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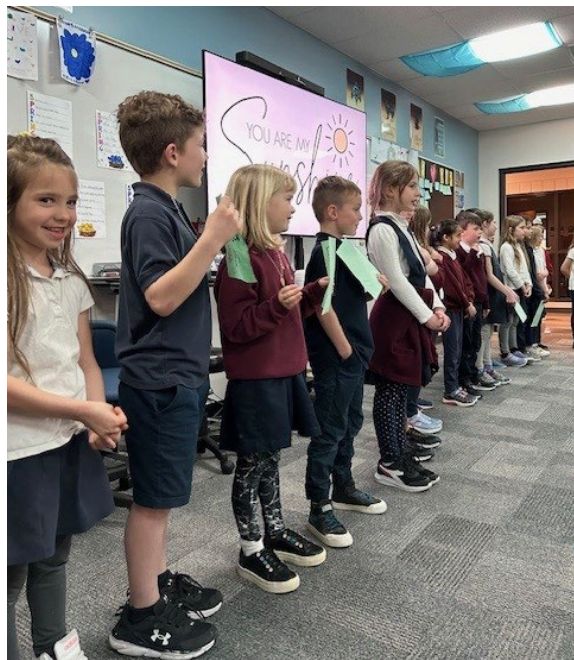
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Principal's Message

Hello Auguston Traditional families and welcome to May! The sun is shining and it's starting to get warm out there! We will be moving some more of our learning outside to enjoy the nice weather where we can in these last couple of months of the school year.

At our May assembly this week, we looked ahead to all the fun things we have planned for the month of May and there is a lot! Field trips are starting up, we are celebrating finishing our One and Only Ivan book together, we are starting to look towards our year end celebrations and there is still so much learning to do!

Keep an eye out for upcoming dates and events on the regular email updates that come out as the next couple of months will go quickly. Thanks, as always, for being partners in your children's learning.



Chess Championships

After more than a week of intense playoffs, the results of our Auguston Traditional Chess Tournament are in!

In grade one, **Elliot A.** finished in first place, **Archer** came in second, **Jack** was third overall, and **Josephine** held fourth place.

For grade two, **Ethan P.** narrowly took first place, with **Bennett E.** in second, **Amber** in third, and **Hugh** rounding out the medals with fourth place.

In a very hard-fought battle for the grade three title, **Victor** emerged in first position, **Cole** was in second, **Caleb** finished with third, and **Ayden** held fourth.

Zayne came out in top spot for grade four in another close contest, with **Elizabeth** right behind in second, followed by **Gray** in third, and **Isabelle** in fourth.

The grade five honours went to **Marcus** for first place, **Matthew A.** for second, **Alessio** taking third, and **Jay** finishing in fourth spot.



The top finishers in each division fought to see who would be the best in the whole school. In the end, **Elizabeth** prevailed to win the first-place trophy, with **Zayne** taking second and **Marcus** third.

Congratulations to all our winners and to all **89** of the competitors who took part in making the event a big success, with special thanks to **Mrs. Elford**, **Mrs. Small**, and **Mrs. Vandermeer** for help with score keeping and organizing, and to **Mr. Ketelaar** for coaching.



Lacrosse



Cops for Cancer

We will be holding a toonie drive for our Cops for Cancer team for the month of May.

Students are asked to bring in **toonies** to donate to the Cops for Cancer team that goes to fund lots of special projects and events. The class that brings in the most toonies by the end of the month will win a **pizza party!**

In June, to celebrate, we will have some police cars or other first responders vehicles here, too. And in September we will welcome the team back to Auguston Traditional when they are doing their yearly ride.



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**COPS FOR
CANCER**



TOONIE DRIVE

We are excited to announce that Auguston Traditional Elementary School will be raising money by having a Toonie Drive from now until the end of June to support Cops for Cancer.

All donations are used to fund life saving research for paediatric cancer and support programs like Camp GoodTimes.

Please everyone bring your Toonies and let's raise some money. Your support is greatly appreciate.

PIZZA PARTY

The class that raises the most money will win a Pizza Party as well as some exciting Surprises all hosted by Cops for Cancer
Thank You Everyone



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**CAMP
GOODTIMES**



Bears in the area



From time to time, we are made aware of animal sightings in the neighborhood. If an animal (bear/coyote) is seen on or near the school property, we will keep students inside that day and notify parents, our conservation officer, our neighbouring daycare and district staff.

Dress Code



We have been noticing that a few of our student's uniforms are morphing into comfy clothes and not those outlined in our official dress code. Please remember that

our dress code is supported by parents and staff here at Auguston and students are expected to attend in their uniforms every day, except for special 'no-uni' occasions as outlined on our school calendar.

