

Jun 7, 2024

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone but we find ourselves in June already! And as we count down the days and weeks until our year end, we have a lot of fun and exciting things to look forward to. Events like our Fun Fair, Sports Day, field trips, hot lunches/treat days and year end assemblies will keep our calendars full and our schedules busy.

It has been a great year working here with amazing staff, wonderful students and great families and we can all be proud of the hard work and learning we have done this year. I hope that everyone will have some fond memories of their year and the fun things that we have done.

Our grade 5 students are almost ready to head off to many great adventures at middle school and we wish them the best as they prepare to go! A few of our friends are moving to new communities or schools next year and we wish you well wherever you are headed. A lot of us will look forward to reconnecting in September and making new friends and having more grand adventures next year and we look forward to that, too!

From all of us here at Auguston, we hope that you have an amazing summer ahead. Whatever you do and wherever you go, stay safe and have fun!



Expansion Project

Our new addition has really taken shape over these last few months and there are big plans ahead for the summer. Crews will be working on finishing the exterior of the new build and moving inside to build our common areas and learning spaces. There will also be work done to upgrade wiring, announcement systems and lighting in our existing hallways and rooms. Finally, our entire parking lot will be dug up, drainage systems installed and then repaved, and lines painted in preparation for the new year. Unfortunately, that means our parking lot will be closed and inaccessible for the entire summer. Street parking will still be available if you are here to use the fields or playground.

Bears

As has been happening in our community as a whole, we have had numerous sightings of the bears in the area. In order to ensure staff and student safety, we will always keep everyone inside when there has been a recent sighting. We communicate the details with families through emails and by posting on Facebook. In addition, we always notify our district office, the conservation officers, our daycare across the street and the Abbotsford Police if necessary. We are working closely with our conservation officers in our efforts to move the bears along and have put together bags to take outside with us to help us make lots of noise to keep the bears at bay. We have talked about bear safety in classes and during our June assembly and will continue to share 'bear aware' protocols and practices to ensure we are all doing our part to keep everyone safe.



Chess Tournament



On Saturday, June 21st, Auguston sent members of our chess team to the William A Fraser Middle School Chess Tournament, where they competed against teams from other Abbotsford schools. **After playing 5 rounds, our team finished in first place, taking home the team trophy for the Elementary School division!**

Many students won individual medals as well. In Grade 2, **Amber Attri** came in first, with **Hugh Hatfield** finishing in second, and **Gibran Ahmed** and **Ethan Park** tied for third place. For the grade 3 group, **Caleb Akuffo** had a perfect record in achieving his first-place medal, and **Victor Sanchez Piper** was close behind to take second. **Zayne Moodley** came in first, **Elizabeth Logan**, second, and **Gray Edinborough**, third, to sweep the top three for the grade 4 division. After a playoff round, **Marcus Subrt** claimed second position for grade 5.

Congratulations to all the team members for a fantastic tournament and a great year in chess!



Skip the Dishes

As we are having an increase in our treat days and special events in June, it is time to remind everyone that the school is a place of business and we are not in the practice of accepting Skip the Dishes or Uber Eats deliveries for student lunches. As you can imagine, it would become unmanageable if families all decided to have hot lunch delivered as a special treat. We appreciate you helping with this and supporting our PAC through their organized hot lunches. Only three more weeks of making lunches!

Year-end assemblies and celebrations



Our year end assembly will be held on Thursday, June 27, at 9:30 am. If your child is receiving an award, you

will receive an invitation to attend. There will be limited seating as we fill the gym with our classes and parents.

Our grade 5 students will have their own leaving ceremony on Wednesday, June 26 at 9:30 am. As there will be fewer students in the gym, parents of grade 5 students are invited to attend. Students in grade 5 receiving an award will get it at this assembly as well as being mentioned at the school wide assembly the next day.

Parents of grade 5 students are also planning a celebration on June 14th. See the [PAC Facebook page](#) for more information and on the website: [Grade 5 celebration](#)

Cops for Cancer Toonie Drive

For the month of May we collected donations for the Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley. As a school we raised **\$1,264.23** And the winning class of our pizza party challenge was **Mrs. Ward's grade 4 class** who brought in **\$252.10**. Our school will also be a part of the Cops for Cancer ride events in September.

