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## Principal's Message



They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb....so this recent snowfall makes sense! Already it feels like Spring

is on its way, and we will be able to enjoy longer days, new flowers and brighter skies.

March is a quick month for us here at Auguston Traditional. Two short weeks happen before Spring Break, but we have packed them full of fun events and activities. Wacky Hair Day, a movie night, Reading Olympics Celebrations, a treat day and a hot lunch, as well as DEAR Day (Drop Everything And Read) – plus our Learning Updates are coming home and we have a Fire Drill and some basketball games in there, too! Looks like we are busy almost every day this month! Phew!

Learning updates (formerly called report cards) will be coming home on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that this is a summative report based on your child's progress so far this year. Take some time to celebrate the successes shared and outline some learning goals for third term. If you have any questions about the updates, please connect with your child's teacher.

Spring Break starts for us on March 16 and our first day back after the break is **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. No fooling....we get the Monday off for

Easter, which also happens to be April Fool's Day this year. Hopefully you all have plans for a restful, relaxing, rejuvenating and fun break ahead filled with friends and family time.



*However you spend it, we here at Auguston hope you have a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you again in April!*

## Expansion Update

We have a concrete floor and metal supports for our walls are now starting to go up. This is exciting to see as things are really taking shape and we are able to map out where things will eventually be.

## Bhangra Dance Club

We are going to be having a presentation in early April from a Bhangra dance team from Abbotsford Traditional School and we have been invited to build a team of our own for a celebration event at the middle/high school. We are in the process of picking a song and building a routine. All students are welcome to join our club. Practices will take place at lunch times – students can listen for announcements each day.

## 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 model. Coming up, we are set up for a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for grade 5 students to be held at Abbotsford Traditional School on Mar 12th at 3:00pm. We have our Bhangra presentations (noted above) in early April and another meeting of the Traditional Advisory Committee set for April 18th. We are still in need of two parents and two students who would be willing to join staff members for these meetings of the Traditional Advisory Committee. The meetings are 60-90 minutes long and take place at Abbotsford Traditional School after school. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please let Mrs. Sward know at [kris.sward@abbyschools.ca](mailto:kris.sward@abbyschools.ca).

## Grade 5 Fundraiser



### Grade 5 Cookie Fundraiser!

After school on Fridays, the grade 5's (& their parents, on behalf of the Grade 5 Committee) are selling **cookies** for **\$2 each** to raise money for their year-end ceremony and celebration.

And then after spring break they are switching to selling **freezies**!

Grade 5 fundraiser days are planned for every Friday after school (on school days) until June 7.

## Student Learning Survey



The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001.

Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation.

The parent and guardian/caregiver survey is available online at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm) and is available in 18 different languages.

The survey will be available **until Friday, May 3rd**, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

*Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558-5339 or email [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com).*

Your input is appreciated and thank-you in advance for your participation.

## Share Your Voice! Strategic Plan Consultation

The school district is inviting parents to visit their engagement portal and complete a survey on developing their next four-year Strategic Plan.

For more info., go to:  
<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/news/share-your-voice-strategic-plan-consultation>

Feedback will be collected **until March 15, 2024**.



## 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!

Our Reading Link School Challenge took place on Friday, March 1. The **Bookworms** won!

Good luck to the team being sent to Clearbrook Elementary School for the **Library Reading Link Challenge** on Thursday, March 14.





