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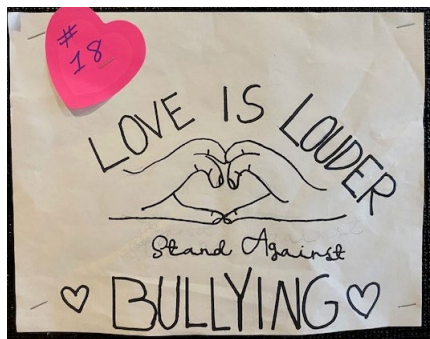
Principal's Message

Welcome to December. It's been a busy Fall here at Auguston Traditional, and it doesn't look to be slowing down anytime soon! We had many events over the last month, like our Remembrance Day ceremony, the Book Fair, Jersey Day and our Craft and Entrepreneur Fair. We've also had some awesome after school programs starting up and – of course – lots of great learning happening throughout the school. We look forward to a wonderful December as we work towards a well-earned break in a couple of weeks. Schools will be closed between December 23rd and January 7th, making our first day back from the break Monday, January 8th. From our families to yours, we wish you a season filled with magic and joy! No matter how you celebrate this season, stay safe, enjoy time with family and friends and take time for you!

~ Mrs. Sward and all the staff at Auguston
Traditional Elementary School

Pink Shirt contest

Japji from Division 2 has created this year's Pink Shirt Day winning entry. We had over 100 designs submitted, and students voted on the top 32. Congratulations Japji! Her design will now be sent in, and staff and students will be able to make orders of their pink shirts soon!



Food Drive

Once again, Auguston is hosting a food drive here at the school from December 1-20th. A bin will be in our school lobby and students are welcome to bring donations to add to this worthy cause. The top items that are needed at this time are: Rice, Pasta and Sauce, Canned Meats, Peanut Butter and Baby Food. Of course, all donations are appreciated and will be shared with those in need.



Mitten Tree

In our school office we have a mitten tree and it's looking kind of bare right now. If you have new or gently used mittens or toques and warm winter hats to share with kids in need, please drop them off at the office and we will make sure they get onto some cold hands and heads.

Staffing

We have some exciting news to share! **Mrs. Lisa Kantas** is joining us on Fridays as a temp LSS teacher. She has years of experience and a wealth of knowledge in all things LSS and is going to help us stay on track with our supports and case management. **Mrs. Janzen** will move to four days a week in the Learning Assistance role, running reading groups and working with individual students as she has been, and she will move into Mrs. Dhaliwal's grade 5 class on Thursdays. **Mrs. Dhaliwal** will be acting as a Teacher in Charge on Thursdays in the office and helping Mrs. Sward out with some administrative tasks. Supports are coming together and we look forward to what this all will bring to our school.

Also - huge congratulations go out to our student teachers, **Ms. Turcotte** and **Ms. Barnett**, who finish their practicums with us here on December 1st! We wish you both the best as you move into your teaching careers and hope to see you around in our school as TTOC's in the near future!

Expansion Project

Our permits finally came through! You may have noticed some big machinery moving around in our construction zone – we are so excited to see them digging the foundation for our expansion. It's hard not to spend all day watching the work, but it's pretty cool to see it all starting to come together.

Report Cards

Report cards are now called Learning Updates and we are sending our term 1 updates home with students on Friday, December 8th. If your child is away that day, we will keep those not picked up at the office for you to pick up when you have a chance. If you don't receive your child's report card, please contact their teacher and we can get another copy to you.

Nut Free Snacks



We appreciate your continued diligence in monitoring snacks and lunches for our food allergies. We are trying to maintain a [nut free school](#) to avoid

severe reactions in some students who are allergic to nuts, tree nuts and coconuts. Thank you for checking the labels of your children's lunch items and keeping items that may contain nuts at home for snacks. Please also remind your children to not share snacks at school.



Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success last week! Lunches and after school sales were busy and kids were

excited to buy books, posters and lots of cool pens and erasers. Total sales were \$6,849.90 – way to go, Auguston!

Inclement weather guidelines



As we head into our snowy and icy season, please be aware of our winter weather procedures found on the district website: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/winter-weather>. If schools are closed, emails (and text messages if you have signed up for them) are sent out by the School District office. School closure information will also be posted on our website, on social media and broadcasted by local radio stations. If you wake up to snow, please check there first to see if a snow day has been called.

