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## Principal's Message



**Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to school!** We hope that you had an amazing break and are ready for some focused learning time ahead. Here's to yet another year of fun and excitement – and hopefully one that will see us opening the expansion project for our school! Exciting times lay ahead for us here at Auguston Traditional!

January does look quieter this year with only a few events on the horizon. As you might have heard – **the Abbotsford Canucks have invited us to share our Auguston school spirit at their home game at 7pm on January 16 against Ontario.** Auguston students and their families have an opportunity to purchase tickets at a special rate and students can attend in their school gear to be recognized cheering on the Abby Canucks on the big screen. There is also a chance for a student to win the ride of the night – taking a turn on the Zamboni at intermission time – which would be pretty amazing!

*See flyer on the next page...*



We are also going to share some school spirit and celebrate our construction workers on our next no uni day.

**On January 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a 'dress like our construction crew' day** – there are sure to be some great pictures coming out of this one!



And it's the time of year where we need to be dressing for the weather. Things always get cold and wet and snowy at this time of year and we've already had a lot of muddy pants from the field – **so please be sure to send your kids with their full winter weather gear for our outside time, and an extra change of clothes doesn't hurt either!**

Here at Auguston Traditional we are already jumping in and getting right back to our learning. January looks great so far!

## ABBOTSFORD CANUCKS

**SCHOOL  
SPIRIT NIGHT**



# AUGUSTON TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**ONT vs ABB**

**TUES. JAN. 16 | 7PM**

Show your school spirit and win prizes while cheering  
on the Abbotsford Canucks at the Abbotsford Centre

Each game, three (3) students will be selected to ride the zamboni at intermission.

**SCAN TO VIEW**

- Special rate tickets
- Prizing for students



**PLEASE CONTACT**

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If your child is turning 5 years old in 2024, Kindergarten registration for 2024-25 will commence on **Monday, January 15!**

**Parents can register online!** Families residing in Auguston's catchment have priority for registration.

See the link below for registration info.:

- [Online Registration](#) (requires a computer, not a cell phone) - **link opens Monday, January 15 at 8:30 am.** A Parent Guide is available for [new families](#) or [returning families](#) using this software.

Additional information:

- See the **District website** for registration information: [Kindergarten Registration](#)
- Note that **Auguston is a catchment school** and is **NOT** part of the lottery draw for district programs for Kindergarten
- See [Documentation needed to register](#) - Please provide all necessary documentation **EVEN IF you have a currently enrolled older sibling at Auguston.** In addition, please provide your child's immunization records.
- Registration will not be complete **until all necessary forms and documentation are received.**

## Pink Shirt Day

We recently held our second annual competition to design Auguston Traditional's very own Pink Shirt to wear in February. Our winning design this year came from **Japji Bachhal in grade 5** and she gets a free shirt with her winning design! Her '**Love is Louder – Stand Against Bullying**' shirt will be available for all other staff and students to purchase. **Orders will be open on [Munchalunch](#) from January 22 to February 2** so that we can have the shirts here in time for Pink Shirt Day on February 28. Youth shirts will cost \$12 each and adult sizes will be \$15 each.

## Sickness



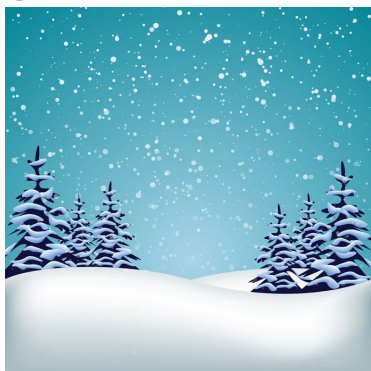
The break and some great rest and relaxation was just what our bodies needed to beat the sick bugs floating around, but unfortunately many are still hanging on. Please remember that if your child has a fever or is showing symptoms of sickness, the best place for them to get the rest they need is at home. We are doing what we can to prevent the spread of sickness here at school, including lots of hand washing and keeping our spaces clean. Please help us out by keeping your child home if they are sick and making every effort to pick them up if we call.

## Dress for the weather

As our weather remains unpredictable and a cold snap is predicted for this coming week, 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 there is heavy rain or extreme cold.



## Inclement weather guidelines



As we head into our snowy and icy season, please be aware of the inclement weather guidelines found on our [website](#). 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.

## Sledding rules

Just a reminder of our sledding guidelines – the kids have reviewed these as well. We want to ensure that the students are having fun out there, but of course safety is our number one priority. Our rules around sledding on school grounds are as follows:

- Our grade 5 sledding hill beside the gym is permanently closed due to the construction project. There is also no sledding on the hill above the Kindergarten classrooms. These closures are in place during school hours and within the duty times before and after school.
- Helmets are preferred for all sledders.
- The grade 4/5 area is on the hill closest to the baseball dugout, 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 sled at a time, giving the previous sledder time to move away from the bottom of the hill before going.
- Students at the bottom are to move to the side of the hill or in line with the trees to make their way back up.
- No standing at the bottom of the hill unless you are out of the slide zone.
- It can get icy and slippery out there, so caution while around the sledding areas is important!
- No skis or snowboards please, just sleds.
- If conditions become too icy, sledding will be closed. This closure will be decided on depending on conditions on a daily basis.



