

Grade 1s in Division 9
showing us their
"Poppin' Pumpkin" art!



NOV. 18, 2024



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 18-22 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- Nov. 19 PAC Popcorn Day
- Nov. 20 Gr. 5 Traditional Tri-Cup Soccer Tourney @ ATS
- Nov. 21 Fire Drill
- Nov. 22 Operation Clean-Up the School Grounds
- Nov. 29 PAC Movie Night
- Dec. 2-13 December 2 Remember: Food Bank Collection
- Dec. 4 Wildcat Assembly
- Dec. 5 December 2 Remember: Afternoon Events (Div. 2, 6 & 7)
- Dec. 11 December 2 Remember: Concert Day

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 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.





THE PLAN FOR PAC FUNDS 2024-2025

At Tuesday's PAC Meeting all that were present voted on spending some of the PAC funds on the following exciting initiatives:

-  \$2500 on painting outdoor games (ie. hopscotch) + a sensory path ([by Kezia Geering](#))
-  \$5000 towards South Poplar's Bookroom Overhaul (a \$10,000 collaborative project)
-  \$300 towards a movie licence (utilized for PAC movie night)

These funds are in addition to money that was already generously allocated in June & September:

-  \$3000 to classroom teachers for class items: eg. boardgames, books, stickers, etc. (\$250 x 12 classes)
-  \$150 on chessboards for Monday chess club (Gr. 3-5)

What a blessing to work together to provide these incredible items & opportunities for our students!

A huge thanks goes out to our PAC and to each family that has participated in PAC Fundraisers by volunteering your time and giving your money towards movie night concession stands, the pumpkin patch, hot lunches, and so much more.

THIS \$10,000+ ... THESE AWESOME INITIATIVES ...
THEY COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!



*** NEXT WEEK AT SOUTH POPLAR ***

MON. NOV. 18	🐾 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR SET-UP	
TUES. NOV. 19	🐾 PAC POPCORN DAY	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR OPEN AT LUNCH (12:35-1:05) & AFTER SCHOOL (2:28-3:20)
WED. NOV. 20	🐾 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY (WEAR YOUR WILDCAT T) 🐾 GR. 5 TRADITIONAL TRI-CUP SOCCER TOURNEY @ ATS (3:15 – 5:00PM)	
THURS. NOV. 21	🐾 FIRE DRILL	
FRI. NOV. 22	🐾 OPERATION CLEAN-UP THE SCHOOL GROUNDS	



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: NOVEMBER 18TH – 22ND

We are super excited to be hosting our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year!!! The Scholastic Book Fair is a fun way for families to purchase fabulous books at reasonable prices. **PLUS** a portion of every dollar spent comes directly back to our school to help us get new books & resources for our classrooms and Library Learning Commons.

If you send your child with money, please send small bills & change, and consider putting it in an envelope or baggie with his/her name clearly marked. (This is helpful to deter any money from getting lost.)

MONDAY, 18 TH	TUESDAY, 19 TH	WEDNESDAY, 20 TH	THURSDAY, 21 ST	FRIDAY, 22 ND
1:00 – Set-up Crew	BOOK FAIR OPEN FOR PURCHASES.			8:45 – Pack-Up Crew
	12:10 – 1:10 2:20 – 3:20	12:10 – 1:10 2:20 – 3:20	12:10 – 1:10 2:20 – 3:20	

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS VOLUNTEERED!
WE KNOW THAT THIS YEAR'S BOOK FAIR IS GOING TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS!!

*** SAVE THE DATES: DECEMBER TO REMEMBER (D2R) ***

One of the most exciting months of the year is quickly approaching: DECEMBER TO REMEMBER. More information will come out soon, but for now, please be sure to make note of these important dates:

DEC. 2-13 D2R: Archway Food Bank Collection 	DEC. 5 D2R: Afternoon Events (Divs. 2, 6 & 7) 	DEC. 11 D2R Concert (Whole School) Morning Rehearsal 8:30-10:30 Evening Performance 6:00-7:00pm	DEC. 16-22 D2R: Spirit Week Holiday Themed Dress-Up Days inspired by Holiday Stories
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*** 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, Jan. 14th**

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
- ♥ 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 \$2



NEXT NO UNI FOR \$2 DAY:
DEC. 13TH

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.](#)

A yellow poster for 'SOUTH POPLAR PAC PRESENTS MOVIE NIGHT'. It features a QR code in the top left, a black silhouette of a movie camera on a tripod in the center, and a stack of Minions on the right. Text on the poster includes 'FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29TH', 'Doors Open 6:00pm', 'South Poplar Gym', and a 'FREE ENTRY' sign.

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

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP INFO



ABSENCES, LATES & EARLY PICK-UPS



ABSENT FOR 5+ DAYS?



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 4 POSTINGS:

- ★ *Vernon Terrace & Old Clayburn*
- ★ *Old Yale & Pacific Place*
- ★ *Pierce & Old Clayburn*
- ★ *Cardinal Avenue (Near Highstreet)*



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 checkout our website for information on how you can become an approved volunteer: ["How to become a volunteer at South Poplar"](#)



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.