



OCT. 4, 2024



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

Over \$400 raised!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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. 15-17 Safety Drill Week
- Oct. 17 & 18 South Poplar gym will be a polling station
- Oct. 18 No Uni for \$2
- Oct. 18 Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs
- 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.



WILDCATS CHOOSE GRATITUDE

For the month of October, our South Poplar Wildcat community is choosing to focus on & learn more about GRATITUDE.

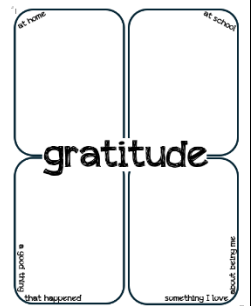
At our assembly on Wednesday, we talked about the power and importance of being grateful. Grateful for our families, our friends, our school, our homes, our food, for who we are, and so much more.

We heard a quote from a wise man that once said,

“IT IS NOT JOY THAT MAKES US GRATEFUL; IT IS GRATITUDE THAT MAKES US JOYFUL.”

Over the next few weeks, staff and students will be taking time to pause and reflect on gratitude and what they are grateful for. Every Wildcat will be given a GRATITUDE PAGE to complete, at home or at school. Everyone will also be given the option of posting their completed GRATITUDE PAGE on our “WILDCATS CHOOSE GRATITUDE” bulletin board (just outside of our gym).

Thank you for partnering together (school + home) to help the next generation learn about gratitude. We believe that this initiative has incredible potential for each person individually and for our entire school as a community.



WILDCAT T-SHIRT ORDER

A huge thanks to everyone that ordered a Wildcat T. Over 80 shirts were ordered! Able Cresting is working on getting these made & delivered to us as quickly as possible. We anticipate receiving them mid-November. When they arrive at the school, classroom teachers will distribute them to those that ordered.



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

MON. OCT. 7		FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
TUES. OCT. 8	<p>🐾 PAC POPCORN DAY</p> <p>🐾 7PM – PAC MEETING (IN PERSON OR ONLINE)</p>	
WED. OCT. 9	<p>🐾 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY (WEAR YOUR WILDCAT T)</p> <p>🐾 FIRE DRILL</p>	
THURS. OCT. 10		
FRI. OCT. 11	<p>🐾 9AM – DEADLINE TO PURCHASE HOTDOG HOT LUNCH (OCT. 18TH) ON MUNCHALUNCH</p>	



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

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ITEMS & DEADLINES

We have several families that have not yet paid for Emergency Kits & Planners. Please double-check your account to ensure that you have taken care of these items.

There are school funds available if your family is in need of some help to cover these costs. Please contact Mrs. Smith to access this confidential assistance.

★ ALL Students	Emergency Kit Fees	\$2.00	PAST DUE
★ Grade 1-5 Students	Planners	\$6.50	PAST DUE

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.

****** EXTENDED ABSENCE INFO ******

ARE YOU PLANNING A TIME WHEN YOUR CHILD WILL MISS 5+ DAYS OF SCHOOL?

If your family is planning on attending a special event, or going on a trip/vacation, that will mean your child will miss 5 or more school days in a row, we ask that you take a few quick minutes to fill out [this online form](#).

The purpose of the form is to help us with attendance, and to make sure that all of the people that need to know, get the info as soon as possible.



**** 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
Join us in person or on online ([ZOOM LINK HERE](#)).

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

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 th	Popcorn	PAST DEADLINE
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 A TOONIE (\$2)



OUR NEXT
NO UNI DAY IS:
OCT. 18TH

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.

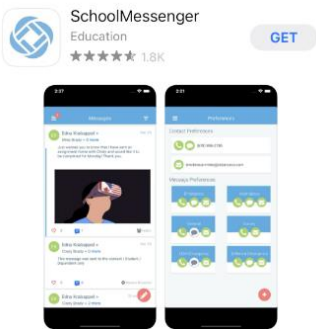
ANYONE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING???

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.

[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.

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:

- a) Criminal Record Check (renewed every 5 years)
- b) 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.