Summer Reading

Microsoft has a FREE feature that can support students at different levels with their Reading Practice and Progress at home.

 [Email Template - Try Reading Coach.pdf](#)

There is also a great reading program being put on by the **Fraser Valley Regional Library** – *click on the flyer below.*

On the Blog

[Track & Field](#)



Get a reading record, see amazing performers, enter prize draws, participate in online activities and earn a medal! Visit www.fvrl.ca to register.





Belcarra Beach Field Trip





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.**



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](#)

Will you be leaving Auguston next year?



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

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



See more ***school photos*** on the website at:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/blog>





Upcoming Dates

Fri, Jun 7	Class Requests Due 3pm Yearbook Orders Due 3pm PAC Fun Fair 4-7pm
Mon, Jun 10	Div 8-10 to Blue Heron Div. 1-4 to Co-op Waterpark
Wed, Jun 12	Popsicle & Ice Cream Bar Day McDonald's Happy Meal Orders Due 3pm
Thurs, Jun 13	Sports Day & PAC Hot Lunch
Fri, Jun 14	Grade 5 Celebration 6-8pm
Sun, Jun 16	Happy Father's Day to all our dads out there!
Wed, Jun 19	McDonald's Happy Meal Day Kona Shave Ice Orders Due
Fri, Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Mon, Jun 24	Disney Dress Up Day! No Uni
Tues, Jun 25	Div. 1-4 to Cineplex Div. 13-15 to the Zoo
Wed, Jun 26	Kona Shave Ice Day Grade 5 Awards Assembly 9:30am
Thurs, Jun 27	Year End Awards Assembly 9:30am Learning Updates sent home Last Day of School! 
Fri, Jun 28	Last Day for Teachers
Mon, Jul 1	 Canada Day Stat. Holiday
Tues, Jul 2 – Fri, Jul 5	School Office Open 8-3:30pm

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



[Parent and Tot Drop In](#)

[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.

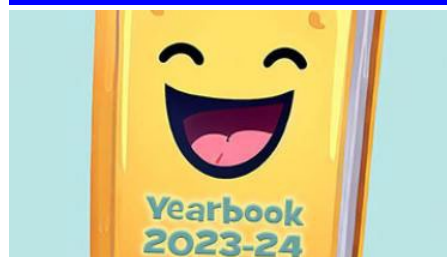


Class Request & Yearbooks are both due TODAY at 3pm!

Class Requests 2024-25



Yearbook Orders



New Bell Schedule for next year

We have had a slight change to our bell schedule for next year, mostly around our lunch times. For the 2024/25 school year we will start at 8:40 and end at 2:35.

8:30 Supervision begins

8:35 "Get Ready" Bell

8:40 Classes Begin

10:40 – 11:00 Recess

12:23 – 12:35 Eating Period

12:35 – 1:05pm Outside time

2:35 Dismissal

2:45 End of Supervision

Team/Group Photos



Grade 5 group photo & Team photos (teams include cross country, basketball, chess, etc.) are available for

purchase from Edge Imaging, our photo provider until the end of the school year. Class, team & group photos will also be in the yearbook. See [Class & Team/Group Photos](#)



Selxwi:chel Arts & Culture Day

There is an opportunity for families to participate in **Selxwi:chel Arts & Culture Day** (formerly known as Aboriginal Arts & Culture Day).

What? Family Event to Celebrate Indigenous Culture

When? Sunday, June 9th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where? Trethewey House Heritage Site (2313 Ware St)

Who? Welcome to All

Two parts to this event:

Agenda - open events - free, no sign up - see the handbill: [SACD Handbill \(5.625 x 8.625 in\).pdf](#)

Workshops - see the poster: [SACD Poster \(8.625 x 11.125 in\).png](#) - cost for workshops - register through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/aboriginal-arts-and-culture-day-heritage-abbotsford-society-17337805995>

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 **99.7%** who have signed up. Let's make it even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

Open in Schoolcash: * Waterpark for Div. 1-4 * Blue Heron for Div. 8-10
* Zoo for Div. 13-15 * Cineplex for Div. 1-4

* *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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