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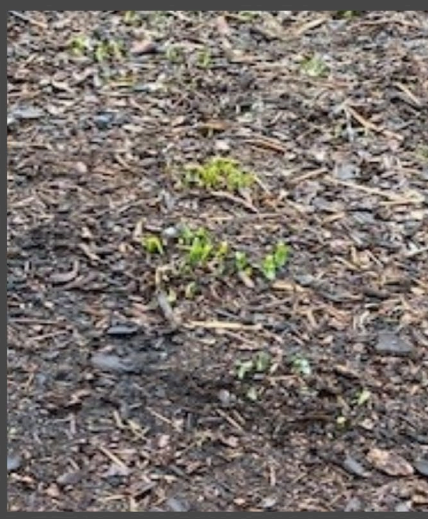
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Principal's Message

February is here – filled with lots of special events and happenings, and Spring feels like it's just around the corner for us, now!

We have had a wonderful second term so far. In January we were able to finish up our High Tech High Touch Science workshops which our wonderful PAC funded for us. Students got some great hands-on learning around magnets, weather, and more!

We also got to go to a great Abbotsford Canucks game and have some fun cheering on our home team. Those snow days were an extra treat and then the weather changed, and it got so warm that even our flowers out front are getting confused and starting to grow. Our Skittle ball team had fun matching up against other local schools and we had a great day where we got to celebrate our construction crew by dressing like them – some great costumes came out that day! For a quiet month, January sure was busy!!





February looks to be just as much fun as we have a lot of things planned, from parent teacher conferences this week (and a couple of early dismissal days), a Pro-D day and Family Day long weekend ahead, and some fun fine arts events like our choir field trip to the Choral Festival and a Dufflebag Theater presentation of Robin Hood. We started the month with a fun skating field trip for grades 1 to 5 and will end the month with Pink Shirt Day and the mobile planetarium coming to Auguston to show us the wonders of our universe. What great things we have in store for the month ahead!

Thanks for continuing to make sure your children are ready for school – here on time with a healthy lunch and all the supplies they need. We appreciate you being partners in their learning and look forward to seeing you to discuss their successes and stretches at our conferences this Thursday.

Early Dismissal Times

This week we have our early dismissal dates for our second round of parent teacher conferences. We will dismiss at 12:05 on both Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8. School busses will be running early and will be to Auguston at 12:35 on both days.

Parent teacher conferences will be held this Thursday, February 8th from 1:00-3:00pm and 4:00-7:00pm. Time slots are booked for conferences through PickATime. Please be mindful of other families coming in to meet with the teacher around you and stick to the scheduled conference times.

Staffing

Big news on the staffing front – we finally have an LSS teacher here at Auguston! **Mrs. Anne Hopkins** just joined us this week and is working hard to get to know our students, their needs and the supports that they have been getting so far this year. She will be working with students on IEPs moving forward, as well as those that get extra academic support. Please join me in welcoming her to our team! She will be with us for the remainder of the year.

A huge thanks also goes out to those who have helped out while we've been trying to fill the position. **Mrs. Andrea Janzen** who has been working with reading groups and one day a week in the grade 5 class will be back on our TTOC list and coming to visit us (and work with us) just as often as she can! **Mrs. Lisa Kantas** has helped fill in one day a week for LSS and she will be passing her knowledge and expertise on to Anne before she goes. And **Mrs. Anita Dhaliwal** has been helping out in the office one day a week as a Teacher In Charge, helping me to keep up and allowing me time to take on some of the LSS duties. Many thanks go out to all of these amazing teachers who have all jumped in and done amazing things during their time here helping out.

Expansion Project

Looks like we might be getting a floor this week! If you have a chance when you are in for conferences this week, take a look outside at our construction site – we have foundation walls, the beginnings of our elevator shaft and the plumbing pipes are roughed in and ready. The entire foundation has been back filled and they are prepping to pour more concrete soon! It's very exciting to see how quickly things are moving now!



Long weekend ahead

Next week will be a long weekend for students. There is no school on Friday, February 16th (Pro-D day) or Monday, February 19th (Family Day). Enjoy some time with those that matter most!

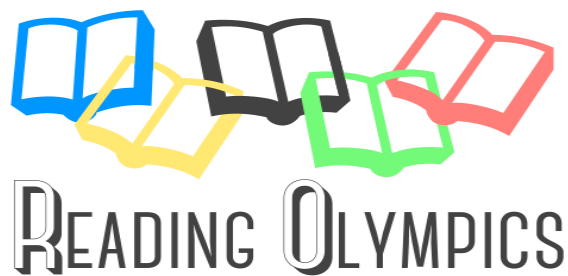
School Calendar

School District 34 is looking for input on the proposed calendar for the upcoming school year.

Please see:

<https://www.abbyschools.ca/announcements/share-your-voice-local-school-calendars-2024-2027> and share your input!

Feedback will be collected via the school district's Engagement Portal **until February 9.**



You may have heard that we are tracking our home reading minutes for the month of February. Students are trying to reach reading targets to win a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal/ribbon, as well as combining their minutes to earn a class prize for achieving a specific number of minutes as a group. Please see information previously sent home by your child's teacher or connect with them if you need another Reading Olympics tracking sheet.