## Upcoming Dates

Wed, Mar 6	PAC treat day - <a href="#">Milk &amp; Cookies</a> <a href="#">Grade 5 Boys Basketball Game</a> after school <a href="#">Popcorn Orders Due</a> at 3pm
Fri, Mar 8	<a href="#">Wacky Hair Day - No Uni</a> <a href="#">Grade 5 Fundraiser</a> after school <a href="#">A&amp;W Orders Due</a> 3pm PAC <a href="#">Movie Night</a> ( <i>Wacky Hair event continues</i> ) – <i>Trolls Band Together</i>
Sun, Mar 10	<a href="#">Spring Forward</a> time change
Mon, Mar 11	<a href="#">DEAR Day</a> (Drop Everything And Read) & Reading Olympics celebration
Tues, Mar 12	<a href="#">Grade 5 field trip to the Reach Gallery</a> Grade 5 3-on-3 <a href="#">basketball tournament</a> at ATS
Wed, Mar 13	<a href="#">Fire Drill</a> <a href="#">Popcorn Day</a> <a href="#">Grade 5 Girls Basketball Game</a>
Thurs, Mar 14	<a href="#">District Reading Link Challenge Learning Updates home</a>
Fri, Mar 15	<a href="#">PAC hot lunch day – A&amp;W</a> <a href="#">Grade 5 Fundraiser</a>
<b>Mar 18-Apr 1</b>	<a href="#">Spring Break, Good Friday &amp; Easter Monday</a>
Wed, Mar 27	<a href="#">Booster Juice Orders Due</a>
Tues, Apr 2	<a href="#">School reopens</a>

## 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



Parent and Tot Drop In



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

# Happy Easter





## Wacky Hair Day - No Uni



### *Show your School Spirit on Wacky Hair Day*

Students are invited to participate in Wacky Hair No Uni Day on Friday, Mar. 8\* Students are expected to be in their usual uniform attire.

*\*date changed from Mar. 15 to Mar. 8 to coincide with PAC movie night (you can have wacky hair all day and into the evening too!)*

### "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.



The PAC is hosting a movie night on Friday, **March 8!** The movie is **Trolls Band Together** (*this is the movie that was voted on*).

In honour of the movie being Trolls, there is a theme! **Wacky Hair!** choose your wackiest hairstyle!

Doors open at the back of the school at **5:30pm**. Snacks, drinks & pizza will be available to pick up at 5:30pm for those who pre-ordered. The movie starts at **6:00pm**.

If you missed ordering on Munchalunch, there will also be a **CASH** concession available during movie night for pizza by the slice, snacks and drinks. *If you could comment on the PAC Facebook page: Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC or email the PAC at [augustonpac@gmail.com](mailto:augustonpac@gmail.com) then that will help to make sure they have enough to go around.*

**Children MUST be accompanied by an adult (this is not a drop off event).**

Feel free to bring your own **chairs & blankets** (there will be the blue mats & folding chairs available, if needed).

Come early to get a good comfy spot, wear your wackiest hairstyles and enjoy another awesome movie night with your classmates and community!

## Blog Posts

### Portable Planetarium

Auguston students were able to experience the [Portable Planetarium](#) on February 28, 29 & March 1. This special school event is **sponsored by the PAC** - thank you!

[Read more](#)



### Pink Shirt Day

Congratulations to **Japji Bachhal** in Gr. 5 for designing Auguston's very own Pink Shirt this year! Feb. 28, was Pink Shirt Day. See <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>

[Read more](#)



*See these and more on the Blog:*  
<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/blog>

### Dufflebag Theatre Performance

On Feb. 22, Auguston students enjoyed an ArtStarts performance by [Dufflebag theatre](#) on Robin Hood.

[Read more](#)



### Drumming Presentation

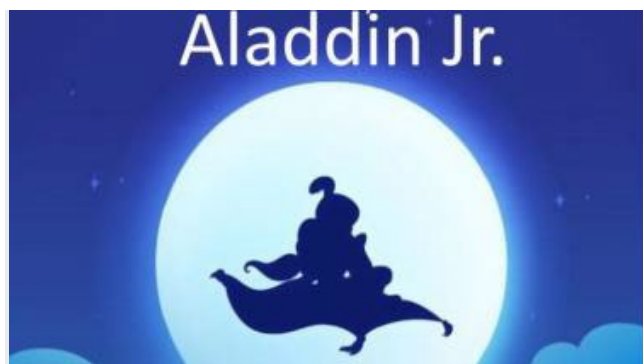
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### Valentine's Day - No Uni

[Read more](#)





## Aladdin Jr. Musical

Apr 9 2024, 11:20am - 1:30pm  
ABBOTSFORD ARTS CENTRE

### **CDGMS presents Aladdin Jr.**

Auguston students will be attending the Aladdin Jr. Musical performed by Chief Dan George Middle School students on April 9.

