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Principal's Message

Welcome to March – and hopefully soon to spring! Though we have started our month with cold, snowy weather, we are hopeful that the warm weather will find us soon.

This month is going to be a quick one. Before we know it, spring break will be here and then we have just one week of March when we return (our break is from March 11-26). I hope that everyone gets to enjoy some downtime with their family, perhaps a fun outing or two, maybe even a family getaway over our two-week break. However you spend your spring break, please be safe and catch up on some much needed rest and relaxation!

Report cards are also a big feature this month. This Thursday (on the 9th), students will be bringing home second term report cards. Please remember that this is a summative report based on their progress so far this year. There is still a lot of learning to be done this year, but take some time to read over this term's report card with your child, celebrate their successes and set some goals for their learning in third term.

A reminder that we are still encountering some sickness here at Auguston. We have had both a cold and a flu that have been circulating around our school recently. Please remember that if your child is feeling under the weather, we appreciate you keeping them home until their fever subsides, other symptoms have resolved, and they have the energy to be able to make it through an entire day here at school. Not only

will this give them time to feel better, but it also protects our other students and staff from being exposed to these bugs. We appreciate your help in this.

And – though we are hoping for warmer weather, for now we still have a mixed forecast of rain, snow, and everything in between! Please be sure to send your children with proper weather gear as we will be playing outside for recess and lunch most days. Fresh air and play provide important breaks for our developing minds and bodies, so we will get out there as much as we possibly can.

Have a great spring break everyone and we look forward to seeing you back in school on March 27th!

Kris Sward



Kindness donut



We have a new way to celebrate being kind here at Auguston! In our lobby we now have a bulletin board that has a

donut on it. This donut is iced, but not yet sprinkled. It is our 'Sprinkles of KINDness' board and we get to cover it in sprinkles by doing kind things. If staff notice students being kind, they will get to write their name and what they did on special papers that then get posted up on the donut. On Fridays, there is a chance their name will be drawn for an actual donut prize! Though kindness is not about getting a sweet treat, it is an extra way to recognize our amazingly kind and helpful students for doing great things in and around our school.

Math mania board

You might also notice our new 'Math Mania' bulletin board across from the office. Each week a new question or math problem will be posted – one for primary students and one for intermediates – that will challenge our students to use their mathematical minds. They can write their name and answer on the sheets provided and enter them to win a weekly donut prize, too. What a fun way to challenge ourselves and celebrate our math skills!



Sledding rules

While the snow might just be behind us, now, we have had a few concerns about sledding before and after school. Students of all ages are using the 'grade 5 hill' beside the gym without helmets and going so fast that they end up sliding into the fence at the bottom. This hill is closed for before and after school sledding unless a parent is present with each child and – again – the child must be wearing a helmet. We limit it to grade 5 students who are able to control their sleds a bit better and can react quicker than some of the younger kids. Sledding is still available to students of all ages on the hill just past our baseball diamond. Please remember to slide one at a time, clear the area at the bottom of the hill quickly and head to the edges of the hill or in line with one of the trees to make your way back up to the top. Students are reminded that there is no sharing sleds with friends (only if you are siblings), and helmets are strongly encouraged.



Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The 2023 Student Learning Survey has already been completed by our grade 4 students here at Auguston Traditional. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey as well, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

***The e-survey site will
be open until April
29th.***



Traditional updates

As a Traditional School, we are connected to a group of schools across the district that are wanting to set up inter-school events and activities to build a community focus. We are planning a few events to bring students from Traditional Elementary schools together to foster connections as they may find themselves together in middle school if parents choose to continue on with the Traditional stream. This spring we are set up for a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for grade 4 and 5 students to be held at Abbotsford Traditional Middle School on April 13 at 3:00pm. We hope that this will be the first of many sports or club-related events that we can reestablish with our Traditional School cohort.

We are also in need of two parents and two students who would be willing to join staff members for meetings of the Traditional Advisory Committee. We plan to meet every second month or so for 60-90 minutes after school. Meetings for this year have been set for April 19th and May 17th from 4-5:30 at King Traditional School. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please let Mrs. Sward know.

NHS

We are continuing our search for casual noon-hour supervisors. 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 2:37 and 3:07pm. We are looking for on call availability at this point and may need coverage for regular shifts in the future. Please see the [Noon Hour Supervision Application form](#) to begin the application process if you are interested in helping us out.

Upcoming Dates

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| Wed, Mar 8 | Library Reading Link Challenge - some grade 4/5 students are competing at the district level Grade 5 Committee Meeting |
| Thurs, Mar 9 | Popcorn Day Term 2 Report Cards sent home |
| Fri, Mar 10 | Reading Olympics Celebration Cookie Day fundraiser for grade 5 field trip Last day of school before Spring Break |
| Mar 13-24 Spring Break | |
| Thurs, Mar 23 | Treat Day Orders Close |
| Mon, Mar 27 | School reopens |
| Fri, Mar 31 | Favourite Things Treat Day |



Grade 5 Fundraiser



Parents, please see items that were sent home with Grade 5 students re: fundraising for year-end events: a recycling bag, return-it sticker & instructions. Thank you for your support!

