



# Poplar Ridge School October Newsletter

We have had a wonderful start to the 2024-2025 school year!

## Top things you need to know about Poplar Ridge for October:

1. **Thank you!!!** We would like to celebrate our wonderful custodian, educational assistants, our teachers and our office admin. Thank you for all that you do for Poplar Ridge School!
2. **Celebrations:** We are celebrating Mrs. Henschel for 10 years and Mrs. Chu for 25 years of service with CESD.
3. **Academic Excellence:** Our teachers have been completing assessments to guide teaching.
4. **Safety Drills:** We are continuing to practice various drills such as lock down, hold and secure and evacuation drills.
5. We had a wonderful Terry Fox Run! Thank you Ms. Reed for organizing our school assembly.
6. **AGM-** Thank you to all who were able to attend our School Council AGM. Please note that our agenda and minutes are on our website. Save the date for the upcoming casino on Dec. 28 and 29.
7. **CEAA Fun Run:** Our students who participated in run club will be attending the Innisfail Fun Run. More info to come! Thank you Mrs. Warder and Mrs. Chu for coaching as well as the volunteers.
8. **Spooktacular read a thon:** Poplar Ridge is participating in a read a thon for the month of October to promote the love of reading. Proceeds will go towards a lego hallway in the library. More info to come!
9. **Family Literacy Night:** We will be hosting our Spooktacular Family Literacy Night on Oct. 23 from 6:00-7:30.
10. **Volleyball:** Our grade 6 volleyball team will be starting in October. Thank you Mrs. Hewlett for coaching
11. **School Photo Retakes-** if you would like your child to have a retake the date is Oct. 29. Your child needs to bring their online proof sheet.
12. **Hot Lunch** - Our School Council organizes hot lunches for purchase. Emails and notes in agendas have been sent out! Hot lunch starts this month.
13. **Poplar Ridge School Spirit Days** -On Fridays, we encourage students to wear blue and white or Poplar Ridge gear.
14. **Microwave Usage:** We are limiting microwave usage to 1 minute as microwaves are to reheat items only. Please refrain from sending the kraft dinner cups, cup of noodles, microwavable popcorn, frozen meals
15. **Facebook:** Please follow us on facebook! We showcase many events happening around the school!
16. **4 Seasons of Reconciliation Course - Registration**

4 Seasons of Reconciliation is a unique 3-hour online course that promotes a renewed relationship between indigenous peoples and Canadians through transformative learning about truth and reconciliation.

17. **Paul Davis** - On Nov. 13, Paul Davis will be presenting an internet safety information night for families.
18. **Hour Zero** - As a school division, we are following Hour Zero protocol for safety procedures. Please have a look!<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Dtjk7nn--JxDyiXitSKm7m2B8LheDwnkEYU2hTukj9M/edit?usp=sharing>

## Dates to Remember:

Sept. 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No School  
Oct. 1 - Orange Shirt Day  
Oct. 2- Special Acknowledgement for our staff!  
Oct. 3- CEAA Fun Run  
Oct. 11 - Non Instructional Day - No School  
Oct. 14- Thanksgiving-Gobble, gobble! No school

Oct. 23- Spooktacular Family Literacy Night  
Oct. 24 - Apple Fundraising Pick Up  
Oct. 25- Professional Learning Day - No school  
Oct. 29- School picture retakes  
Oct. 31 - Halloween festivities at 2:00 pm- families welcome  
Nov. 13- Paul Davis, internet safety information night

