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Principal's Message

Welcome to November everyone!



The Fall has seemed to be flying by in what has definitely been a busy start up to our year. With Halloween behind us and Remembrance Day happening this week, we will soon be moving into an

even busier and festive time of year here at the school. From assessments and learning updates to seasonal events, there are a lot of exciting things happening to catch you up on and we are eager to share some of the details with you below.

Fundraising updates

Earlier this year we had a number of fundraising initiatives that we took part in as a school. Our online fundraisers collected funds for both the Terry Fox Foundation and for Cops for Cancer (and topped up by our 'no uni' funds) and we will also be donating \$700 from our 'no uni' funds to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15 (Abbotsford) in recognition of Remembrance Day and the poppies that were given to each student and staff member this week.

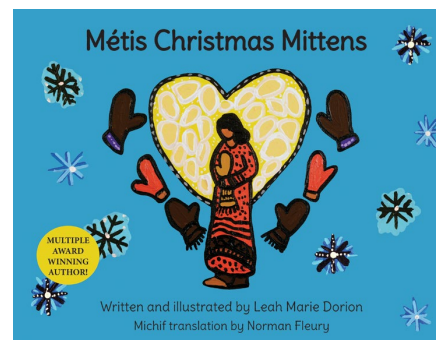


Also special thanks to everyone who donated and took part in the 'Just Breathe' Walk to raise funds and awareness for the BC Children's Hospital Respiratory Fund. We appreciate your support!

And here at Auguston, we are looking to do even more.....with a new Auguston Traditional Christmas Mitten Project.



We are seeking financial donations for an upcoming school community project to support the [Cyrus Centre](#). As a school we are going to create 100 warm winter mitten kits to support at risk youth and families.



We are reading the book *Metis Christmas Mittens* by Leah Marie Dorion and then our Kindergarten

and grade 1 students will colour pictures from the book, our grade 2 and 3 students will wrap and package up the mittens, and our grade 4 and 5 students will write messages on labels and safety pin heart beads to each pair of mittens. Our supplies have all been ordered and will be here soon – and we hope to pull the packages together in November for December delivery to Cyrus Centre (we purchased them a copy of the book, too!). If families would like to donate funds to support this cause they can donate in SchoolCash online starting Nov. 12. Any extra funds raised will be donated directly to the Cyrus Centre to support more of their programs.

This is our way of giving back this Christmas season and supporting those in need in our community. Thanks everyone for your help in supporting this awesome school initiative!

Christmas Concert Plans



Speaking of Christmas.....the school concert is happening! We are very excited to share that our

Christmas Concert is back and will take place on Wednesday, December 18th this year. 'Christmas at Auguston' will be shared for two shows only that day, one at 9:30am and one at 1:15pm. More information on tickets and concert details will be shared as we get closer to December but mark your calendars now to save the date!

Cold and Flu Season is also here!



As cold and flu (and COVID) season is once again with us, please continue to do a daily health check for your child(ren) each morning. If they are unwell or have a

fever, please keep them home until their symptoms have subsided and they are feeling strong enough to last through the entire school day, including outside play times. We will continue to keep up with our hand washing and respiratory etiquette here at school and appreciate everyone doing their part by staying home when they are sick and not sharing their germs! See [Student Health Policy](#)

Dress for the weather



As our cold, wet weather approaches, we can already feel winter edging its way in. Please ensure that your children have warm weather gear, rain proof jackets and waterproof boots as we will be heading outside as much as possible at recess and lunch times. Those fresh air breaks do wonders for our growing brains – keeping them clear and ready for learning - so we will continue to go outside every day unless it is really heavy rain or extremely cold.

Late pickups

A reminder that our after-school supervision ends at 2:45pm. Students need to be picked up

before that time. Staff members have other commitments but have had to stay with students as late as 3:30 for late pickups – almost an hour after school was over! This is really disheartening and cuts into our personal time, as well. We appreciate your help in picking your children up from school on time.



Coupon book sales

Our [PAC coupon books](#) are still available until November 13th – don't miss out on this great opportunity to purchase a book for \$35 and receive up to \$6000 in savings at local restaurants and businesses. This is a great fundraiser for our PAC!

Pink shirt day contest

Once again we will be holding our Auguston Traditional Pink Shirt design contest.



Students are welcome to create their own Pink Shirt design and submit their artwork on a piece of regular 8.5 x 11" white paper to their teacher by November 27th. Voting will take place school wide the following week and the winner's design will be made into t-shirts available to purchase for Pink Shirt Day in February. Let's get creative, Auguston!

Expansion Updates

The new part of our school looks absolutely fantastic! The floors and ceilings are finished, cabinets are going in and furniture has been ordered. Our amazing construction crew is working on the finishing of our spaces, inside and out, and we are hoping to be getting a move-in date soon. Until then we will keep watching with eager anticipation of getting to learn and grow in our beautiful new classrooms!

Abbotsford Canucks

Our very own Abbotsford Canucks will once again sponsor Auguston Traditional at their January 10th home game. We are able to buy seats at a special rate, part of the proceeds come back to the school, and there are even some prizes to be won and a chance for one of our students to ride the Zamboni! Please see the flyer on the next page for more information and the link [here to purchase tickets](#). What a great Christmas present for that special hockey fan!

