



Some of our incredible staff at the 2024 Terry Fox Run.

OCT. 25, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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)
- Nov. 12 Photo Retake Day PAC Mtg @ 7pm
- Nov. 13 Wildcat Assembly
- Nov. 15 No Uni for \$2 Hot Lunch: Papa John's

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.



HALLOWEEN @ SOUTH POPLAR: OCTOBER 31ST

The countdown to Halloween is on for many excited & eager students (and staff). We are looking forward to a fun, festive, and far-from-scary day, here at South Poplar.

Students have options regarding what to wear on October 31st:

- ✓ Costumes
- ✓ Orange & Black (festive) clothing
- ✓ Uniforms



We want all students to have a fabulous and fun day! If you choose to send your child in a costume, there are a few important things that you need to know:

1. No weapons of any kind.
2. No full face masks.
3. No blood or gore.
4. Must be easy to remove for bathroom visits.
5. All students will participate in Pumpkin Olympics in the morning (may be challenging in some costume choices).









Pumpkin Olympics are a super fun South Poplar tradition, that will be happening on the morning of the 31st. Mrs. Yeomans is hard at work planning and organizing fabulous activities for our entire school community to participate in.

We are looking forward to playful pandemonium at this pumpkin-palooza!



Questions about Halloween activities happening in the classroom? Please speak with your child's teacher.

*** NEXT WEEK AT SOUTH POPLAR ***

MON. OCT. 28	
TUES. OCT. 29	 PAC POPCORN DAY  3PM → GR. 4 & 5 SOCCER @ JOHN MACLURE
WED. OCT. 30	 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY (WEAR YOUR WILDCAT T)
THURS. OCT. 31	 HALLOWEEN  PUMPKIN OLYMPICS
FRI. NOV. 1	 DIWALI @ SOUTH POPLAR



DIWALI @ SOUTH POPLAR: NOVEMBER 1ST

This year, October 31st-November 1st is Diwali, the Festival of Lights. Diwali is a special holiday that originated in India, where it is celebrated nationally. Diwali has many meanings in many different religions, with each emphasizing the importance of connecting, celebrating, and making great memories with family & friends.

This year, South Poplar is celebrating Diwali on November 1st. On this day, **uniforms are not required for any students that wish to wear special clothes in honour of Diwali.**

*** IMPORTANT REQUESTS ***



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let us not forget

REMEMBRANCE DAY @ SOUTH POPLAR

We will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 7th @ 11:00am. Families are welcome & invited to attend.

A SPECIAL REQUEST: If you have a family member that has served in the armed forces, we would love to include a picture of them in a special slideshow that we will present.

Please email the photo to Mrs. Smith (kim.smith@abbyschools.ca), by Monday, November 4th. The following information is NOT REQUIRED, but it is helpful if you can include (some or all) in your email:

INFO WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE	EXAMPLE
Name (& rank) of the person that served	<i>Captain Brad Verheyen</i>
When he/she served (ie. 1950-1960)	<i>2002 - Present</i>
The relationship to the student	<i>Brother to Mrs. Manky</i>



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

We are all outside at least 2x each day (for recess and lunch playtime). Please help to ensure that you child is able to stay warm and dry by dressing him/her for the weather.

SOME KEY ITEMS: WARM (WATERPROOF) JACKET, WARM (WATERPROOF) BOOTS, HAT/TOQUE, MITTENS/GLOVES

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.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE 3 POSTINGS:

- ★ Vernon Terrace & Old Clayburn
- ★ Old Yale & Pacific Place
- ★ Pierce & Old Clayburn



*** SOUTH POP PAC NEWS ***

IMPORTANT SOUTH POP PAC WEBLINKS

SOUTH POP PAC INFO
(WE ♥ OUR SOUTH POP PARENTS)



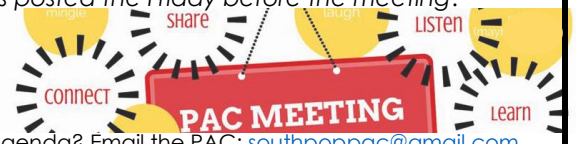
HOT LUNCH INFO
(BUY, VOLUNTEER, ETC.)



PAC MEETING INFO (MINUTES, AGENDAS, ZOOM LINKS)

NEXT PAC MEETING: **Tuesday, Nov. 12th**

Agendas posted the Friday before the meeting.



Item for agenda? Email the PAC: southpoppac@gmail.com

SOUTH POP 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
- ♥ Carnival Coordinator
- ♥ Book Fair Coordinator
- ♥ Staff Appreciation 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

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

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.**

PAC MOVIE NIGHT: NOVEMBER 29TH

DESPICABLE ME 4

Don't miss out on your chance to join us for this fun family event. Our previous movie nights have sold out quickly, so don't hesitate to book your tickets.



A few important notes:

- ★ Movie admission is FREE
- ★ Pizza is available for PRE-SALE purchase ONLY (order on MunchaLunch by November 22nd)
- ★ Other concession items available for CASH purchase that night
- ★ Students MUST be accompanied by at an adult
- ★ **Please, no outside food, drinks, or snacks**

[VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. SIGN-UP TO HELP HERE.](#)

SOUTH POPLAR PAC
PRESENTS
MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29TH
Doors Open 6:00pm
South Poplar Gym

FREE ENTRY

*** IMPORTANT LINKS & INFO FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS ***

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP INFO



ABSENCES, LATES & EARLY PICK-UPS



ABSENT FOR 5+ DAYS?



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.