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Acting Principal's Message

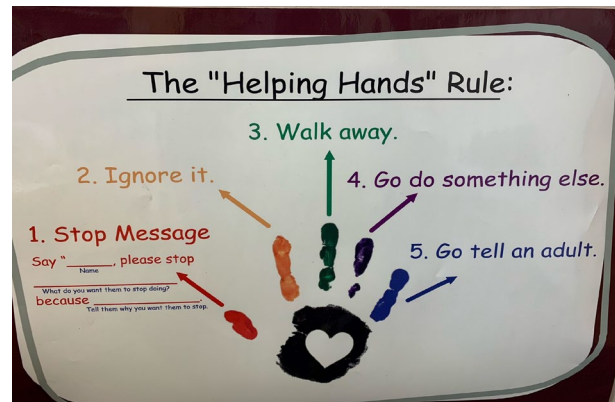
Hello families!

A lot of exciting things have been happening around our school and we are well on our way to having an amazing year. From soccer and cross country, to pumpkin patches and parent nights – it's been a busy Fall so far, but also so much fun. There are always lots of fun pictures on our website so you can check out the great things happening at our school.

We are all settled into our routines now and I am enjoying visiting classes and seeing all the learning happening there. Kids are eager to share the books they are reading, explain their math to me or have a check in and chat as I peek in on their learning. I am truly enjoying working and learning with this great community at Auguston.

We continue to work on using our 'helping hands' to solve conflict on the playground here at Auguston Traditional. During our Friday Friends whole school buddy time we have been talking about using this valuable tool when we have a disagreement. We hold our hand open and work our way through the steps:

- 1 - say 'stop, I don't like it when you _____, because _____'. It's everyone's responsibility to stop when they are asked to stop and we are working on that, too,
- 2 - Ignore the behaviour,
- 3 - Walk away from the situation,
- 4 - find something else to do or someplace else to be, and
- 5 - seek help from an adult on duty.



Not only does this strategy help our students have a voice and advocate for their needs, but it also frees up our duty parents and teachers to deal with any bigger issues that may arise. We have 'helping hands' posters up around the school and will continue to work on this throughout the year.

As we look towards our winter months there are a few updates to share, and we have covered off many here in this newsletter. Please read through – perhaps enjoy a quiet moment and a cup of coffee as you peruse our updates - and let us know if there are any questions.

Dress for the weather

Welcome to winter! Or so it feels out there. It seems that summer was just a few short weeks ago but we are into the cold, wet weather now. Though it looks pretty, and we have enjoyed some dry days, we know that the weather won't always be so nice. Please ensure that your children have warm weather gear and rain proof jackets as we will be heading outside as much as possible. Those fresh air breaks do wonders for our growing brains – keeping them clear and ready for learning - so we will continue to go outside for recess and lunch unless it is heavy rain or extremely cold.

Please also make sure that your child is coming with sweaters or vests that are in alignment with our dress code.

Click here for [Winter Weather](#) information.

Dogs on school property



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 may be 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.

Fundraising updates

Earlier this year we had a number of fundraising initiatives that we took part in as a school. Our online fundraisers collected \$280 for the Terry Fox Foundation and \$116.50 for Cops for Cancer. We will use our 'No Uni for a Toonie' day funds to top both those donations up to \$500 from our school and we will also be donating \$250 from our 'No Uni' funds to both the food bank and the Veterans fund. Our little school is making a huge difference!!!

Sand toys

We have some really cool new sand toys and cars and ramps to play with at recess and lunch. These bins are a hit and give the kids access to other areas on our playground to have fun while being creative and building skills around sharing and taking turns. Thank you to our PAC for funding this initiative!





Remembrance Day

We are pulling together our Remembrance Day assembly for Wednesday, November 9th at 10:45. This assembly will be the first one open to parents in a few years. If you are planning to attend, please arrive between 10:30 and 10:40 as our assembly will start with kids coming into the gym at 10:45 (*recess times will be adjusted to earlier in the day for the assembly*). If you have any family members that have served in the Armed Forces or are currently serving, we would love to recognize them for their service. Please let us know some of their information and share a picture if you have one and we can add it to our slide show (auguston@abbyschools.ca).

School Affordability Grant

Recently the Ministry of Education and Child Care announced that it would be allocating \$60 million in one-time funding to school districts to increase food security for students and their families, and to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns during the 2022/23 school year. Our school has been allocated \$2,586 to support family's needs for meal and food security, school supplies, fee waivers or school clothing. If you have any questions or need some help, please contact Mrs. Sward at kris.sward@abbyschools.ca for further information.

