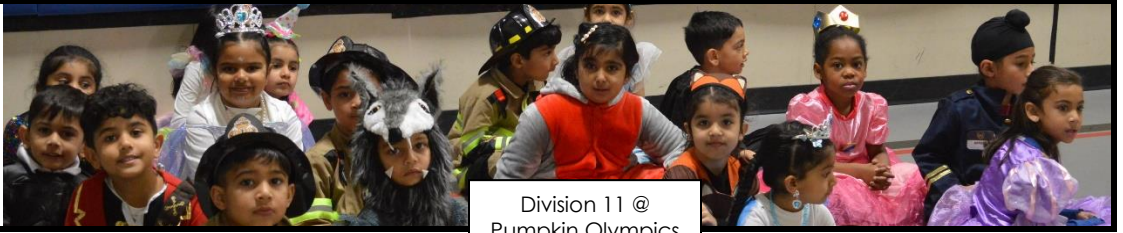




NOV. 1, 2024



Division 11 @ Pumpkin Olympics

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- Nov. 18-22 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- Nov. 19 PAC Popcorn Day
- Nov. 20 Gr. 5 Traditional Tri-Cup Soccer Tourney @ ATS

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

SOME OF THE 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.







Good Afternoon & Happy Diwali!

Wow! October has been another incredible month!

As I reflect on all that we have to be grateful for, the list is very long.

I am grateful to work with an incredible team of professionals, to serve an amazing community of children, by partnering with an awesome parent-group.

Special thanks to Mrs. Yeomans for her work on the Pumpkin Olympics, as well as all that she did to make our Grade 4 & 5 Soccer season a great success. Thank you to the teachers that joined Mrs. Yeomans (rain or shine) in coaching our kiddos (Mrs. Iversen, Mrs. Huget, Mrs. Drouillard, Miss Gill), and to the parents that faithfully drove to games and cheered on our incredible Wildcats.

We are looking forward to the month of November and all that is to come!

♥ Mrs. Manky

*** NEXT WEEK AT SOUTH POPLAR ***

MON. NOV. 4	
TUES. NOV. 5	🐾 GRADE 4s & 5s TO ATS (9:15AM – NOON)
WED. NOV. 6	🐾 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY (WEAR YOUR WILDCAT T)
THURS. NOV. 7	🐾 REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY @ 11AM – FAMILIES ARE INVITED! (INCLUDING SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY DIVISIONS 4, 9 & 10)
FRI. NOV. 8	🐾 PRO-D DAY #3 (NO SCHOOL) 🐾 9AM → DEADLINE TO ORDER HOT LUNCH (PAPA JOHN'S ON NOV. 15 TH)



*** IMPORTANT REQUESTS ***



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We 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>



Picture Retake Day

PHOTO RETAKE DAY: NOVEMBER 12TH

Our photographers are returning on Tuesday, November 12th to get photos of:

- **any students that were absent for our first photo day**
- **any student needing a retake**

If you would like your child to have their photo taken again, please complete the pink "Photo Retakes" form that your child will bring home on Monday, November 4th.

Forms must be returned to the school by Thursday, November 7th.



DIVERSITY AT SOUTH POPLAR

We are intentionally taking steps to ensure that each person knows that they are welcome, important, respected, encouraged, and loved at South Poplar. We are committed to making sure that this message is heard, seen, understood, and felt by each member of our school community.

We are excited to learn more about all members of our school community, their families and their cultures. We invite you to share with us more about holidays and traditions that are important to your family, as well as any ideas/feedback on representation & diversity here at South Poplar.

*** 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
- ♥ Book Fair Coordinator
- ♥ Staff Appreciation Coordinator

If you are interested in volunteering for (or learning more about) any of these roles, please email that PAC @ southpoppac@gmail.com



PAC NO UNI FOR A TOONIE (\$2)



NEXT NO UNI FOR \$2 DAY:

NOV. 15TH

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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 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?



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*



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.