



Poplar Ridge School October 2025 Newsletter

Thank you everyone for a fantastic September.

So many happy faces coming back to school
for another wonderful year at Poplar Ridge.

Dates to Remember:

Oct 3 - Kindergarten Friday & Spirit Day - wear your PR gear if you have it!!!

Oct 9 - CEAA Fun Run

Oct 10 - Non-instructional Day NO SCHOOL

Oct 13 - Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL

Oct 17 - School Council 9am & Spirit Day - wear your PR gear if you have it!!!

Oct 20 - Professional Learning Day - NO SCHOOL

October 24 - Kindergarten Friday & Spirit Day - wear your PR gear if you have it!!!

October 30 - School Photos Retakes

October 31 - Halloween

Things you need to know about Poplar Ridge for October:

1. **A warm thank you!** Our amazing teachers, educational assistants and custodian and office admin work so hard every day to keep things at Poplar Ridge running so smoothly. We celebrate their hard work during, the beginning of October.
2. **Assessments:** Our teachers have begun the assessment process as outlined by Alberta Education, if you have questions regarding this process, feel free to contact Ms. Peters in the office.
3. **Safety Drills:** We continue to practice safety drills during the school year. Fire drills, hold and secure, and lock down drills will be completed in October.
4. We had another excellent day for our Terry Fox Run and Assembly. Thank you to Ms. Reed for organizing. We raised **\$533.40** for Toonies for Terry in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done!!
5. **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. See the calendar for upcoming dates.
6. **Run Club:** Thank you to Mrs. Hewlett and Mr. Fowler for supporting our run club. We have over 80 students who will attend the district fun run on October 9!!
7. **Hours of Instruction/Supervision:** Our school day starts with a bell at 8:45 am and dismissal is at 3:05 pm. Outside supervision begins at 8:30 am until 8:40 am. Please have your child(ren) on time!
8. **Drop off and Pick up Routine - Please keep your child in your car until supervision starts at 8:30 am. At 8:30 when the supervisors are outside, students can walk to the playground using the sidewalks.** Please note: there is **NO** walking through the parking lot at any time. If your child's regular pick up routine changes, (for example picked up instead of bus) please notify the school. If your child rides the bus and there is no communication about the change, they will be sent home on the bus. After 8:40, all outside doors with the exception of the main entrance are locked. This is to ensure safety is maximized for our students. When coming to the school throughout the day, please check in at the office.
9. **Poplar Ridge Spirit Days** - On Fridays, we encourage students to wear their Poplar Ridge gear. More spirit days to come from our Spirit Day Leadership team.

Cell phones/Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media

Starting the first day of school, Chinook's Edge School Division will align with the Alberta government's Ministerial Order on Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in School. ***In accordance with the government's new standards students will not be permitted to use cellphones/personal mobile devices (Personal mobile devices include: cellphones, smartwatches, and tablets) and social media during instructional time. Student access to social media will not be permitted on Chinook's Edge networks.*** These guidelines will ensure our students' learning environments are free from distractions, allowing our teachers to deepen engagement and learning. These restrictions will differ slightly by grade and school configuration:

Kindergarten to Grade 8: Students are not permitted to use personal mobile devices at school and or during school hours.

Support documents, literature and research related to cellphones/social media:

Reference documents:

[Government communication regarding cellphone use in schools](#)
[Ministerial Order - June 20, 2024](#)

Literature/research on the topic of cellphone use:

[Anxious Generation](#) - [Digital Minimalism](#) - [iGen](#) - [2022 OECD PISA Study](#) -
[2023 UNESCO Study on Technology in Education](#) - [2024 Norwegian Study on Middle School cellphone bans](#)
[The case for cellphone free schools](#)



Poplar Ridge School Calendar

2025-2026 Student Attendance Calendar



AUGUST 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Aug 27-29 Professional Learning Day

FEBRUARY 2026						
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Feb 2 First Day Semester Two
Feb 6 Kindergarten Friday
Feb 16 Family Day
Feb 16-20 Winter Break
Feb 19-20 Teachers' Convention

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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Sept 1 Labour Day
Sept 2 Students' First Day of School
Sept 4 First Day of Kindergarten (Staggered Entry)
Sept 19 Professional Learning Day (HS Common Collab)
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

MARCH 2026						
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Mar 6 Professional Learning Day
Mar 13 Kindergarten Friday
Mar 20 Professional Learning Day (HS Common Collab)

OCTOBER 2025						
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Oct 3 Kindergarten Friday
Oct 10 Non Instructional Day
Oct 13 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 20 Professional Learning Day
Oct 24 Kindergarten Friday

APRIL 2026						
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Apr 3 Good Friday
Apr 6 Easter Monday
Apr 10 Kindergarten Friday
Apr 20-24 Spring Break

NOVEMBER 2025						
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Nov 7 Non Instructional Day
Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 10/11 Fall Break
Nov 14 Kindergarten Friday
Nov 28 Professional Learning Day (HS Common Collab)

MAY 2026						
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May 8 Kindergarten Friday
May 15 Focused PD Day (TPGP Day)
May 18 Victoria Day

DECEMBER 2025						
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Dec 5 Kindergarten Friday
Dec 12 Non Instructional Day
Dec 22-31 Christmas Break

JUNE 2026						
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Jun 5 Professional Learning Day
Jun 12 Kindergarten Friday
Jun 18 Last Day of Kindergarten
Kindergarten Graduation
Jun 26 Students Last Day (noon dismissal)
Jun 29 Professional Learning Day

JANUARY 2026						
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Jan 1-2 Christmas Break
Jan 16 Kindergarten Friday
Jan 30 Professional Learning Day

LEGEND			
	Professional Learning Day		Teachers' Convention
	Non Instructional Day		Significant Start and End Dates
	Holiday		Breaks
	Kindergarten Friday/Special Day		

CESD appreciates feedback from all of our stakeholders in the creation of this calendar. Over 2000 CESD staff members, parents and students contributed to the most recent CESD Calendar Survey. The next opportunity for feedback will be in the 2028-2029 school year.

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