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## Principal's Message



Welcome back to school! After what has been a busy couple of weeks we are starting to get settled into classes and routines here at Auguston Traditional. It has been wonderful to see the excitement from our students as we move into our new year and as they make new connections with teachers and friends. Being new here as well I can say that this is an amazing school community full of dedicated staff, parents, and volunteers and also some pretty great students. I have really appreciated the warm welcome I have received and am looking forward to an awesome year ahead. Please forgive me if I don't remember your names after the first time I meet you – there are a lot of new faces but I'm working on remembering them all!

Mrs. Kris Sward  
Acting Principal

*Below are some important news items and dates for your calendars.*

## Staffing

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of our team.

**Mr. David Marchioro** is our new PE teacher.

We also welcome some new EAs to our team: **Mrs. Catherine Potocky, Mrs. Lisa Naubert and Mrs. Karlene Schmidt.**

We are still working on finishing up hiring on a few postings and positions and I will keep you up to date once we have people in place.

# MEET THE TEACHER



**On September 22 from 6-7pm we will open our doors and classrooms for a chance for families to meet their children's teachers and get a tour of their class.** Please be aware that this is intended to be an introductory session only and not an update on student progress. It's a chance to be introduced to your child's teacher, see where your child will be learning this year and allow them to share some of the work they have already done. This is also a great opportunity for you to share any pertinent information that might help your child's teacher as they get to know your child. There will be many parents here that evening, so please be mindful of the teacher's limited time with each family. We also appreciate you helping us out by following our health protocols of being mindful of personal space and following handwashing and respiratory etiquette (i.e., coughing or sneezing into your elbow, staying home if sick).

## Helping out in our community

This year, Auguston is taking on a number of worthy causes during September and October. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month and to do our part, we will be participating in the annual Cops for Cancer (*date and time still pending*) and our Terry Fox Run will be held on September 27th. Donations can be made directly to our fundraising pages on the Cops for Cancer website and/or the Terry Fox Foundation website and we will also use some of the funds raised from our 'No Uni for a Toonie' days throughout the year to put towards these worthy causes.



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## COPS FOR CANCER

**Cops for Cancer fundraising page:**

[https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR?team\\_id=491051&fr\\_id=28331&pg=team](https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR?team_id=491051&fr_id=28331&pg=team)

**Terry Fox Fundraising page:**

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/11440>



We will also be participating in the BC Thanksgiving Food Drive to help families in need in our community. For the calendar week of **September 15<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be accepting donations in the front lobby** for families in need. Examples of items we can accept are canned goods, pasta, grains, rice and cereals, baking goods and hygiene products. Some special requests include: cooking oil, jam, sugar, diapers in size 5 or 6 only, and tampons. Cash donations can also be made using the QR code on posters on school doors.

## Day of Mourning

The provincial government announced yesterday that **schools will be closed on Monday, September 19**, to mark an official day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Abbotsford School District acknowledges historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting misinformation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement.

**Auguston Traditional will recognize Orange Shirt Day on September 28.** Students and staff are invited to wear **orange** shirts in place of their usual uniform shirts (*along with uniform pants/skirts*). **On September 29<sup>th</sup>, students have no school as staff share a day of learning (Pro-D Day) and schools are also closed September 30<sup>th</sup> to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

## Noon Hour Supervisors

**We are looking for 2-3 casual noon-hour supervisors at Auguston for this year.** At this point we are only looking for on call availability though some regular shifts may come available as the year progresses. This is a paid position (\$19/hour) and shifts are between 12:15 and 1:15pm Mondays to Fridays. There are also some spots for after school bus duty available between 2:35 and 3:05pm. Please see the **Noon Hour Supervision Application form** to begin the application process if you are interested in helping us out.

## Picture day is October 5<sup>th</sup>!



Be sure to wear your best smile as Edge Imaging joins us on October 5<sup>th</sup> for our annual school photo day. Information on ordering pictures will be shared closer to that date.

## Parking

Our drop off and pickup times can get quite busy in and around our parking lot and street. Please help us keep the flow of traffic moving by not stopping or parking in traffic/bus loops, by driving around the loop if your child is not ready curbside and by choosing a parking spot during pickup and drop off if possible. I know the congestion can be difficult as we move in and out of the school, but it is usually a fairly quick 10-minute turnaround. Also keep an eye out for kids crossing at the crosswalks and remember that school speed zones of 30km an hour are in effect. Thank you for helping to keep us all safe.

## Dogs and other pets on school grounds

**A reminder that dogs and other pets are not permitted on school grounds in accordance with school district policy.** There are posted signs on school grounds. This is for safety and health reasons. Pets are allowed for things such as show and tell with prior approval from your child's classroom teacher or principal. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy.

## Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, Heelies and Other Wheeled Items

A reminder that these "wheeled" modes of transportation should be walked on and off school grounds for safety reasons. This includes the front of school sidewalk. With many younger students and pre-school children walking or running about an unfortunate accident could occur. Students riding these wheeled "vehicles" should be wearing a helmet. Please speak to your children regarding this matter.

## Keeping up to date through the Abbotsford School District "APP"

A handy app is available for parents and students in Abbotsford School District: the Abby Schools app is available for downloading on iPhones or Android mobile phones. The app provides the user with announcements, news, events and contact information about any of the district's schools and many district departments. Once downloaded on a phone, a user can choose which school or district department they wish to receive information from. There is an ability to have notifications so parents, students, staff or any user can be aware when new information is posted by the school or district. The mobile app is directly linked to school and district websites, so once content is published to the website it automatically is pushed to the app as well.

The app is easily downloadable to iPhones and Androids. Search on either for "Abby Schools". Users can follow any number of schools, along with district and department information.

- Get the [app for iTunes](#)
- Get the [app from Google Apps for Android](#)

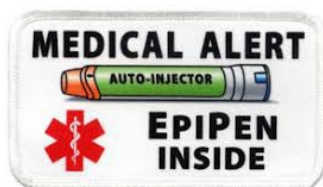
## Bringing Electronic Equipment to School

Students at times bring various types of electronic devices to school (handheld gaming device). We would encourage you to ask your children to leave these devices at home. We don't want them to be damaged or misplaced as we cannot be responsible for their safekeeping at school. Thank you for cooperation.

## Administration of Medication at School

If your child is required to take medication at school (i.e. asthma puffers, or prescription medicines) a "Permission to Administer Medication" form must be completed by your family doctor and returned to our office annually. A form can be obtained at the school office or from the district website. **Click here for more information on medical conditions:** [AP 327](#), [AP 328](#) & [AP 330](#)

## Allergy Awareness



Many children come to school with life threatening allergies. This can vary from food allergies to certain foods like

nuts, fish, dairy etc., or it can be allergies associated with bee stings. Children with severe allergies require immediate medical attention should they come into contact with an allergen. Schools often have children with allergies to specific types of nuts such as peanuts and other nut products. For the safety of children, we are asking your cooperation in restricting the use of nut products in lunches or other food items brought to school. We understand that it is difficult at times to know what is in specific food products. For classrooms that have students with severe nut or other type of allergies we ask that parents refrain from sending items with these specific food products. It is understood that assuring that a school is absolutely "nut free" may be difficult and instead ask that our school community be "nut aware" so that we do not become complacent by thinking we are completely "nut free". We thank you for your understanding with this serious matter.

## Lunches, Labels, and other Extras

**Families are encouraged to ensure that students have all the materials required for the day of learning (ie. snack lunch, gym strip, jacket, homework, library book, etc.) upon their arrival to school.** If you must bring a lunch to the office during the day, please ring the doorbell.

As well, ensure the lunch is clearly labeled with FIRST and LAST names, and your child's division. That helps us ensure your child receives their item in a timely manner. **School Supplies, jackets, hats, and sweaters should all be labeled clearly with your child's name as well.** Our Lost and Found overflows very quickly with articles left out on the playground. A name written inside these items allows us to find the owner.

## Bell Times

Click here for the [Bell Schedule](#).

Supervision occurs 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after school.

*Students are to arrive between **8:30 to 8:40am**. Please be on time! :)*

8:35 "Get Ready" Bell  
8:40 Classes Begin  
10:55 - 11:15 Recess  
12:23 - 12:35 Eating period  
12:35 - 1:05pm Outside time  
2:37 Dismissal



*Students are to be picked up between **2:37 to 2:47pm**.*



## Absent or Late Students

<https://www.abbyschools.ca/safe-arrival>

On our school website you will find a tab: "Report Absence or Late" which will direct you to Safe Arrival.

The Abbotsford School District utilizes an automated student attendance management system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger®, the company that hosts our parent notification system.

With SafeArrival, you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

### *SchoolMessenger App*

Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).

The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account.

Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

### *SafeArrival Website*

Using the SafeArrival website, go to: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account.

Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

**CREATE YOUR SCHOOL MESSENGER**

**ACCOUNT NOW**

*Toll-Free Number*

Call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

**Note:** Absences of more than 3 days should be reported to [auguston@abbyschools.ca](mailto:auguston@abbyschools.ca) or Ph: 604- 557-0422 (there is a 3 days in a row maximum for reporting on School Arrival).

