



SEPT. 19, 2024



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 **NEW DATE!**
- Sept. 26 Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 27 PRO-D #1 (No School)
- Sept. 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)
- Oct. 2 Wildcat Assembly @1:45

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](#)

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 [Click Here](#)
Find all newsletters.

****TOMORROW IS OUR FIRST NO UNI FOR A TOONIE (\$2) DAY****

In order for your child to participate (and not wear a uniform) you need to pay on MunchaLunch, OR send a toonie with them to school tomorrow. More info available here:

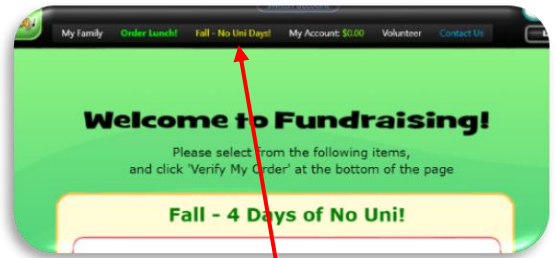
PAC NO UNI FOR A TOONIE (\$2)



OUR FIRST NO UNI DAY IS: **TOMORROW!**

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION (VERIFICATION FORMS)



Verification forms were sent home on Monday. 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 TOMORROW.

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).

**** CURRENTLY POSTED TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ****

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??

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ITEMS & DEADLINES

We have posted our first charges of the year:

★ 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!

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

**** VOLUNTEERING AT SOUTH POPLAR ****

We love our South Pop volunteers! It is with the help of our incredible volunteers that we are able to have hot lunch days, go on field trips, and make special events (like the Terry Fox Run/Walk) happen. Thank you!

Volunteering is a great way to get connected to other parents, your child's classroom, school staff, and the whole school community. With this special opportunity, also comes a lot of responsibility, which is why the District requires that each volunteer have:







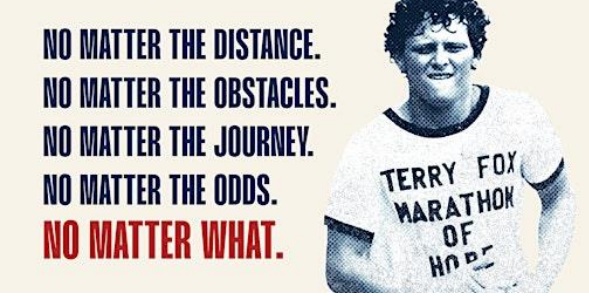

- Criminal Record Check (renewed every 5 years)
- Volunteer Application (renewed every year) → including a signed agreement to school guidelines and a signed Confidentiality Understanding

Please know that every volunteer that helps at South Poplar is expected to respect the privacy and confidentiality of each of our school families. This means that if a volunteer witnesses your little one having a challenging moment at school, they have agreed that they won't be sharing that information with anyone (other than school staff). Should you need to be made aware of any incidents or concerns regarding your child, you will receive that information from a school staff member, not a volunteer.

Just as our staff is committed to maintaining your family's right to privacy and confidentiality, so are our volunteers. Thank you!

If you are interested in volunteering, please pop by the office to get a volunteer form.

**** NEXT WEEK AT SOUTH POPLAR ****

<p>MON. SEPT. 23</p> 	<p>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>TUES. SEPT. 24</p> 	<p>PAC POPCORN DAY</p> <p>For just \$1.25 students get a bag of freshly popped, theatre-style popcorn, delivered to their classroom just in time for recess.</p> <p>For info on how to volunteer, please click here.</p> <p>To purchase popcorn for your child, please order it on MunchaLunch.</p>	
<p>WED. SEPT. 25</p>  <p>THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION</p>	<p>TERRY FOX RUN/WALK AT SOUTH POPLAR @ 1:45pm</p> <p>All South Poplar students will be participating in our very own Terry Fox Run, happening right here at the school. Students will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  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) <p>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.</p> <p>NOTE: We do need some parent volunteers to help at the event. If you are interested and available, please call or email Mrs. Smith.</p>	 <p>NO MATTER THE DISTANCE. NO MATTER THE OBSTACLES. NO MATTER THE JOURNEY. NO MATTER THE ODDS. NO MATTER WHAT.</p> <p>TERRY FOX MARATHON OF HOPE</p>
<p>THURS. SEPT. 26</p> 	<p>ORANGE SHIRT DAY (In honour of the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation)</p> <p>https://www.orangeshirtday.org/</p> <p>On Thursday, we invite all staff and students to join us in wearing ORANGE SHIRTS to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commemorate the residential school experience • witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families • commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation 	
<p>FRI. SEPT. 27</p>	<p>PRO-D DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)</p>	

**** 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 there 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.

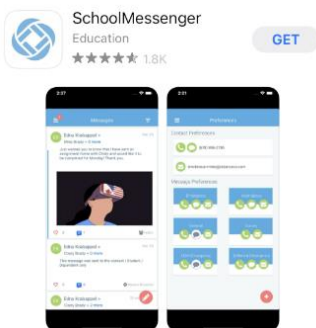
ANYONE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING???

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.

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



ABSENCES, LATES & EARLY PICK-UPS



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".

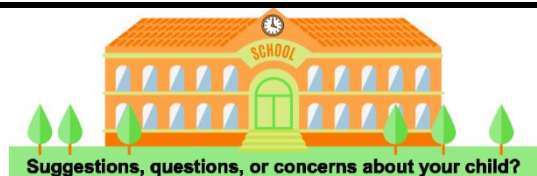
Or, if you prefer, you can phone the office (604-853-1845). We have an answering machine on at all times for your convenience.



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

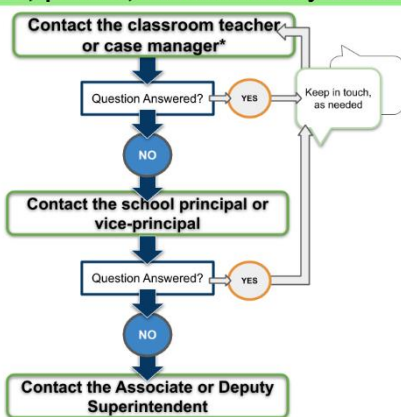
If you will be picking your child up early, please let the classroom teacher know beforehand so she can help properly prepare your child for early pick-up.

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



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).

* 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.