Crosswalk duty

We are looking for an afternoon crosswalk volunteer! If you have time and would like to volunteer to help our students safely cross the road out front after school, please connect with us at the office and we can forward your name for training by district staff.

Speaking of Traffic Safety

Things get really busy around our parking lots, bus loops and the street out front during drop off and pick up times. Please remember to GO SLOW and be aware of our students as they are moving around our school property and crossing the road. If you are dropping off or picking up in one of our bus loops, please be mindful of everyone's time and DO NOT PARK in either loop. You must remain in your vehicle and in order to keep traffic moving and get everyone safely on their way, if your child(ren) aren't there ready when you pass through the loop – please do another loop so traffic behind you can move through. Thank you!



VIP parking spot

Earlier this Fall, our PAC had an online bidding contest for our VIP parking spot in the lower parking lot. Unfortunately, our winner has not been able to use it all the time as other people are parking there during drop off and pick up times. Please be aware – if the winner wasn't you – the spot is taken. Thanks.

Cold and flu season



As cold and flu (and COVID still, too!) season is now upon us, please continue to do a daily health check for your child(ren) each morning. If they are unwell, please keep them home until their symptoms have subsided, or for 5 days after a positive COVID test. We will continue to keep up with our hand washing and respiratory etiquette here at school and appreciate everyone doing their part by staying home when they are sick.

Pink Shirt Day Contest

Pink Shirt Day is still a ways away, however, we are holding a contest to design our very own Auguston Traditional Pink Shirt this year. This contest is open to all students. Students can create their own black and white design (for easy transfer) on a 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper and submit it to Mrs. Sward by November 25th. We will then vote on our favourite design and have t-shirts made for students to purchase in the new year. Stay tuned for our winning design!

Food Drive

For the month of December, our school will be collecting donations for the food bank. Being able to give back to those in need by collecting food bank donations is an annual tradition here at Auguston and we are glad to be able to help out once again. Starting on December 1st, please send any donations to your child(ren)'s classrooms as we are going to be keeping track of which class can bring in the most, with a prize for our top two classes.

Christmas Concert

This year we will be doing things a little bit different for our annual Christmas Concert. To avoid having to have multiple plans due to possible COVID/sickness restrictions and to ease up on everyone's already overloaded schedules, we are going to be pulling together an online video event this year. The cool thing is – once it is released and shared with families, you will be able to watch the Christmas concert when it's convenient for you and your family from the comfort of your own living room, you can watch it multiple times if you want – because we all love to hear that one song over and over and over again!, you can fast forward or rewind to all the best parts, and you can enjoy it with family members who might not otherwise be able to join in as it will be accessible over the entire Christmas holidays. More information will be coming soon about when our online Christmas Concert video file will be released and how you will be able to access it. Stay tuned!

School Skating field trip



Another fun December event will be a skating field trip on December 16th! Our PAC will be paying for our grades 1-5 students to spend part of their last day of school skating at Matsqui Recreation Centre – and then we get to come back to the school for a school wide pancake lunch. What a great way to spend our last day before the break! Thanks again to our amazing PAC for helping to make our school awesome!

Mrs. Kris Sward
Acting Principal

Dates to Note

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| Sun, Nov 6 | Fall Back 1 Hour |
| Wed, Nov 9 | Auguston's Remembrance Day Assembly Treat Day - SinAmen Cinnamon Buns |
| Thurs, Nov 10 | Non-Instructional Day - NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS |
| Fri, Nov 11 | Remembrance Day - NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS |
| Mon, Nov 14 | Rock Your Mocs Day |
| Thurs, Nov 17 | Photo Retake Day Red Robin Hot Lunch Orders Close at 3pm |
| Fri, Nov 18 | Div. 10 & 14 classes to Willband |

The most important 'job' we are charged within a school is to keep everyone safe. In order to do this, we need to know at all times who is in our building. It keeps our students, staff, and parents safe! Please make sure you stop at the office, sign in and receive a visitor/volunteer tag before you head towards your child's class (or area of the building you are visiting/volunteering in). By having everyone sign in, we obtain a secure count and understanding of who is in our building. So please **STOP** and remember this procedure when you enter the front entrance of our school.

Friendly
Reminders

On Time for School

Consistent attendance sets habits for a lifetime. Punctuality is important in order that each child receive the maximum benefits that come from consistent, daily, sequential instruction. The student learns the value of respecting the time and effort of others and the importance of keeping commitments.

Students need to be here on time **between 8:30-8:40am** every day so that their learning can be effective and efficient. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Absent or Late Students

On our school website you will find a tab "Report Absence or Late" for Safe Arrival: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/safe-arrival>. Please use this option to report your child absent or late (unless more than 3 days absent).