## Early Morning Arrivals to School

**Please understand that adult supervision of students does not begin until 8:30 am.** As the mornings become darker, we are not aware of students being in and around the school especially if they are on the playground. We understand that as parents work commitments often involve leaving early. If this is the case, we ask if it is possible for your children to go to friend's home and come to school closer to the time when supervision begins. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter. Safety of children is paramount. **After school, supervision is from 2:37 to 2:47pm.**

***Please do not allow students to climb trees, the dug out or other "high up" places before or after school!***

## Early Pick Up

If you need to pick up your child due to illness (for an appointment, please enter it in Safe Arrival and let your child's teacher know), please ring the doorbell when you arrive. Your child will need to be signed out.

## Dropping off something for your child

In order to minimize class disruption and to adhere to safety protocols, please do not take items directly to your child's classroom or portable.

**Please drop them off at the office and they will be delivered to your child.**

## Daily Health Check

All parents, guardians, and/or caregivers are encouraged to conduct a **Daily Health Assessment of their child(ren) each day before sending them to school**. Families can use the provincial BC Thrive Assessment. See [Latest Updates](#) from the district website.

## Appointments

If at all possible, please try to schedule appointments or activities for your child outside of school hours to help protect instructional time. If unavoidable, please notify the office beforehand via Safe Arrival and notify your child's teacher.



## School Website

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca>

Don't forget to check out the school website for [Announcements](#), [Newsletters](#), [Dress Code](#), [School Office hours](#), [Photos](#) and more!

## Parent Volunteers

Are you interested in Volunteering at Auguston to help out with field trips, in the classroom, hot lunch and more?



All Volunteers must have a Criminal Record Check (CRC) completed, safety training and orientation, and the necessary forms submitted. Thank you for your support in completing the necessary requirements.

Please see [Volunteer Procedures](#)

## IMPORTANT FORMS

Next week please watch for the following form coming home with your child: **Student Verification form**

Consent to be completed in [schoolcash](#):

*For all students - annual consent:*

- Permission for Off Grounds
- Fruit & Veggie Consent

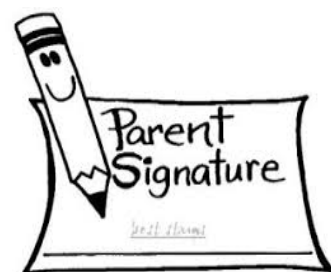
*Gr. 1-5 - annual consent (Ks complete at registration):*

- Photo/Media Consent

*Needed one time only:*

- Request for Email Address Consent
- Google for Education Consent

The **Student Verification form** gives us important personal information that we use in case of emergency or to contact you for various reasons.



**Please be sure to check that your contact information is accurate and complete, SIGN IT and return it to your child's teacher.**

## NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are sent out by email **ONLY**.

Please be sure to have an accurate email address listed on your Student Verification Form so that you receive the newsletter (in addition to other emails from the school).



## AUGUSTON STAFF 2022-23

Mrs. Kris Sward, Acting Principal

Div. 1	Mrs. Vanessa Matty (M-T) Mrs. Anita Dhaliwal (W-F)	Gr. 5
Div. 2	Mrs. Seonid Dirom (M-Th) Mrs. Crystal Chow (F)	Gr. 4/5
Div. 3	Mrs. Jill Ward	Gr. 4/5
Div. 4	Mrs. Tina Deol	Gr. 4
Div. 5	TBD	Gr. 3
Div. 6	Mrs. Marlo Small	Gr. 3
Div. 7	Ms. Harjit Nagra (M-W) Mrs. Melissa Smith (Th-F)	Gr. 2/3
Div. 8	Mrs. Jennifer Simpson (M-T) TBD (W-F)	Gr. 2
Div. 9	Mrs. Karin Charest	Gr. 2
Div. 10	Mrs. Heather Preiss	Gr. 1/2
Div. 11	Mr. James Ketelaar	Gr. 1
Div. 12	Mrs. Brianne Elford (M-T) Mrs. Brenna Vandermeer (W-F)	Gr. 1
Div. 13	Mrs. Hilary Puglisi	K/Gr. 1
Div. 14	Mrs. Diana McAllister	K
Div. 15	Mrs. Laura Hambly	K

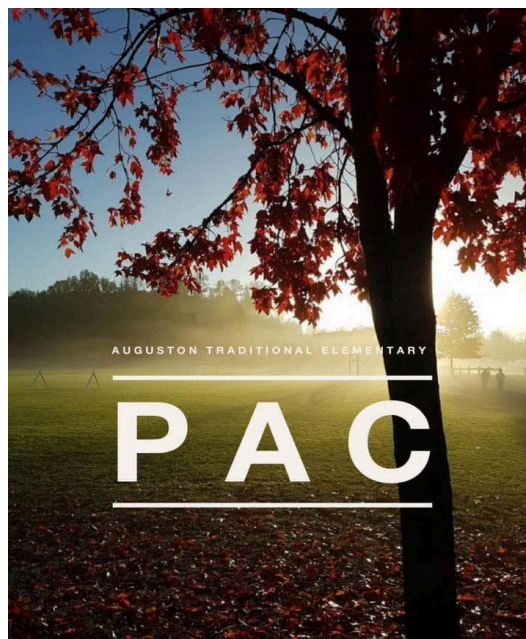
Ms. Kerry Clark	ELL
TBD	LSS
Mrs. Crystal Chow	LLC (T/W)
Mr. David Marchioro	PE (M-Th/F am)