Winter Weather Gear

Also remember that we spend recess and lunch outside as much as possible, so students need to be dressed for the weather. Warm jackets, hats, and gloves, as well as waterproof boots all help us to stay dry and warm as we play outside in all kinds of weather.



Christmas Concert



Classes are busy practicing and recording their Christmas concert performances for you! We are doing everything online again this year and we hope to be able to share our concert file with you on December 15th. Students will be watching the concert that afternoon with their Friday Friends here at school. Our online format will allow you to watch the concert when it is convenient for you and your family, watch it many times over if you like, share it with loved ones over the holiday and enjoy it all from the comfort of your own living room – no fighting for front row seats as everyone gets one! We look forward to spreading some joy and Christmas cheer with you! Students are buzzing with excitement, and it looks to be a great show!

High Tech High Touch



In the last week of December, students in each class will get to do some exciting, hands-on science activities with the group from Science Made Fun BC. Workshops we are signed up for include Erosion, Weather or Not, Get Buggy and Fun With Forces, as well as many more. It should be a fun way to learn about some very interesting topics. Thanks to our PAC for sponsoring this event for our students!

Sledding rules

In case we get some snow, and in order to make sledding safe and fun for everyone, we have a few guidelines that we all need to follow:

- Our Grade 5 sledding hill beside the gym is officially CLOSED due to the construction project. It is too short and not safe as there is fencing at the bottom. No sledding is permitted there at any time.
- Grades K-5 are able to slide on the hill above our school field between the edge of the backstop and the lower field area. Helmets are preferred. The grade 4/5 area is closest to the backstop, with grades 2 and 3 between the trees and K/1s farthest from the school on the smallest slope.
- Only students with sleds are allowed on the hills. As some families will choose not to send their kids with sleds for safety reasons, sharing of sleds is not allowed unless it is between siblings.
- Students are to sled down alone (no doubling up) and one at a time, giving the previous sledder time to move away from the bottom of the hill before going.
- Skis or snowboards are not permitted.
- Students at the bottom are to walk back up to the top in line with the trees (ie. go along the bottom of the slope to where a tree is at the top and walk up safely there).
- No standing at the bottom of the hill. Viewing will be from outside of the slide zone.
- It can get icy and slippery out there, so using caution while around the sledding areas is important!
- There is no sledding allowed on the hillside above our Kindergarten rooms (beside our garden area) during school hours or within the duty times before and after school.

- If conditions become too icy, sledding will be closed. This closure will be decided on depending on conditions on a daily basis.
- Students are also asked not to eat the snow in and around the school pavement areas as we use rock salt and chemical product to reduce the ice and make our surfaces less slippery.
- We also have a no throwing snow rule – not at each other, not at trees or buildings, not up in the air as there are rocks and ice chunks mixed in.
- Please also share the snow and don't wreck other people's snowmen or snow forts that they have worked hard to build.



After school programs at Auguston Traditional Elementary:

- [Auguston Arts & Crafts](#)
- [Auguston Drama Explorations](#)
- [Auguston Storybook Art](#)

Caring Kids Program Update

We would like to once again extend an invitation for your Grade 3-5 student to attend the ACSS Caring Kids Collective Program! Being that this will be a year long program (current participants will be welcome to continue should they choose to), it would be so amazing to see more students join the already great group of kids! The instructors have been lesson planning and have some more amazing activities planned including some Community guest visitors such as local Firefighters, Police Officers, the Therapy Dogs, etc. There will be A LOT of fun things happening in this program for sure!!

School Photos

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



*Thank you, Tina Howe,
(parent and teacher) for
taking many of our school
photos!*

[Clearbrook Library field trip](#)



The Caring Kids Collective Program

- the Fall session runs until December 21 (winter & spring dates TBD)
- Every Tuesday & Thursday
- Student Program Time Schedule: 2:35pm – 4:30pm
- Cost: FREE

To register for this program, all you need to do is open the attachment: [ACSS Caring Kids Collective Program](#).