A link to our dress code requirements is here: <https://auguston.abbschools.ca/parentsstudents/dresscode/auguston>. Generally, students should be wearing dark navy bottoms (pants, shorts, dresses or skirts), white collared shirts and/or crested pullovers or vests in either burgundy or navy blue (available at [Auguston's Able Cresting order page](#)). We appreciate your support in keeping our uniform expectations a priority.

Absences

Mondays can be hard, sometimes sickness takes it's hold and sometimes we just don't feel like we can make it to school. But did you know how quickly absences can add up? Missing one day of school each week may not seem like much, but over 13 years of schooling (K-12), one day a week adds up to two and a half years of school! Ouch! That's a lot of missed instructional time.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



We are seeing an increase in our student absenteeism across all grades. When students are away, it puts

them behind in lessons covered in class and causes them to miss out on important learning.

We appreciate your support in keeping your kids in school whenever possible.

Approved Volunteers

With field trip season fast approaching, a quick reminder that all parent volunteers must complete our [Volunteer forms every school year](#), an online **orientation** and have a valid **Criminal Record Check** on file. Teachers are provided with a list of the approved volunteers for their classes as they are planning for field trips. If you would like to help out in your child's class or on a field trip, please be sure to get those documents into us as soon as possible.

Class photos

Time to gear up and put on your best smile!



[Class photos](#) will be taken on **Monday, May 13**, as well as team and group photos.

PAC Elections

Interested in volunteering at our school in a different way? We have a number of positions opening up on our Parent Advisory Committee that need to be filled for the 2024/25 School Year. We need to have a PAC committee in order to apply for grants, organize special events for our school and fundraise for 'extras' throughout the year. Elections will be held at the PAC AGM Meeting on May 21st – see information below!



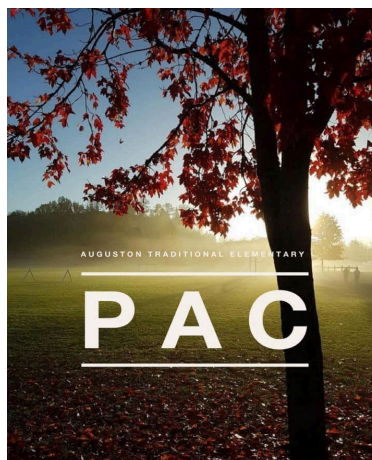
Nominations for PAC Executive 2024/25

We invite parents and guardians of Auguston Traditional students to put forward nominations for the Auguston Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Executive. The successful candidates will hold office for a term of one year beginning **July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2025.**

PAC Executive positions open for election at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, are:

- [Secretary](#)
- [Fundraising Chair](#)
- Treasurer Assistant
- Yearbook Committee Lead

Nominees must be a parent or guardian of a student registered in Auguston Traditional at the time of the election and for the 2024/25 year. You can nominate yourself! We encourage those putting their name forward to review the [PAC](#) page, the [PAC Constitution](#) and the responsibilities of each position.



The Auguston PAC is a volunteer organization comprised of parents who are all dedicated to the successful education of our children. The purpose of our organization is to aid students and

staff by providing support for educational and recreational needs; to promote open communication between administration, teachers, and parents; and to encourage Auguston Traditional School spirit.

The PAC is headed by an executive committee who guide monthly meetings and will liaison between the principal, teachers, and parents. This committee welcomes your ideas, suggestions, and comments. Information is shared at monthly PAC executive meetings or PAC meetings. We plan fundraisers to enhance all programs and share ideas. Some of our Fundraising events include: Fun Fair, Hot Lunch, Movie Nights, Popcorn Days, and Scholastic Book Fair. All fundraising proceeds are put directly back into our school. The time our parent volunteers give in assisting in these fundraising events contributes greatly to our success as a school. Thank you!!

Do you have questions about putting your name forward? Contact the PAC

at augustonpac@gmail.com or on

Facebook: [Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)

Nominations will be accepted right up until the day before the May AGM. Elections will take place at the **AGM on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:00pm.**

One Book, One School



We have had so much fun reading [“The One and Only Ivan”](#) by Katherine Applegate together as a school. Many students finished the book early and have already shared stories of their favourite part.

This Friday, students are welcome to dress up as characters in the book, we will watch the movie together and there will be prizes! We look forward to celebrating reading together with our friends and classmates. Many thanks again to our PAC for purchasing books for our families and supporting this awesome initiative.

Abbotsford Canucks Playoff Discount Rate

Auguston families – please see below a discounted ticket offer for Round 2 of the playoffs!



- [Click Here to Purchase Tickets for Round 2](#)

Middle School Transitions



It is also almost time to say goodbye to our grade 5 students as they get ready to make the jump to middle school! This month will see some visits from Clayburn staff and their band students, and later in the month our grade 5 students will get to take part in a tour of Clayburn Middle. We have a few students moving to different middle schools and we will work with them to make sure they get connected with staff at their new schools, as well. This is an exciting time for our grade 5's and we try to make it as fun and easy as we can to help keep the nerves at bay.