Mrs. Louise Tait	Admin. Assistant
Mr. Wayne Steinwandt	Custodian
Mrs. Coral Christianson	EA
Mrs. Lisa Naubert	EA
Mrs. Catherine Potocky	EA
Mrs. Karlene Schmidt	EA
Mrs. Tammi Riou	EA
Elder Tina Lakey	ISW (W pm/Th/F)
Mrs. Denise Marshall	Library Tech (Th)



Auguston School Staff on the website:

<https://auguston.abbschools.ca/about/staff>



## Auguston PAC

- **Chair:** Yolanda Davidowich
- **Vice-Chair:** Jessica Dowdall-Loewen
- **Treasurer:** Tina Poudrier-Beck
- **Secretary:** Natalia Subrt
- **Fundraising Chair:** Jen Graham
- **Hot Lunch Chair:** Lacey Evans
- **Member at Large:** Alicia Campbell
- **Member at Large:** Maite Barrios
- **DPAC Representative:** (OPEN - contact the PAC to fill this position today!)

Join the PAC Facebook Page for reminders & updates!

[Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)

Auguston Parents/Guardians are invited to join the General **PAC Meeting** on Tuesday, September 27, at 7:00pm in the library.

## Contact the PAC

See the [PAC page](#) on the website or email the PAC at [augustonpac@gmail.com](mailto:augustonpac@gmail.com).



## Dates to Note

Fri, Sep 16	<a href="#">Class Lists for Kindergarten</a>
Mon, Sep 19	<a href="#">National Day of Mourning</a> – NO CLASSES
Tues, Sep 20	<a href="#">Hot Lunch Ordering Closes</a> at 3pm
Wed, Sep 21	<a href="#">Kindergarten Students attend for the Full Day</a>
Thurs, Sep 22	<a href="#">Meet the Teacher Night</a> 6-7pm



[Click here for the Abby App!](#)

[Click here for the School Calendar!](#)

Click here for the Local School Calendar  
for [2022-23](#)



**A BIG THANK  
YOU to**  
**Mrs. Diana  
McAllister,**  
**Kindergarten**  
**teacher (and**  
**part-time**  
**florist/gardener**  
**☺) &**  
**Mr. Robert**  
**Carmichael,**  
**retired principal,**  
**our school**  
**garden**  
**volunteers,**  
**for the incredibly**  
**gorgeous flowers**  
**that brighten up**  
**our school!**



**See school photos on the  
website at:**

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/blog>

## Community Information

Please click here for more information on the [Community Partners Database](#). The Community Partner Database is a search tool that is designed to provide relevant information regarding many specific organizations and community resources we have access to in Abbotsford.



## Pay for School Activities and Give Consent Online

**Kindergarten parents, please watch for the cost of Kindergarten school supplies to be added in school cash soon!**

**Consent forms are ONLINE in SchoolCash.** Consent includes Request for Email Address Consent, Google for Education, Photograph/Video and Media, Permission off Grounds and for Field Trips.

**We would like to encourage ALL families at our school to utilize the online option for consent & payments EVERY time!** We are currently at **91.20%** who have signed up. Let's make it 98, 99 or even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

**\*Email Consent \* Google Consent \* Permission for Off Grounds \* Photo/Media Consent  
\*Field Trips \* Damaged or Lost Library Books \* Fruit & Veggie Consent \*No Uni for a Toonie**

Thank you to parents who have set up your schoolcash account and utilize this option. You will be receiving reminders and messages about new items being added to your child's 'cart' when field trips and other items arise. A suggestion is to purchase a **prepaid credit card** to make purchases if you are concerned about online shopping. The district site is a secure site which does not hold account information.

**SchoolCashOnline limits the amount of cash/cheques handled in schools, reduces paperwork, and results in more focused instructional time in the classroom.** The Abbotsford School District now uses SchoolCashOnline for all schools. With SchoolCashOnline, parents have the convenient and secure option of paying for school items using their credit card online, 24/7. You can pay for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. It will save you time too! **Register for Schoolcashonline in 4 simple steps! If you haven't yet done so, please click on the link below to sign up TODAY!**

### Pay School Fees Online

Secure credit card payment  
24/7 convenience  
Easy registration

[Click Here!](#)

SchoolCashOnline

