



OCT. 18, 2024



SOUTH POP PAC
PUMPKIN PATCH 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

Nov. 7 Remembrance Day
Assembly @ 11am

Nov. 8 Pro-D Day #3 (No School)

Nov. 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY
HOLIDAY (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](#)
*Updated weekly



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



WILDCATS HAVE SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR!

This week we are feeling extra grateful for our **amazing parent-volunteers**. Without our dedicated parent-volunteers there would be no hot lunch days, no fundraisers (like the pumpkin patch, movie nights, or the South Pop Carnival), and also no fundraised money.

We ♥ partnering with you! You are a joyful presence, dedicated to making South Pop the BEST place to be!




DID YOU KNOW THAT LAST YEAR WITH THE HARD WORK OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND THE GENEROUS PARTICIPATION OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, OUR PAC RAISED OVER \$5000?

That money raised by the PAC was used to buy 120 beautiful athletic jerseys (with our new logo), awesome sports equipment, additional outdoor play equipment (like soccer nets & gaga balls), PLUS \$3000 that went directly to classroom teachers to buy items needed for their classrooms!!!

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

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

MON. OCT. 21	
TUES. OCT. 22	🐾 3PM → GR. 4 & 5 SOCCER @ JOHN MACLURE
WED. OCT. 23	<p>🐾 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY (WEAR YOUR WILDCAT T)</p> <p>🐾 EARLY DISMISSAL (PICK-UP STUDENTS @ 11:58AM)</p> <p>🐾 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (12:30-2:30PM & 5:00-8:00PM)</p> 
THURS. OCT. 24	<p>🐾 EARLY DISMISSAL (PICK-UP STUDENTS @ 11:58AM)</p> <p>🐾 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (12:30-2:30PM)</p>
FRI. OCT. 25	<p>🐾 PRO-D DAY #2 (NO SCHOOL)</p> <p>🐾 9AM → DEADLINE TO ORDER POPCORN (FOR OCT. 29TH)</p>



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES & EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS:
OCTOBER 23RD & 24TH

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

Wednesday, October 23rd & Thursday, October 24th @ 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 23rd, 12:30 – 2:30 (*last appointment 2:15-2:30)
 - ★ Wednesday, October 23rd, 5:00 – 8:00 (*last appointment 7:45-8:00)
 - ★ Thursday, October 24th, 12:30 – 2:30 (*last appointment 2:15-2:30)

**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.**

Please click [here](#) for info about how to book an appointment using our online booking system.

****BOOKING DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**% OF APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN BOOKED ALREADY. LIMITED APPOINTMENTS LEFT.
PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT 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, November 12th

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.



[Click here](#) for more info on registering for hot lunches.

HOT LUNCH DATE	WHERE WE ARE ORDERING FROM	ORDER DEADLINE *by 9am*
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)



**NEXT NO UNI FOR \$2 DAY:
NOV. 15TH**

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.



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.**

**** 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.

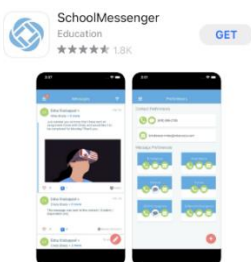
ANYONE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING???

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.

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 we 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.

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.