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

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

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

Front Door Unlocked – Visitor/Volunteer Sign In

The front door outside the office is now **UNLOCKED** (if it's unlocked you will be able to press the knob down to enter - it may occasionally be locked, and a doorbell may be placed outside if Mrs. Tait has stepped away from the [office](#) or is on break/lunch). The other outside doors to the building will remain locked.



Parents and Visitors are asked to **SIGN IN and wear a visitor/volunteer tag** in order to enter on-site, and, if volunteering, to have completed the [Volunteer Process](#).

- For students who will be absent for **more than 3 days** or going on extended vacation, please notify you child's [teacher](#) and the [school office](#).
- If a student arrives at **8:40am or later**, they **MUST** check in at the office.
- If a student is leaving school early, parents **MUST** sign their child out at the office.
- Students **MUST** be picked up **between 2:37-2:47pm** while there is supervision.

Appointments

If possible, please try to schedule appointments or activities for your child **outside of school hours** to help protect instructional time.

Early Morning Arrivals to School

Please understand that **adult supervision of students does not begin until 8:30am**. 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.

Messages for your child and/or your child's teacher

If possible, messages for your child and/or your child's teacher about after school pick up, etc. need to be communicated **PRIOR to drop off or via the school planner** to minimize disruptions to instructional time.

Dropping off something for your child

In order to minimize class disruption, 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 (or your child will be paged to come and collect them.)

School Website

<http://auguston.abbyschools.ca/>

Don't forget to check out the school website for [Announcements](#), [Bell Times](#), [Calendar](#), [News](#), [Staff Email Addresses](#), [Newsletters](#), [Dress Code](#), [PAC](#), [PAC Meeting Info](#), and more!

Rock Your Mocs Day

Students are encouraged to wear **moccasins or slippers along with their school uniform** while inside during the school day on Monday, Nov. 14, to support indigenous culture.

This is NOT a "No Uni for a Toonie" day.



AUGUSTON TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY PAC
* proudly present *

* AUGUSTON
CHRISTMAS
MARKET *

* LOCAL ARTISAN MARKET
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MANGO MARKET
FOOD TRUCKS + CONCESSION
* SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
RAFFLE + SILENT AUCTION
PHOTOS WITH SANTA
GRADE 5 ENTREPRENEUR MARKET



*
Auguston
Christmas
Market

* SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 26
10AM - 3PM *

Auguston Traditional Elementary School
36367 Stephen Leacock Dr



Costume Day





See **school photos** on the website at:
<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/blog>

Thank you, **Jessica Dowdall**, parent and PAC
Vice-Chair for taking pics!



Photo Retakes

**Student Photo
Retakes take place
on November 17.**

**Proofs will arrive approximately 2 weeks after
photos are taken and orders can be placed
online. Order due date TBD*.**

This year, in an effort to be more environmentally friendly, school photo order forms will not be sent home. Instead, students will only receive a proof sheet with their codes to view and order their retake photos online. **Order online when you receive your child's proof at edgeimaging.ca/order.** Any questions can be directed to Edge Imaging Customer Care at 1-888-416-3343.

**Please note that parents can still order their ORIGINAL student photos after the due date of Oct. 28. If ordered after the due date your photo order will be processed with the retake orders. Once the retake due date (date TBD) is over on the next set of proofs, then parents will need to pay a minimal shipping fee to have their package shipped to their home.*



Yearbook Art contest

Calling all artists, doodlers and everyone in between...the Yearbook Committee is inviting you to enter our very first **Cover Art Contest!** The theme is *Our School Year Through the Seasons* and the contest will be open until **December 2nd**. A couple rules:

1. All entries must be submitted on standard letter sized paper.
2. Please print your name, grade and teachers name neatly on the back of your paper.

A winning piece will be selected from each grade to be published as the cover page for the yearbook! Winners will be announced on December 15. Good luck!

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.

Noon Hour Supervisors

We are looking for casual noon-hour supervisors at Auguston. 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.



**Soccer
& More Outside Fun**

The students in Divisions 10 to 15 had a fabulous time visiting the school garden pumpkin patch and choosing a pumpkin to use for math and science activities. Special thanks to the **parent volunteers** who picked up the pumpkins and placed them in the garden. As well, thanks very much to the **Auguston PAC** for supporting this wonderful event.



Pay for School Activities and Give Consent Online



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 **98.85%** who have signed up. Let's make it 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 – 63% have signed up. Round 1 closes at the end of the day TODAY.***
Thank you for your support!

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!**

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Secure credit card payment
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Easy registration

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