

Auguston Traditional Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to school! We hope that you all had a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break. Whether you went on a travel adventure, hung out at home, visited with family and friends or just did nothing – we hope that you got exactly what you needed from the break and are back and ready to go for an exciting third term!

Typically these last few months of the school year go quickly, especially once the weather warms up and field trips and events get going. At the same time, we are getting in some solid learning time as we start to build towards moving up a grade! Spring is a great time full of change and growth and it is exciting to be able to witness both in our students and their learning.

Spring months can bring a mixed bag of weather and we get to spend a lot more time playing and learning outside. Please ensure that your child(ren) have jackets and proper weather gear in case an unexpected shower comes our way. Keep a look out for emails and notices about upcoming school events, field trips and happenings as there will be many to keep track of coming up – starting with our whole school trip to see Aladdin Jr. next Tuesday!

Here at Auguston Traditional we are looking forward to a great third term ahead!



## Vaisakhi Celebrations



We are excited to welcome the Abbotsford Traditional School Bhangra dance team to our school assembly on Monday.

As part of our Traditional team of schools we are working to increase opportunities for students from each Traditional school to connect. As a further part of our learning and celebrations around Vaisakhi, students and staff are welcome and encouraged to wear traditional clothing on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> as Vaisakhi falls on the weekend this year.



#### Lacrosse

We had a high energy presentation from the Vancouver Warriors Lacrosse team this week. They gifted us a class set of lacrosse sticks to learn more about the game and develop our skills and are going to return to Auguston at the end of the month to do some workshops with students during PE class. Look for cards that came home offering two for one tickets to the rest of their home games this season.

Click here for the online offer: <u>https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/sticktoschool</u>.

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On the Blog: https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/blog/lacrosse-presentation



#### Volunteer Tea

Have you helped out at our school this year? Maybe joined us on a field trip or worked with students in your child's class? If so – we would like to recognize and celebrate you! On Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Volunteer Tea. Volunteers will be invited to enjoy some tea, coffee and homemade goodies and enjoy some class presentations as our way of saying thank you! Look for invitations with more details coming home soon!



#### Earth Day

This year Earth Day falls on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we have some big plans to celebrate! We will recognize Earth Day here at Auguston by:

 Having another No Uni for a Toonie day – students are encouraged to wear earth colours (greens, blues and browns). Please sign up and pay on the schoolcashonline website. If students are not participating in our No Uni fundraiser, they are expected to be in their usual uniform attire.

- Aiming to have a litter free lunch please use compostable wraps or reusable containers to pack lunch items that day. (and every day if you can!)
- We will be participating in the Community Clean Up School Challenge. Students will be picking up garbage on our school property and in our local community on Monday afternoon in an attempt to beautify our surroundings and be kind to our earth.

## One Book One School



From April 15 – May 9 we will be celebrating reading here at Auguston by sharing another great story with our whole community. Our PAC has generously purchased a copy of The One and Only Ivan by Katherine

Applegate for every family in our school! To celebrate we will be setting up a fun month of reading, trivia and events around our shared novel. On May 10<sup>th</sup> we will have an Ivan day with fun dress up options, watching the movie with our Friday Friends and – of course – cool prizes! More information and a reading calendar will be shared soon!!! We are so excited to share another great book with all of our friends!

## Ready, Set, Learn



Do you have a child ready to start Kindergarten with us in September? Keep an eye out for

information about our Ready, Set, Learn event coming up on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### After School Programs

Our spring group of after <u>school programs</u> start up soon! This term our Kindergartens and grade 1s will get a chance to be Outdoor Explorers on Tuesdays, on Wednesdays after school our grade 2 and 3 students will be able to take part in a Board Games club and on Thursdays our grade 4s and 5s will get to take part in Dance instruction. Thanks to the Abby Community School Society for putting these amazing after school adventures for our students!

Also – the Caring Kids Collective is still looking for students to join! They meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.



ACSS <u>Caring Kids Collective</u> <u>Program</u> for Gr. 3- 5 on Tues & Thurs 2:35-4:30pm \*\* Spring session starts on April 16!

ACSS <u>Outdoor Explorers</u> <u>Program</u> for K/1 on Tues 2:35-4pm \*\* *Spring session starts on April* 23!





ACSS <u>Board Games Club</u> <u>Program</u> for Gr. 2/3 on Wed 2:35-4pm \*\* **Spring session starts on April 24!** 

ACSS <u>Dance Program</u> for Gr. 4/5 on Thurs 2:35-4pm \*\* Spring session starts on April 25!