Munchalunch

Hot lunch and treat day orders are currently open for February in [Munchalunch](#). Orders close a few days before each event, so be sure to get your orders in early!

Hot Lunch Info.:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/parentsstudent/hotlunch/auguston>

TAC

We are a part of our Traditional School 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 February 13th at Abbotsford Traditional (2272 Windsor Street). If you'd like to join in, please let us know! *(This meeting was rescheduled due to the snow days in January.)*



Upcoming Dates

Wed, Feb 7	<u>Auguston Early Dismissal Day</u> 12:05pm <u>Treat Day Orders Due</u> 3pm
Thurs, Feb 8	<u>Fruit & Veggie Day - Apples</u> <u>Auguston Early Dismissal Day</u> 12:05pm Parent teacher conferences 1-3, 4-7pm
Fri, Feb 9	<u>Voice of the Drum Workshop</u>
Mon, Feb 12	Planned <u>Fire Drill</u>
Tues, Feb 13	Traditional Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting at ATS at 3:30pm
Wed, Feb 14	<u>Valentine's Colours Day - No Uni</u> PAC <u>Treat Day</u>
Fri, Feb 16	<u>Non-Instructional Day – NO</u> CLASSES <u>Hot Lunch orders due</u> 3pm
Mon, Feb 19	<u>Family Day – NO CLASSES</u>
Tues, Feb 20	<u>Auguston PAC Meeting</u> online 7pm
Wed, Feb 21	Choir field trip to the Choral Festival
Thurs, Feb 22	<u>ArtStarts Performance -</u> Dufflebag Theater presents Robin Hood to all classes
Fri, Feb 23	PAC <u>Hot Lunch Day</u>
Wed, Feb 28	<u>Pink Shirt Day</u> <u>Portable Planetarium</u>
Thurs, Feb 29	Leap Day! <u>Portable Planetarium</u> <u>Fruit & Veggie Day - Snap Peas</u>

Weekly/Monthly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)



BOOK CLUB

[Reading Link Challenge](#)

for Gr. 4/5
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](#) for Gr. 1-2 on
Tuesdays & for Gr. 3-5 on
Thursdays in the LLC (or
possibly in the gym,
depending on space)



[Parent and Tot Drop In](#) for
caregivers and children 0-5
years on Tues & Thurs 9-11am



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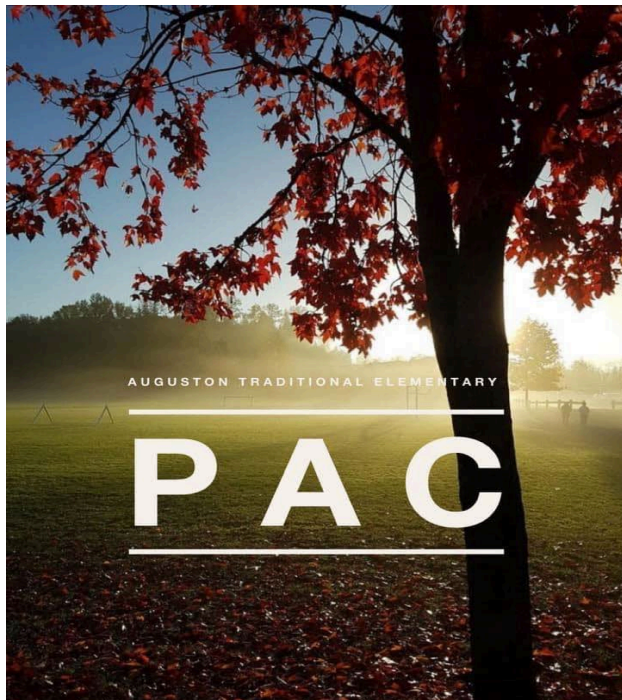


ACSS [Caring Kids Collective](#)
[Program](#) for Gr. 3- 5 on Tues
& Thurs 2:35-4:30pm

ACSS [Dance](#)
[Program for Gr. 2 &](#)
[3](#) on Tues 2:35-4pm



ACSS [Drawing & Sketching for](#)
[Gr. 4 & 5](#) on Thurs 2:35-rpm



PAC Meeting

The next PAC General Meeting on February 20, 2024, will be ONLINE. Details TBD.

PAC Facebook Page:

[Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)

Have questions?

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



Valentine's Day - No Uni

Show your School Spirit on Valentines Day!

Students are invited to participate in Valentine's No Uni Day by wearing **red**, **white**, **pink** or **purple** (jeans are acceptable) on Wednesday, Feb. 14. *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" for the year!

In an effort to streamline and reduce cash* being handled at schools we have set up our "No Uni for a Toonie" days with the option to be paid online in schoolcash. This also makes it easier for parents.

We have established a set number of these days (10 "no uni" days) which means that you would pay $10 \times 2 = \$20$ per child one time only and be good for the year!

Money collected from these days is donated to charities (ie. Terry Fox, Remembrance Day (Veterans), etc.) as well as helping with Gr. 5 activities, school enhancement and to benefit overall student experience.



Dress Like a Construction Crew



On the [Blog](https://auguston.abbschools.ca/blog/dress-construction-crew):
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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 **94.52%** who have signed up. Let's make it 98, 99 or 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!**

Pay School Fees Online

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24/7 convenience
Easy registration

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