



OCT. 11, 2024



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)**

Oct. 15-17 Safety Drill Week

**Oct. 18 No Uni for \$2**

Oct. 18 Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs

**Oct. 18 PAC Pumpkin Pick-Up**

**Oct. 23 EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS & 24 + PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**Oct. 25 Pro-D Day #2 (No School)**

Oct. 29 PAC Popcorn Day

Oct. 31 Halloween + Pumpkin Olympics

Nov. 1 Diwali @ South Pop.

### 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.

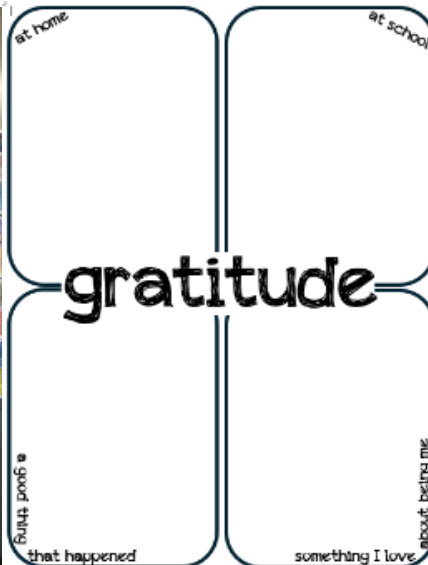
**COMMUNICATION CORRECTION:** We are only hosting a voting station here at South Poplar on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**, NOT on October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> as previously communicated.



### WILDCATS CHOOSE GRATITUDE

This week has already been an incredible kick-off to our Wildcat Gratitude Project. Our halls are being filled with beautiful pages of all the special things that the members of our Wildcat community have to be grateful for.

Thank you for the part that you have played in pausing to reflect and take note of these things with your little ones.



**"IT IS NOT JOY THAT MAKES US GRATEFUL; IT IS GRATITUDE THAT MAKES US JOYFUL."**

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

MON. OCT. 14	🐾 HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving (No School)	<b>BOOK ROOM OVERHAUL: PHASE 1</b>
TUES. OCT. 15	🐾 DRILL WEEK: Shelter in Place Drill	
WED. OCT. 16	🐾 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY (WEAR YOUR WILDCAT T) 🐾 DRILL WEEK: Lockdown Drill	
THURS. OCT. 17	🐾 DRILL WEEK: Earthquake Drill	
FRI. OCT. 18	🐾 No Uni for \$2 🐾 Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs 🐾 PAC Pumpkin Fundraiser Pick-Up (Lower Field @ 2:28pm)	



## \*\*\*\* SAFETY DRILL INFORMATION \*\*\*\*

<p><b>SHELTER IN PLACE PROCEDURES</b> All students and staff shall remain in the school and classroom, and are not permitted to leave without approval.</p> <p>TEACHERS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check hallways/common areas (including nearby washrooms) and get people into rooms immediately.</li> <li>2. Close and lock doors.</li> <li>3. Continue teaching. Do not allow students to leave classrooms, school building or portable without approval.</li> <li>4. Ignore class change bell until further notice.</li> <li>5. Listen for instructions and follow necessary procedures.</li> </ol>	<p><b>LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES</b> Teachers, please direct any students in hallways into your classroom and remain in lockdown until administration give you further notice.</p> <p>TEACHERS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check hallways/common areas (including nearby washrooms) and get people into rooms immediately.</li> <li>2. Close, lock doors and barricade (if possible) classroom doors.</li> <li>3. Cover and stay away from windows and doors. Turn off lights.</li> <li>4. Keep quiet. NO CELL PHONES.</li> <li>5. DO NOT open door for anyone.</li> <li>6. Do not open door if fire alarm sounds unless physical evidence of fire.</li> </ol>	<p><b>EARTHQUAKE PROCEDURES</b> In the event of an earthquake immediate action must be taken to protect students and staff.</p> <p>Please follow the steps below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. While the ground is shaking, students need to <b>TAKE COVER</b> under desks or tables to avoid falling objects.</li> <li>2. <b>FACE AWAY</b> from windows.</li> <li>3. Assume a <b>CRASH POSITION</b>, students on their knees, head down, hands clasped on back of neck or head.</li> <li>4. <b>COUNT ALOUD TO 60</b>, after shaking stops.</li> <li>5. <b>EVACUATE</b> to the upper field (follow the steps outlined in the "FIRE" Procedure).</li> </ol>
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### BOOKROOM OVERHAUL

It is with great anticipation that we announce an **EXCITING & IMPORTANT** initiative that we are undertaking this year. We are doing a **TOTAL OVERHAUL** of our **GUIDED READING & HOME READING** Book Inventory.

