



Auguston Traditional Elementary School



May 3, 2024

Dear Auguston Traditional Families,

Re: Reported Bear Sighting near School Property

This morning, just before lunch, a bear was spotted at the far end of our field. No students were outside at the time and so there was no concern re: student safety.

Out of an abundance of caution, students will be kept inside for the lunch break today and all classes will remain indoors. Additionally, we contacted our local B.C. Conservation Office Hotline to notify them of the sighting, and a local officer has been dispatched to the area. We also advised our district teams, members of the public outside using the track and notified the Little Wonders Daycare across the street.

The bear is believed to have moved on.

We ask that you also make your neighbours aware of the sighting – especially if they do not have children in our school – and take some time tonight to discuss with your child(ren) the importance of staying on school grounds, in the open and away from the thick brush line.

Bear sightings do occur in our community; sometimes, they are too close for comfort. Information on what to do if you see bears, coyotes, cougars or other concerning wildlife is presented here: [City of Abbotsford - Wildlife & Waste](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our school office at 604-557-0422. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Kris Sward
Principal
Auguston Traditional Elementary School