

South Poplar Traditional Times



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GOAL

SCHOOL GOAL 2010/2011 - TO INCREASE STUDENT READING COMPREHENSION



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

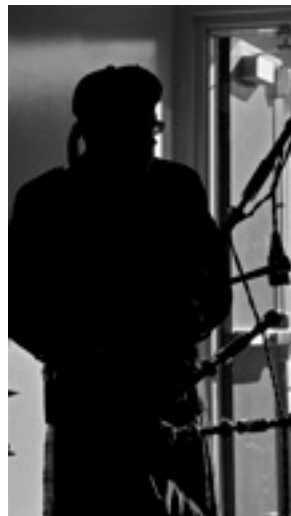
As we come to the end of the first term in this school year, it is a good time to reflect back on the continued success we are having at South Poplar Traditional. It is, however, not one 'group' who is leading the way but rather a strong partnership of parents, students and staff with a collective vision for exceeding expectations. So many "front and center" examples can be found that exemplify the way we do business at our school. One recent success that encompasses who



we are as a school occurred last week with our **Remembrance Day Assembly**. All our school community knew how important this event was. It was a team effort to put together a program that was dedicated to our Canadian soldiers and veterans. It was truly another amazing piece of history at our school that provided everyone with a snapshot of how thankful we are to have the freedom we have been blessed with. It was also a pleasure to have so many parents,



students and staff together for this honourable tribute.



Mr. Barry Johnston on bagpipes

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The South Poplar staff would like to thank all our families for their dedication and diligence in supporting our school. Each day and night our parents and students are working with us to succeed. We also appreciate the extra time our parent population takes to work with their children to teach them to respect and honour the school system. Our students come to school eager and prepared to learn, and they all want to succeed academically and socially. **We have great kids at our school!** They all have a very positive and appreciative attitude towards our staff. **Thank you, South Poplar families... you are wonderful to work with!**

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Please note re: Kindergarten for Early Dismissal Days -

Nov. 24 & 25:
AM class attends from **8:40 - 10:38**
PM class attends from **11:40 - 1:38**

Calendar

Fri, Nov 19 Notepad orders due by 9 am
 Mon, Nov 22 Gr. 4 Boys Handball at Dr. R. Bondar 3-4:30 pm
 Gr. 5 Boys Handball at J Maclure 3-4:30 pm
 Tues, Nov 23 Gr. 4/5 Girls Handball at Clearbook 3-4:30 pm
Wed, Nov 24 1-Hour Early Dismissal Day at 1:38 pm
 Thurs, Nov 25 Hot Lunch forms sent home
1-Hour Early Dismissal Day at 1:38 pm
Fri, Nov 26 Non-Instructional Day #3 - NO CLASSES
 Mon, Nov 29 PAC Meeting at 7 pm
 Thurs, Dec 16 Christmas Concert Evening 7 - 8:15 pm



WEEK'S QUOTE

The first fall of snow is not only an event, it is a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of a world and wake up in another quite different, and if this is not enchantment then where is it to be found?

J. B. Priestley

Principal's Message Cont'd

A special thank you is extended to the **PAC Executive** and parents for the extra time and effort they have put forth this first term in supporting our staff and students. We have had many events organized by them which have been instrumental in getting us off to a great start for this school year. We have also had many families donate time, money and supplies so that we can continue to move forward as a school. **Thank you, South Poplar parents.**

Finally, a thought from behind the scenes about everything that goes on at our school. It is a busy place with decisions being made each minute of the day that are good for kids. This takes a team of people willing to put the highest priority on things that can be done to have a positive impact on our students. We welcome our parents to get involved in our school and know that only together can we achieve the greatest achievements. **A special thank you to all our staff for their efforts throughout the first term and all the best for continued success throughout the rest of this school year!**



WINTER PREPARATION – Possible School Closures Due to Weather or Power Outages

In the event of a school closure announcement, information for parents will be available through the media – local radio stations – **Country 107.1 FM** or **STAR-FM at 98.3 FM**, the **district website** at www.sd34.bc.ca and the district's **Synervoice communication system**, which consists of an **automated phone call** to each students' home number or primary contact number. This will be a

district emergency message authorized by the Superintendent and generated through the district office. The message should be delivered to each home through the automated system **by 7:00 a.m.** on the day a school closure is in effect. Please ensure your **child's contact information** in the school office, including a parent email address if available, is accurate as the district prepares for this new communication system.

Julie MacRae, Superintendent

For more info. see:

<http://www.sd34.bc.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=944111&pageId=2670519>

Snow	Scattered flurries
1°C	1°C
NE 10km/h	NE 10km/h
75%	69%
90%	90%



Cold Weather is here!

A reminder to please make sure **your child is dressed appropriately for the weather** (with wind, rain and possible snow, we need to be prepared for recess and lunch play times being outside). Students need to be equipped with a good winter jacket (and, if needed, mitts, touques, scarves, etc.). Thank you for your help with this.

 **Watch for a notice next week on Parent-Teacher Conferences.**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8 -
3:00 - 4:30 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 9 -
3:00 - 6:30 P.M.**

First Term Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, December 3

*B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom -
Fruit & Veggie Program
www.aitc.ca/bc*

Yesterday students received organic apples!

Interesting Apple Fact just in time for report cards! ~
“Polish an apple for the teacher” was a practice of students in the 1800s, in order to gain favour.

Other interesting **facts** and **legends** about **apples**:

- 🍏 In nature, a protective wax shield covers most plants, flowers, and fruits. While an apple is still on the tree it develops this coating of plant wax which slows dehydration.
- 🍏 Apples are the second most popular fruit sold in supermarkets, ranking next to bananas.
- 🍏 A recent study showed children with asthma who drank apple juice daily suffered fewer symptoms.
- 🍏 British Columbians consume 25% of the apples grown in BC. That's about 100 apples per person per year.

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Family Notepad Fundraiser

**NOTEPAD ORDERS DUE BY 9 AM
TOMORROW! DON'T MISS OUT!**
(no late orders please)



PAC General Meeting AGENDA

November 29, 2010 at 7pm - SPTES Library

- * Call to order at 7pm
- * Approval of Minutes of Oct 18th, 2010 PAC General Meeting (see minutes attached to your PAC Newsletter dated October 28)
- * Principal's Report
- * Budget Update
- * PAC Committee Reports
- * Spring Carnival
- * Head Lice Vote
- * Possible Family Movie Night Dec 10th 2010 – discussion/search for volunteers



A Mix Up

Our deepest apologies to our Grade 5 boys and parents who are involved with our handball program. On Monday there was a mix up between Terry Fox and our school which made it impossible for us to get the game completed. **We have rescheduled the game for Wed, Dec. 1 at Terry Fox Elem.** We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused some of our families with students on the boys' handball team. Even though our Grade 5 boys game was rescheduled, our Grade 4 boys' and Grade 4/5 girls' teams took to the courts to play against Clearbrook. Both teams played well by moving the ball to open players and taking some great shots. We also got to see many great saves on goal from a few of our players. Congratulations to all our students (66 in total!) who have signed up and are playing on this year's handball teams.

Gr. 4 Boys Handball



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

We collected **\$200** and filled **33** boxes! Thank you to our South Pop families for your support!