Students will travel by school bus leaving Auguston at 11:20am to arrive at Abbotsford Arts Centre by 11:40am. The musical starts at 12pm and runs approx. 70 minutes. Students will leave Abbotsford Arts Centre just after 1:10pm to arrive back at Auguston by approx. 1:30pm.

Parents are asked to provide consent and contribute \$8 in [schoolcash](#) for the cost of the bus and admission (*consent only for international students*)

**\*Due by Friday, April 5.**

[Approved volunteers](#) are needed to accompany students on the bus (*please indicate this in schoolcash - you will be contacted by your child's teacher*).



## DEAR & Reading Olympics Celebration



We will be celebrating the students participation in the February Reading Olympics on Monday, March 11, with a Drop Everything and Read Day (DEAR). The whole school will spend some time reading first thing in the morning and after lunch.

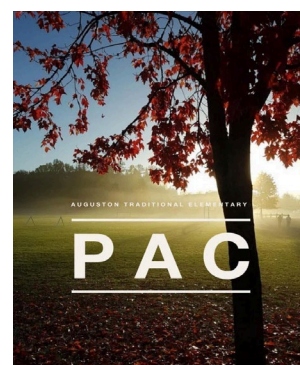
Each student who returned their form, has been entered in a draw for a chance to win lunch with Mrs. Sward and a book. There will be three prizes awarded – one for Div. 1-4, one for Div. 5-9 and one for Div. 10-15.

The draw will be held on **Friday, March 15.**

Thank you for supporting Reading Olympics this year. And thank you, **Mrs. McAllister, Div. 14 Kindergarten teacher**, for co-ordinating this event for our students!

## PAC Meeting

Auguston  
Parents/Guardians are invited to join the next **General PAC Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00pm** in the library.



**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](mailto:augustonpac@gmail.com).



## Grade 5 Basketball



This year, students in Grade 5 will be able to participate on the [Basketball](#) team.

Parents are responsible for bringing and picking up their child to and from game days.

### **Practices**

Practices are at **lunchtime** 2 times a week on **Mondays**, and **Fridays**.

### **Games**

Games are on **Wednesdays**. All players can play on these days. Playing from **3-4:15pm**.

### **Boys**

- Wed, March 6 @ Auguston
- Wed, April 3 @ Auguston

### **Girls**

- Wed, March 13 @ Auguston
- Wed, April 10 @ Abby Christian Elementary

### **Traditional Schools Tournament**

There will also be a separate Traditional schools tournament. Unfortunately, only 12 boys and 12 girls can play at this tournament so there may be a need to make some selections. Students asked to play in the tournament will be informed and provided additional information (however, the

basketball consent in schoolcash will cover the possibility of playing in the tournament). The tournament will take place on **Tuesday, March 12, from 3-5pm at Abby Traditional School**.

### **Consent**

Please complete consent in [schoolcash](#).

### **Volunteers**

We are also in need of [volunteers](#) to help with coaching teams, especially on March 12<sup>th</sup>, for the Traditional Tournament. If you can help, please indicate so in schoolcash or contact Mr. Marchioro at [david.marchioro@abbyschools.ca](mailto:david.marchioro@abbyschools.ca).

Please come in appropriate gym clothing for playing both for practice and games.

Mr. Marchioro  
PE Teacher

## Auguston Yearbook Contest



Enter now to be featured in our 2023/24 Yearbook "**Adventure Awaits**"!

See [Yearbook Contest 2024](#) for details & rules of entry.

Entries are due via email to: [augustonyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:augustonyearbook@gmail.com) by April 30!







## 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 **92.45%** 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**:

✓ [Aladdin Jr. Musical](#) ✓ [Gr. 5 Field Trip to The Reach Gallery](#) ✓ [Gr. 5 Basketball](#)

**\* 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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