR A TOONIE days. These will happen 10 times throughout the year.

NEW THIS YEAR:
We are keeping the fun,
but reducing the workload ...
ALL PAC NO UNI DAYS are,
“Wear regular clothes days.”

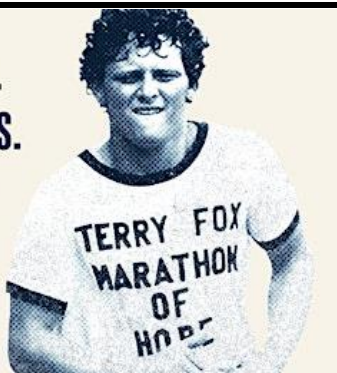


Pay for NO UNI days on **MunchaLunch**. Now posted under the “**Fall - No Uni Days!**” tab.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

This year we are working with Edge Imaging, who came highly recommended from many other schools in the District. Please be sure to send your child in proper uniform attire. We ask that students not add extra items like ties, non-uniform sweaters, etc.

**NO MATTER THE DISTANCE.
NO MATTER THE OBSTACLES.
NO MATTER THE JOURNEY.
NO MATTER THE ODDS.
NO MATTER WHAT.**



TERRY FOX RUN/WALK
@ SOUTH POPLAR
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH
@ 1:45pm



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

On Wednesday, September 25th, all South Poplar students will be participating in our very own Terry Fox Run, happening right here at the school. Students will be:

- 👟 learning about Terry – his battle, his journey & his legacy
- 👟 raising money (please send a “Toonie for Terry”)
- 👟 running/walking “across Canada” (laps around our school yard)

All parents are invited to come & join their kid(s) on our “Run/Walk Across Canada”. Please meet your child at his/her outside line-up area (where you pick-up & drop-off) @ 1:45pm.

NOTE: We do need some parent volunteers to help at the event. If you are interested and available, please call or email Mrs. Smith.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH – ORANGE SHIRT DAY (In honour of the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation)

<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

On Thursday, we invite all staff and students to join us in wearing **ORANGE SHIRTS** to:

- commemorate the residential school experience
- witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families
- commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation



**** NEWS FROM THE PAC ****

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.](#)

PAC ROLES TO BE FILLED

Every parent is a part of the PAC, but we are looking for a few volunteers to step into some leadership roles, including:

- ♥ Fundraising Coordinator ♥ Staff Appreciation Coordinator
- ♥ Book Fair Coordinator ♥ Carnival Coordinator
- ♥ Yearbook Coordinator

If you are interested in volunteering for (or learning more about) any of these roles, please email that PAC @ southpoppac@gmail.com



NEXT PAC MEETING:

Tuesday, October 8th
First Meeting of 2024-25

Agendas will be posted the Friday before the meeting.

If you have an item for the upcoming PAC agenda, please email the PAC at southpoppac@gmail.com

PAC CLASSROOM PARENT REPS NEEDED

Every year we look for parent volunteers to help out as the "PARENT REP" for each classroom. A class parent rep is responsible for:

- ♥ Creating a class list and distributing it to the parents.
- ♥ Collecting contributions for teacher / staff gifts at Christmas and End of year.
- ♥ Forwarding any emails from the PAC.

It is a fun, easy way to be more involved at the school 😊

Several parents have already stepped up, but we are still a couple of spots left. If this is something that you would like to chat more about, please contact southpoppac@gmail.com

PAC HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISERS FOR 2024/25

Our PAC Hot Lunch Committee has organized several delicious Hot Lunches for the upcoming months. If you are interested in purchasing food, you will need to use a MunchaLunch account.



If you previously had a MunchaLunch account, you just need to update your child's information for this school year. If you've never had a MunchaLunch account, you will need to create one in order to participate.

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

HOT LUNCH DATE	WHERE WE ARE ORDERING FROM	ORDER DEADLINE *by 9am*
Sept. 20 th	Dairy Queen Blizzards <i>*NOTE: This is not a lunch, it is a special cold ice cream treat.**</i>	ORDERING IS NOW CLOSED
Sept. 24 th	Popcorn	Sept. 20 th
Oct. 8 th	Popcorn	Oct. 4 th
Oct. 18 th	Hotdogs	Oct. 11 th
Oct. 29 th	Popcorn	Oct. 25 th
Nov. 15 th	Papa John's Pizza	Nov. 8 th
Nov. 19 th	Popcorn	Nov. 15 th
Dec. 13 th	McDonald's Pancakes	Dec. 6 th

**** IMPORTANT INFO FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS ****

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES



- Upper lot is for QUICK drop-offs & pick-up (ie. parents stay in the vehicle)
- For parents that want to get out of their vehicle there is ample parking:
 - 1) Gladwin Road – the lower parking lot
 - 2) Gladwin Road – parking spots along the fence.