For more details, go to:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/announcements/caring-kids-collective-program>



Upcoming Dates in December

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| Dec 1-20 | Food Drive bin in front lobby |
| Mon, Dec 4 | Popcorn Orders Close at 3pm |
| Fri, Dec 8 | Popcorn Day Learning Updates (report cards) sent home |
| Dec 13, 18-21 | High Tech High Touch workshops |
| Fri, Dec 15 | Pajama Day – No Uni , PAC is putting on a pancake lunch and our concert will be shared |
| Fri, Dec 22 | Last Day of School before Winter break! |
| Dec 25 - Jan 5 | <p>Winter Break</p>  <p>MERRY <i>Christmas</i> AND HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> |
| Mon, Jan 8 | School Reopens after Winter break |

Weekly/Monthly Events

- [Reading Link Challenge](#) for Gr. 4/5 students, Mondays at lunch in the LLC



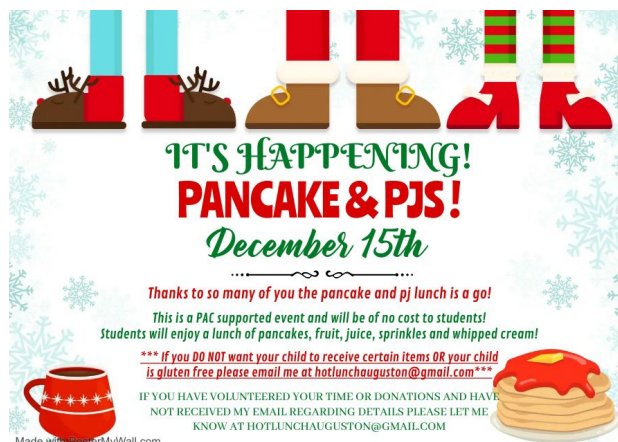
- [Choir Practice](#) for Gr. 3-5 students, Wednesdays at lunch in the LLC



- [Auguston Arrows Leadership Club](#) for Gr. 4/5, Thursdays once/month at lunch in the LLC



Pancake & PJs



Pancake & PJs is happening on Dec. 15!

Click here: [Pancake and PJs](#)

Thank you [Volunteers](#) - Please ensure you are up to date with your Criminal Record Check and have completed the Annual Volunteer Process!

Ordering Not Needed for Pancake Lunch

Please note that this is REVERSE consent (not in munchalunch) and it's FREE (sponsored by the PAC)!

Please contact:

hotlunchauguston@gmail.com if you do **NOT** want your child to have certain food items or have allergy/dietary concerns. Thank you!

Volunteering/Have Questions?

Please contact hotlunchauguston@gmail.com.

Abbotsford Canucks

The Abby Canucks will be celebrating school spirit with Auguston Traditional at their home game on January 16th against the Ontario Reign. There is a special rate for tickets for Auguston families and staff that night and students can enter to win prizes at the game – and even a chance to ride the Zamboni! Wear your school uniform to share our school spirit!! **More information is on the flyer shared below (click on the pic or scan to view).**

ABBOTSFORD CANUCKS

The flyer is a promotional graphic for a hockey game. It has a blue background with a subtle pattern of white stars. At the top left, there is a logo for 'SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT' in white and green. To its right is the Auguston Traditional Elementary School crest, which is a red shield with a white maple leaf and the text 'AUGUSTON TRADITIONAL Est. 2000' and 'Courage • Integrity • Wisdom'. In the center, the text 'AUGUSTON TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL' is written in large, bold, green letters. Below this, 'ONT vs ABB' is written in white, with 'vs' in a green box, and 'TUES. JAN. 16 | 7PM' is written in green. Further down, white text reads: 'Show your school spirit and win prizes while cheering on the Abbotsford Canucks at the Abbotsford Centre' and 'Each game, three (3) students will be selected to ride the zamboni at intermission.' On the left side, there is a photo of a hockey player in a white and blue uniform with the number 84, in a ready stance. To the right of the photo, a green box contains the text 'SCAN TO VIEW' in white. Below this box is a QR code. Further down, white text lists: '• Special rate tickets' and '• Prizing for students'. At the bottom right, blue text says 'PLEASE CONTACT MICAH YOU, 604.743.5059' and 'MICAH.YOU@ABBOTSFORDCANUCKS.CA'. At the very bottom, a green bar contains the text 'ABBOTSFORD.CANUCKS.COM' in white.

SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Clearbrook Library Field Trip



Pay for School Activities and Give Consent Online

Consent forms are **ONLINE** in **SchoolCash**. Consent includes Request for Email Address, Photograph/Video and Media, 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 **99.72%** who have signed up. Let's make it even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

Open in [Schoolcash](#):

** School Planners * Kindergarten School Supplies * Email Consent
* Off Grounds Consent * Photo/Media Consent * Extracurricular Athletics Consent
* Damaged or Lost Library Books * Fruit & Veggie Consent * No Uni for a Toonie for the year!*

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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