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. Lunch will be adjusted this day to AFTER students return from the field trip (1:30 to 2:15pm).



Parents are asked to provide consent and contribute \$8 in <u>schoolcash</u> for the cost of the bus and

admission (consent only for international students) \*Consent is now DUE.

<u>Approved volunteers</u> are needed to accompany students on the bus (please indicate your request to volunteer in schoolcash and your participation will be confirmed by your child's teacher).

Upcoming Dates	
Mon, Apr 8	<u>Basketball Practice</u> <u>Bhangra Dance presentation</u> to celebrate Vaisakhi
Tues, Apr 9	Whole school field trip to see <u>Aladdin Jr. Musical</u> at the Abby Arts Centre
Wed, Apr 10	<u>Grade 5 Girls Basketball Game</u> <u>3pm</u>
Fri, Apr 12	<u>Vaisakhi Celebration</u> <u>Hot Lunch Day - Pizza</u> <u>Grade 5 Fundraiser</u>
Mon, Apr 15	<u>One Book, One School</u> readings begin
Tues, Apr 16	Popcorn Orders Due 3pm
Wed, Apr 17	Earthquake Drill 10:15am
Thurs, Apr 18	Fruit & Veggie Day - Cucumbers <u>Traditional Advisory Committee</u> <u>meeting</u> 3-4:30pm at Abbotsford Traditional School (middle/high school)
Fri, Apr 19	<u>Grade 5 Fundraiser</u>
Mon, Apr 22	Earth Day - No Uni (dress in blue/green/brown, litterless lunch, Community Clean-up)
Tues, Apr 23	Popcorn Day Auguston PAC Meeting 7pm
Thurs, Apr 25	<u>Volunteer Tea</u> 10:15am <u>Fire Drill</u> 1:30pm
Fri, Apr 26	<u>Non-Instructional Day</u> – NO SCHOOL
Tues, Apr 30	<u>Judo Presentations</u> in gym classes

## Weekly/Monthly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)



Auguston Arrows Leadership Club for Gr. 4/5, Thursdays once/month in the LLC

<u>Choir Practice</u> for Gr. 3-5 students, is paused for the month of April & will resume in May!





<u>Chess Club</u> 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



## Auguston Yearbook Contest



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

See <u>Yearbook Contest 2024</u> for details & rules of entry.

Entries are due via email to: augustonyearbook@gmail.com by April 30!

#### PAC Meeting

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





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PAC Facebook Page: Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC

Have questions? See the <u>PAC page</u> on the website or email the PAC at <u>augustonpac@gmail.com</u>.



## Neufeld Farms Fundraiser

The Neufeld Farms Fundraiser is back in time for BBQ season.

A great chance to stock up on sweet and savoury staples and treats with a (good) portion of the proceeds returning to the school to support things like the Planetarium visit, High Tech/High Touch and more!

Options for payment now include Credit Card, Cheque and Cash (DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL) and orders must be paid in full prior to order being complete.

ORDERING IS OPEN NOW! DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, AT 7PM

ORDER PICK UP (DRIVE THRU AT SCHOOL FRONT DOOR) FRIDAY, MAY 3, AT 4:00PM

LINK TO ORDER:

https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2024auguston-traditional-elementary/ref/em

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#### Movie Day & Info. Fair



Please see information on a free event for families with children 0 to 8 years old: <u>Early</u> <u>Years Movie Day & Info Fair</u>. Registration is required through Eventbrite by scanning the QR code or following this

link <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/84646589126</u> <u>7?aff=oddtdtcreator</u>

#### Venom Basketball at ATS



We have 6 Auguston students signed up already!

Abbotsford Traditional School and Venom Sports Academy are proud to offer a robust Spring basketball development program for students in the Traditional Family of Schools - ATS, King, South Poplar, and Auguston for students in Grades 4 through 11.

For more info. & to register: <u>https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/announcement</u> <u>s/venom-basketball-session-ats</u>

#### Grade 5 Fundraiser



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

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

#### Gr. 2-5 Soccer Camp at Eugene Reimer Middle School

To register, go to: https://form.jotform.com/240607799511260



## Pay for School Activities an 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 <u>ALL families</u> at our school to utilize the online option for consent & payments <u>EVERY</u> time! We are currently at <u>99.4</u>% who have signed up. Let's make it even 100% Auguston and <u>PLEASE USE the online option every time</u>!

Open in <u>Schoolcash</u>:

#### ✓ <u>Aladdin Jr. Musical</u>

\* 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.

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