There are several phases to a project of this magnitude, including:

- 🐾 PHASE 1: Repurposing partial GUIDED READING book sets.  
*(Can no longer be used as GUIDED READING books, but they are GREAT for HOME READING.)*
- 🐾 PHASE 2: Purchasing new GUIDED READING books to create a more current & complete inventory.
- 🐾 PHASE 3: Replacing broken book bins, worn out book bags & reorganizing books.

... and we anticipate more steps as we delve into this, so please stay posted for more info.

### HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY?

- 🐾 VOLUNTEER We will be needing lots of help in order to get this done efficiently, **STARTING NEXT WEEK!!!**  
**Oct. 15-18: Volunteers are welcome to drop-in & out anytime between 8:00am & 2:30pm.**  
Please check in at the office when you arrive. Email Shannon Manky if you have any questions.
- 🐾 DONATE Watch for news about upcoming fundraisers targeting this **ESSENTIAL & EXCITING** project.



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES & EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS: OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>

As outlined in our district's 2024-25 school calendar, students will be dismissed early on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> to assist us in hosting parent-teacher conferences. The pick-up times are:

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:58am**

Your child's teacher is looking forward to meeting with you. Parent-Teacher conferences are an important opportunity for parents and teachers to have a short (12 minute) meeting to chat about their child's life at school. The teacher will share areas of strength, as well as any areas of concern. Parents may also come with questions that they are looking to clarify.

- Appointments are available:
- ★ Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 2:30 (\*last appointment 2:15-2:30)
  - ★ Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 8:00 (\*last appointment 7:45-8:00)
  - ★ Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 2:30 (\*last appointment 2:15-2:30)

*Limited appointments available outside of these scheduled times. (Refer to the booking website.)*

**NOTE: WE WILL HAVE INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE FOR THE APPOINTMENT TIMES LISTED ABOVE.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO BOOK THE INTERPRETER ALONG WITH BOOKING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. (SEE THE INFO BELOW ON SELECTING MULTIPLE STAFF CALENDARS.) \*DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL MRS. SMITH FOR HELP.\***

Please check out our online booking system to book your time with your child's teacher. We appreciate you making this important opportunity a priority and look forward to this valuable time together.

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

1. Click [here](#) to be taken to the online booking site.
2. Click the "REGISTER" menu tab and fill in the online form. Choose a user ID and PASSWORD then click the "REGISTER NOW" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "MANAGE STUDENTS" button. Click the "INSERT NEW" button to add more children.
4. Click the "DATE" icon beside each child's name to schedule an appointment. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "VIEW CALENDARS" button. Hold down the "ctrl" or "command" key to select multiple staff to view their calendars at the same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointment and then click the "BOOK APPOINTMENTS" button to save your bookings.

### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS WITH MORE THAN 1 CHILD @ SOUTH POPLAR:

If you have 2 or more children attending South Poplar please leave 15 minutes between appointments.)

### \*\*BOOKING DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> appointments must be booked by Midnight on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> appointments must be booked by Midnight on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## \*\*\*\* 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.



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

[FAMILYSMART.CA](http://FAMILYSMART.CA)

An incredible resource offered with the help of the Ministry of Child & Family Development. **FREE monthly events offered in person and online to help parents & caregivers learn more about mental health in children.**

- **October 16<sup>th</sup>** → Emotion Regulation: Helping our Kids Cope with their Big Emotions
- **November** → OCD: It's More Than Overwashing Your Hands

And so much more ...

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](mailto:southpoppac@gmail.com)



NEXT PAC MEETING:

**Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

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](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. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hotdogs	PAST DEADLINE
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)



NEXT NO UNI FOR \$2 DAY:  
**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**, 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.

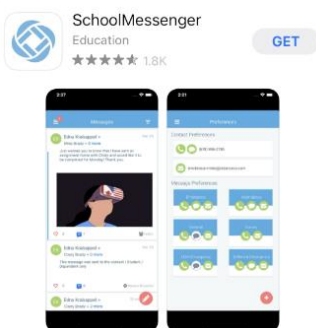
### ANYONE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING???

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.

### 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.