



SEPT. 26, 2024



Tuesday's Terry Fox Run/Walk @ South Pop.

Over \$400 raised!!!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)

Oct. 2 Wildcat Assembly @1:45

Oct. 4 PUMPKIN FUNDRAISER Deadline (@ 9am)

Oct. 7-11 Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 8 PAC Popcorn Day

Oct. 8 PAC Meeting @ 7pm

Oct. 9 Fire Drill

Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

Oct. 18 PAC Pumpkin Pick-Up

### 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 [Click Here](#)  
Find all newsletters.

### SOUTH POPLAR PAC: PUMPKIN FUNDRAISER



On October 18<sup>th</sup> we are converting our lower field into our very own SOUTH POPLAR PUMPKIN PATCH.

At dismissal, families will be invited to head down and choose their **PRE-PURCHASED** pumpkin from the rows and rows of big (16-30lbs), beautiful & festive orange pumpkins.

Pumpkins are \$7.00 each.

Order yours today on [MunchaLunch](#). (Deadline to order: Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9am) Click [HERE](#) to volunteer to help out at our SOUTH POPLAR PUMPKIN PATCH on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.)

**Ordering CLOSES this Saturday @ 9am. Don't miss out!**



#### 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??

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

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 <sup>st</sup>
★ Grade 1-5 Students	Planners	\$6.50	Due by Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>
★ Kindergarten Students	School Supplies	\$33.00	Due by Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>
★ ALL Students	OPTIONAL: Wildcat TShirts	\$23.00	Due by Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>

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.

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

MON.  
SEPT.  
30

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION  
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

*Looking for a way to learn more about and honour this special day? Here is some info about some incredible opportunities, right here in Abbotsford:*

**Walk Beside Us in learning about Truth & Reconciliation, and the history of Residential Schools.** Stetis ímexstowx ([Stah tee-ss ee-mehx-sst-owwhx](#)) – This meaningful phrase translates to “walk beside us” in the beautiful Halq'eméylem language.

Our local civic organizations have united around Thunderbird Square and Civic Plaza with a common goal – to create a space for learning and understanding. We're walking together to share learning opportunities for the public about Truth and Reconciliation, as well as the history of Residential Schools.

Join us on this journey on September 30, 2024, as we come together to build a deeper awareness of our roles in the path to Reconciliation.

More info available [here](#).

**ACTIVITES WILL INCLUDE:** Live performances, drumming, story walks, and so much more ...

TUES.  
OCT. 1

WED.  
OCT. 2

WILDCAT WEDNESDAY  
🐾 WILDCAT ASSEMBLY @ 1:45pm

THURS.  
OCT. 3

FRI.  
OCT. 4

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE YOUR PUMPKIN ON [MUNCHALUNCH](#)



## \*\*\*\* 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 Poplar'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](mailto:southpoppac@gmail.com)



### NEXT PAC MEETING:

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
\*First Meeting of 2024-25\*

Agendas will be posted [HERE](#) the Friday before the meeting.

If you have an item for the upcoming PAC agenda, please email the PAC at [southpoppac@gmail.com](mailto: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*
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn	Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hotdogs	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>
Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Papa John's Pizza	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	McDonald's Pancakes	Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>

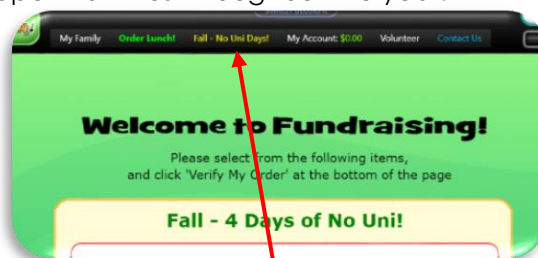
### PAC NO UNI FOR A TOONIE (\$2)



OUR NEXT  
NO UNI DAY IS:  
**OCT. 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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.

## \*\*\*\* 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.

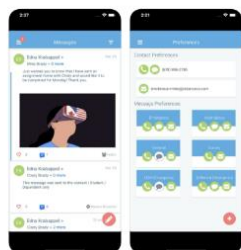
### ANYONE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING???

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.

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.



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

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

### VOLUNTEERING @ 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.