Reading Olympics Celebration



All students who read certain amounts to reach the **gold, silver or bronze** level will receive a **medal** (K-3) or **ribbon** (4/5).

All students who read will be entered into a **draw**. This year we have **three** prizes, **one for K/1, one for 2/3** and **one for 4/5**. Each prize consists of a **glow in the dark blanket and a book**.

Thank you for participating Auguston students & thank you Mrs. McAllister, Div. 14 Kindergarten teacher, for co-ordinating this event!

Show your School Spirit

Students are invited to celebrate Reading Olympics by wearing Olympic/Athletic Gear on the last day of school before Spring Break, Friday, March 10. If students are not participating in our No Uni fundraiser, they are expected to be in their usual uniform attire.

No Uni for a Toonie Days

Olympic Day is our 6th No Uni for a Toonie Day! So far, we've had Valentine's Day, Twins Day, Pajama Day, Jersey Day and Costume Day. We have had **82%** sign up for our "No Uni for a Toonie" Days - thank you!

Those who did not sign up for No Uni Days previously are invited to pay online in **schoolcash** for the subsequent **4 No Uni days = \$8**. Thank you for your support!

Money collected from these days is donated to charities (ie. Terry Fox/Cops for Cancer/Remembrance Day (Veterans), etc.) as well as helping with Gr. 5 activities, school enhancement and to benefit overall student experience. Click here for **No Uni - School Spirit Days**.

After a long break the Spring Fun Fair is back!

Save the Date

Friday, May 5, from 5-8pm

All Auguston families and staff are invited to join us for a fun evening of games, food, prizes and more at our school largest FUN-draising event! It's an Under the Sea themed event and we will have activities for all ages including inflatable games, face painting, carnival style games and a photo booth!

Look for more information coming up including:

- Classroom Raffle baskets
- Silent Auction
- Volunteer Registration
- Food Truck and Concession Pre-Orders



Volunteers Needed for Fun Fair

We are looking for volunteers for a variety of roles and invite you to connect with us via email jengra@telus.net or on our [Facebook](#) page to find out more information:

[@AugustonTraditionalElementaryPAC](#) and the [Spring Fun Fair Chat](#)

Volunteer Info.:

<https://auguston.abbysschools.ca/parentsstudent/s/parentvolunteers/auguston>

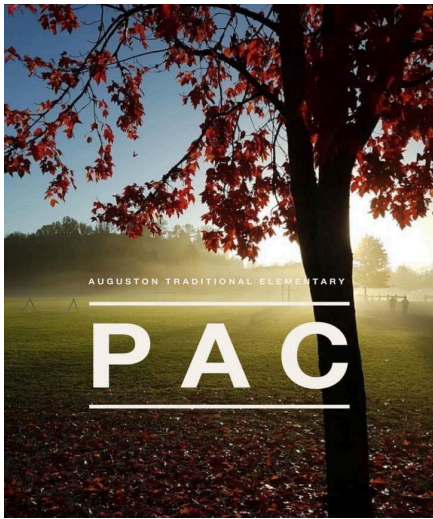


The poster features a dark blue background with white and yellow circles of various sizes, resembling bubbles. The text is centered and reads: "2023 SPRING FUN FAIR UNDER THE SEA". Below this, the date and time are listed: "FRIDAY MAY 5TH, 2023 5PM - 8PM", followed by the location: "AUGUSTON TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL". A row of eight colorful icons represents fair activities: a food stand, a castle, a popcorn bucket, a cotton candy cone, a wheel of fortune, a boy with face paint, a game booth, and a bunch of balloons. At the bottom, a white Facebook 'f' logo is on the left, and the text "Volunteers needed Please visit us on the Facebook page @Auguston Traditional Elementary PAC or email jengra@telus.net" is on the right.

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Auguston PAC

What Is The PAC (Parent Advisory Council)?

Every parent or guardian who has a child at Auguston Traditional Elementary is by rights on the P.A.C. (Parent Advisory Council).

Coming up ~

- PAC Executive nominations open on **April 1.**
- Next PAC General Meeting: **April 26** at 7pm in the Library
- PAC AGM on **May 17.**

See the PAC Facebook Page:

[Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)

On the website: [PAC page](#) & [PAC Meeting Information](#)

Have Questions? Email the PAC at:
augustonpac@gmail.com

Reading Link Challenge School Competition

Congratulations to all the Grade 4 & 5 students who participated in the **School Reading Link Challenge** put on by the Fraser Valley Regional Library and thank you to **Mrs. Deol, Div. 4 teacher**, for leading students in this activity.

The students were very impressive with their knowledge, enthusiasm and positivity!

Good luck to the team being sent to Clearbrook Public Library for the **Library Reading Link Challenge** on Wednesday, March 8.



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 **89.26%** who have signed up. Let's make it even 98.99 or even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

Open in [schoolcash](#):

* **No Uni for a Toonie** (due Mar. 10) - Round 6 for those who haven't signed up yet – 82% have contributed to date – thank you!!

***Email Consent * Google Consent * Permission for Off Grounds * Photo/Media Consent
*Field Trips * Damaged or Lost Library Books * Fruit & Veggie Consent**

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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