- **Students are 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 may be rocks and ice chunks mixed in.



## Expansion Project

We are seeing steady progress on our project and things are definitely starting to take shape!

The week before our break they poured

concrete into the forms for the foundation.

What an exciting day that was! Over the break they created a few new parking spots off the roundabout to clear room in our staff parking lot and continued to shore things up and ready things for the next stages. It's pretty cool to be able to watch it change and grow right before our eyes!



## Parent and Tot Drop In

Parent and Tot Drop In is a **FREE** program for caregivers and their children ages 0-5 years. The sessions will offer a variety of activities for caregivers to do with their child(ren). There will be an ECE trained facilitator on site to set out activities, answer questions, and share ideas with families. Come and play with us!

### Prince Charles Parent & Tot Drop In

35410 McKee Rd, Abbotsford  
phone: (604) 852-9323  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

### Auguston Parent & Tot Drop in

36367 Stephen Leacock Dr, Abbotsford,  
phone: (604) 557-0422  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9:00 am - 11:00 am



## Parent and Tot

We are also fortunate to have a drop in parent and tot program running in our multi-purpose room on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9 and 11 am. Parents with children aged 0-5 years are welcome to drop in for fun crafts, songs and activities.

## PAC sponsored events

In the last week of December, the PAC sponsored **High Touch High Tech** to come and share science lessons with all of our classes. Students had a chance to explore everything from magnets to meteorites and had a great time learning with hands on activities. We still have a couple days to make up due to sickness and look forward to welcoming them back at the end of the January to finish up.



In February, the PAC has sponsored the **Portable Planetarium** to visit our school. We are excited to welcome them, too, as we learn more about our universe! **Thanks to our amazing PAC for sending these great learning opportunities our way!**



## Upcoming Dates in January

Mon, Jan 15	<a href="#">2024/25 Kindergarten Registration</a> begins
Tues, Jan 16	Auguston Traditional shares their school spirit with the <a href="#">Abby Canucks game</a> !
Thurs, Jan 18	<a href="#">TAC meeting</a> – 3:30 at ATS
Fri, Jan 19	<a href="#">Lockdown Drill</a>
Tues, Jan 23	<a href="#">PAC meeting</a> 7pm
Thurs, Jan 25	<a href="#">Fruit &amp; Veggie Day - Cheese Sticks</a>
Fri, Jan 26	<a href="#">Dress like our construction crew day – No Uni</a>
Mon, Jan 29	<a href="#">High Touch High Tech</a>
Wed, Jan 31	<a href="#">High Touch High Tech</a>



## Skating field trip

Mark your calendars – we are going skating again! Students in grades 1-5 are

set to skate on **February 2<sup>nd</sup> at ARC. *Permission forms with skate sizing orders will be in schoolcash soon!***

## Afterschool programs

After a successful set of afterschool programs that ran in the fall, we will be starting another set that should be up and running by the end of January. Look for registration information coming home soon from the Abby Community School Society. ***See Caring Kids Collective on the next page.***

## TAC

We are a part of our Traditional team in the district. We meet with the other three traditional schools (King, South Poplar and ATS) a few times a year to discuss what it means to be a traditional school and what sorts of things are important to us. There is room for parent, student and staff voice on this committee.



Our next meeting takes place at 3:30 pm on January 18<sup>th</sup> at Abbotsford Traditional (2272 Windsor Street).

**If you'd like to join in, please let us know! Email [kris.sward@abbyschools.ca](mailto:kris.sward@abbyschools.ca)**

## Weekly/Monthly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)

- [Reading Link Challenge](#) for Gr. 4, students, Mondays in the LLC
- [Choir Practice](#) for Gr. 3-5 students, Wednesdays in the LLC
- [Auguston Arrows Leadership Club](#) for Gr. 4/5, Thursdays once/month in the LLC
- [Chess Club](#) begins **TODAY** for Gr. 1-5 every Thursday in the LLC (or possibly in the gym, depending on space)





**ABBOTSFORD**  
*Community School*



**United Way**  
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Working with communities in BC's  
Interior, Lower Mainland, Central  
& Northern Vancouver Island

## Caring Kids Collective

This program is offered in partnership with the United Way Schools Out initiative.



This program will allow students to be themselves while celebrating their strengths, fostering gratitude, learning about coping mechanisms, and promoting stillness within their minds. Through a variety of activities, students will be guided to connect within and with those around them. This program invites students to play, engage and learn while embracing the program's all-encompassing modality of kindness.

**Who:** Grades 3 - 5 students

**When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays

January 23 - March 5, 2024

**No session on Thursday, February 8 (Early Dismissal)**

**Time:** 2:35 pm - 4:30 pm

**Where:** Auguston Traditional Elementary - LLC Room

36367 Stephen Leacock Dr, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2Z6

**Cost:** FREE

**Registration Link:** [Click here!](#)

**Program Coordinator/Supervisor: Kelly Kelemen**

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Please scan the QR code to visit our website & social media!



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## 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 **99.42%** 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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