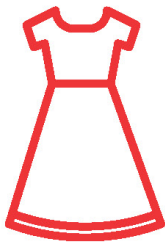
Expansion Project updates



Our new expansion is looking amazing! We have a roof and concrete on both the upper and lower floors, and they are starting to put up walls, too! If you haven't stopped by lately, make sure to come check it out.



EVENT DATE & TIME



May 25, 2024 (Saturday)
3 - 8 p m



LOCATION

Mamele'awt Indigenous Education Centre
3277 Gladwin Rd. Abbotsford

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\$25 per seat (limited seats)

SIGN UP: education@fvma.ca



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School Supplies for 2024-25

Please see the [School Supplies Letter for Parents](#).

Kindergarten School Supplies

Kindergarten school supplies are ordered in bulk. Parents will be asked to reimburse the school in September.

Grade 1-5 School Supplies

Grade 1-5 school supplies are purchased either by ordering thru Teacher's File OR of your choice.

Please click [here](#) for the link to order online or go to:

- <http://packs.teachersfile.ca/> (enter auguston)

Please note ***gym strip is needed for Gr. 4 & 5 students only.***

***** Order before July 31st and you will not be charged an additional \$5 late freight fee.***

Auguston PAC Event



Save the date for **June 7 in the evening** for an end of year fundraiser/community event.
Details coming soon!

School Calendar & Events



Events Calendar:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/events/calendar>

Events List:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/events/list>

Local School Calendars

- [2024-2025 Local School Calendar - Month-by-Month](#)
- [2024-2025 Local School Calendar - Chronological](#)
- [2025-2026 Local School Calendar - Month-by-Month](#)
- [2025-2026 Local School Calendar - Chronological](#)
- [2026-2027 Local School Calendar - Month-by-Month](#)
- [2026-2027 Local School Calendar - Chronological](#)

School Bus Registration



School Bus Registration is

NOW OPEN for the

September 2024-2025 school year.

See: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/student-transportation>

Will you be
leaving
Auguston
next year?




In order to begin our planning for the 2024-25 school year, we would like to know how many students will be leaving us at the end of this year.

If your current K-Gr. 4 student will NOT BE RETURNING to Auguston in September, please notify the school: auguston@abbyschools.ca



Upcoming Dates

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| Tues, May 7 | One Book, One School |
| Wed, May 8 | One Book, One School Cinnamon Buns Orders Due 3pm |
| Thurs, May 9 | One Book, One School Immunization Clinic in Parent and Tot program – also open to adults tied to our school if you need an updated immunization |
| Fri, May 10 | One and Only Ivan Day - One Book, One School Celebration |
| Sun, May 12 | Happy Mother's Day to all of our mom's out there!  |
| Mon, May 13 | Class Photo Day and Clayburn Band Presentation |
| Wed, May 15 | PAC treat day - Cinnamon Buns |
| Thurs, May 16 | Fruit & Veggie Day - Cheese Sticks |
| Fri, May 17 – Mon, May 20 | Long Weekend (Pro-D Day and Victoria Day Stat holiday) |
| Tues, May 21 | Grade 5 students go to Clayburn, PAC AGM meeting online at 7pm |
| Wed, May 22 | Fire Drill 1:30pm |
| Fri, May 24 | Dress as your favourite Book Character Day Salmon Fry Release Hot Lunch orders due 3pm |
| Thurs, May 30 | Grade 5 parent night at Clayburn Middle 7-8pm |
| Fri, May 31 | PAC Hot Lunch Day - Taco Del Mar |

Weekly/Monthly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)



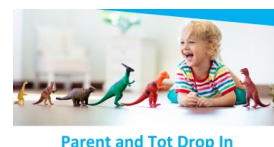
[Auguston Arrows Leadership Club](#) for Gr. 4/5, Thursdays once/month in the LLC

[Choir Practice](#) for Gr. 3-5 students



[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



[Grade 5 Fundraiser](#) After school on Fridays, (on school days) until June 7.

After School Programs



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

ACSS [Outdoor Explorers Program](#) for K/1 on Tues 2:35-4pm



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 **99.4%** who have signed up. Let's make it even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

Open in **Schoolcash**: * [Salmon Fry Release](#) for Div. 8, 10 & 11 * [Clayburn School Tour](#) for Div. 1 & 2 * [Waterpark](#) for Div. 1-4 * [Burnaby Village](#) for Div. 5-7 * [Belcarra beach](#) for Div. 11-13 * [Blue Heron](#) for Div. 8-10 * [Zoo](#) for Div. 13-15 * [Div. 1-4 Track & Field](#) & [Div. 1-4 to Cineplex](#) are coming soon!

*** 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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