[Click here](#) to access our website for maps & more info.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION (8:20-8:30 & 2:28-2:38)

Teachers are on supervision for 10 minutes before the morning bell, and for 10 minutes after the dismissal bell. It is our hope that all students arrive and depart from school within those times.

Should students be dropped off prior to 8:20am, please note that they are not supervised and they do not have access to the school (including the washrooms & phone) until 8:20am.

Any students not picked up by 2:38pm will wait at the main office.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING???

We appreciate how challenging drop-off & pick-up can be and we are hoping we can help. Please pop by and check out the "CARPOOL BOARD" across from Mrs. Smith's office **anytime after September 12th**.

All future carpooling requests, information will be posted on the CARPOOL BOARD.



CONTACT INFORMATION (VERIFICATION FORMS)



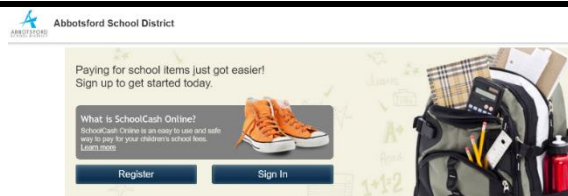
Verification forms will be coming your way early next week. Please carefully read it over to ensure that we have the most up-to-date/accurate info for your child and your family.

Forms are due back to the school by Friday, September 20th.

NOTE: The District's "School Messenger" communication system relies on current phone numbers and email addresses to connect with parents in emergency situations (ie. school closures).

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Please be sure to register for School Cash Online. All of your child's school fees will be posted to his/her account number. School Cash Online makes it easy for you to pay (using Visa, MasterCard, or debit) in just a few simple clicks.



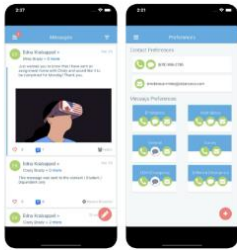
[Click here](#) for more info about School Cash Online.

ABSENCES, LATES & EARLY PICK-UPS



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Please use the "SchoolMessenger" app to access the "SafeArrival" management system. This is a super easy way to let us know that your child(ren) will be late or absent.

[Click here](#) for more info about "SafeArrival".

Or, if you prefer, you can phone the office (604-853-1845). We have an answering machine on at all times for your convenience.



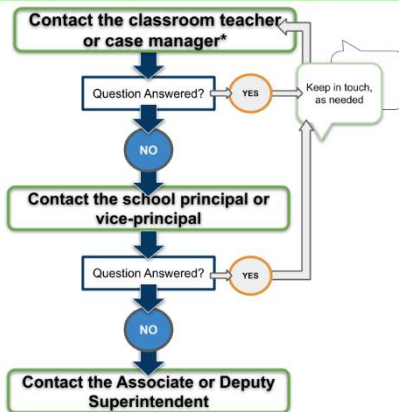
Any students that arrive after the morning bell (8:35) **MUST** report to the office.

If you will be picking your child up early, please let the classroom teacher know beforehand so she can help properly prepare your child for early pick-up.

Any students that are leaving early **MUST** be picked-up & signed-out at the office.



Suggestions, questions, or concerns about your child?



* Case Manager: The teacher who coordinates a student's educational programming. They liaise with parents and others involved, ensure adaptations are used, write the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and monitor student progress.

PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING SUGGESTIONS, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Should a question or concern arise, we ask that parents follow the process outlined below.

1. Contact the teacher involved and make arrangements for a meeting.
 - Consider writing down your concerns/questions to ensure they get covered in the meeting.
 - Most times, this opportunity to connect will lead to a resolution.
2. If you still have concerns, contact the principal.
 - Keep your original notes, plus any additional notes from your meeting with the teacher.
3. If the matter is still not resolved, contact Assistant Superintendent Mr. Jay Pankratz at the school board office (604-859-4891).



Some of the incredible Keva Plank Towers built by our South Pop families at this year's Meet the Teacher night!