



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sept. 12 | Meet the Teacher Evening (5-6pm) |
| 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](#)
*Events to be loaded by Sept. 9th. Will be updated weekly



NEWSLETTERS
[Click Here](#)
Find a PDF version of all 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:
 - Gladwin Road – the lower parking lot
 - 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION (VERIFICATION FORMS)

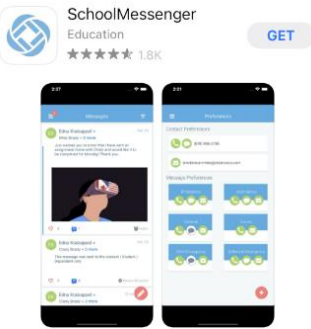


Verification forms will be coming your way next week. Please carefully read it over to ensure that we have the most up-to-date/accurate info for your child and your family.

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).

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.



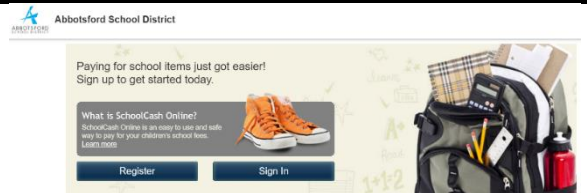
Any students that arrive after the morning bell (8:35) **MUST** report to the office.

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.

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.



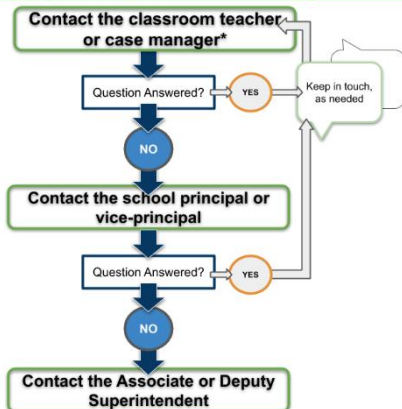
Watch for planner charges (Gr. 1-5), emergency kit charges (K-5), and Kindergarten supply charges to show up on student accounts throughout September.

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



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.

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**.

We currently have a family in the Old Yale Rd. & Upland Cres. area who are looking to carpool. Please contact the office if you are interested.

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





Meet the Teachers

OPEN HOUSE @ SOUTH POP

THURS., SEPT. 12TH 5:00 – 6:00PM



We are so excited to invite you to our first School Family event of the year!

THE PLAN FOR YOUR VISIT:

Head straight to your child's classroom, where you will be warmly welcomed by their classroom teacher.

Take a few minutes to check out your child's home away from home (sit where they sit, look at what they look at, learn more about what they are learning).

NOTE: This event is different from parent-teacher conferences (coming in October) – academic performance will not be discussed at this time.

If you have more children at South Poplar proceed to each class.

After your classroom visit(s) we invite your family to work together to follow our scavenger hunt that will guide your travels around our school. The last stop will be the gym where you will trade your completed pages for some tasty treats.

We look forward to spending time with you on the 12th.

Join us for a fun night of (re)discovering what South Poplar is!



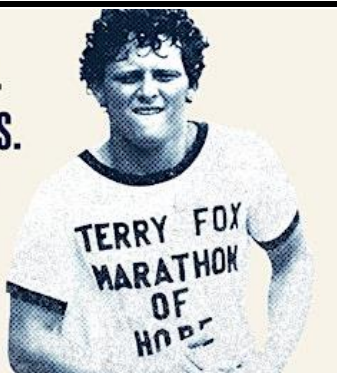
HAPPENING @ OUR MEET THE TEACHER EVENING:

2ND ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL USED UNIFORM SALE

Be sure to pop by the gym to pick up some great new-to-you items. Everything is \$1.00

*If you have gently used uniform items that are too small, please consider donating them to the school. Just drop them off at the office so that we can offer them to other families. Thank you!

**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.

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
- ♥ Book Fair Coordinator
- ♥ Yearbook Coordinator
- ♥ Staff Appreciation Coordinator
- ♥ Carnival 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 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> | Sept. 13 th |
| 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 |

PAC NO UNI FOR \$2

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

This year ALL NO UNI days are on HOT LUNCH days.

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



Pay for your NO UNI days on MunchaLunch. These will be posted on or before Monday, September 9th.