TAC Committee

Our Traditional Advisory Committee (like our PAC but including reps from all Traditional Schools in the district) meets two to three times a year to talk about aspects of Traditional Schools that make us different from other schools in the district. We have met about behaviour expectations, code of conduct and building community links between Traditional Schools in years past. This year we will continue with those community links and hope to plan some really cool events where our students can meet other students that attend Traditional Schools in the district. Sound interesting? We are looking for parent and student voices at our upcoming meetings. This year they will be held at Abbotsford Traditional Secondary on January 29th at 3:30pm and April 30, 2025 at 3:30pm. If you are interested in joining us, please let Mrs. Sward know.

Our Tri-Traditional Soccer Tournament takes place at Abbotsford Traditional School on November 20th at 3:15pm for grade 4 and 5 soccer players. A Traditional Family of Schools Information Night will also be held on January 8, 2025 at 6:30pm at ATS. Finally, our Tri-Traditional School Basketball Tournament will take place on March 5th at 3:15pm.



ABBOTSFORD CANUCKS

**SCHOOL
SPIRIT NIGHT**



AUGUSTON TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HSK vs ABB

FRI JAN. 10 | 7PM

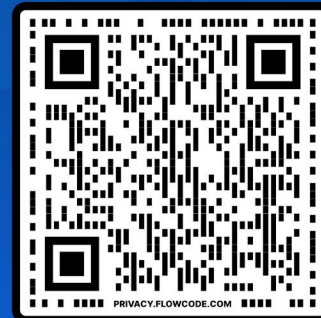
Show your school spirit and win prizes while cheering
on the Abbotsford Canucks at the Abbotsford Centre

Each game, one (1) student will be selected to ride the zamboni at intermission.



SCAN TO VIEW

- Special rate tickets
- Prizing for students



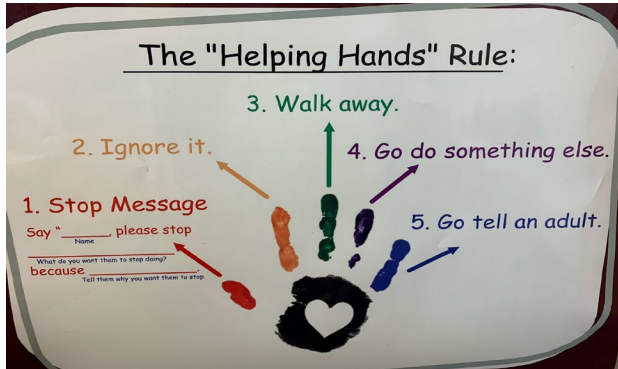
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Helping Hands



We continue to work on using our 'helping hands' to solve conflict on the playground here at Auguston Traditional. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in rough play, rude or disrespectful language, and hands on behaviours outside recently. We continue to highlight this valuable tool when we have a disagreement. We hold our hand open and work our way through the steps:

- 1 – Say 'stop, I don't like it when you _____, because _____'. It's everyone's responsibility to stop when they are asked to stop and we are working on that, too,
- 2 – Ignore the behaviour,
- 3 - Walk away from the situation,
- 4 – Find something else to do or someplace else to be, and – if those first steps don't work -
- 5 – Seek help from an adult on duty.

Not only does this strategy help our students to have a voice and advocate for their needs, but it also frees up our duty parents and teachers to deal with any bigger issues that may arise. We have 'helping hands' posters up in classrooms and around the school and will continue to work on this throughout the year. We are seeing progress and a lot of students are finding their voice in this – which is really great to see. We appreciate your support from home in this as well as we try to curb those hands on and disrespectful behaviours.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mrs. Menard, Learning Support Services Teacher**, on the arrival of a new little boy into their family!



Leon Nicolas Menard

*Born October 30 at
10pm*

7lbs 4oz

November Dates

Thurs, Nov 7	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45am Soccer Practice at lunch
Fri, Nov 8	Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL Domino's Hot Lunch orders due 3pm
Mon, Nov 11	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
Wed, Nov 13	Rock your Mocs (wear Moccasins or slippers) Coupon Book Fundraiser ends
Thurs, Nov 14	Soccer Practice at lunch
Fri, Nov 15	Domino's Hot Lunch Day
Mon, Nov 18	Shelter in Place Drill 11:30am Immunization Clinic 12:15-2pm ACSS Gr 4/5 Boys Basketball ACSS Gr 4/5 Girls Dove Self Esteem
Nov 19-22	Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
Wed, Nov 20	TAC Soccer Tournament – Gr. 4/5 Orders Close for Treat Day 3pm
Fri, Nov 22	Dress Like Me Spirit Day (students get to dress like themselves, not in uniforms!) no-uni day
Mon, Nov 25	ACSS Gr 4/5 Boys Basketball ACSS Gr 4/5 Girls Dove Self Esteem
Tues, Nov 26	Clearbrook Library field trip
Wed, Nov 27	PAC Treat Day (Cinnamon buns) Pink Shirt Day designs due Auguston PAC Meeting 7pm
Mon, Dec 2	Our food drive for the Salvation Army starts!



Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 7, 2024, 10:45 - 11:15am in the gym

Auguston's Remembrance Day Assembly will take place at 10:45am (doors open at 10:30am). Parents are welcome to attend.

Recess will take place between 10:00 to 10:20am on Thursday, Nov. 7.

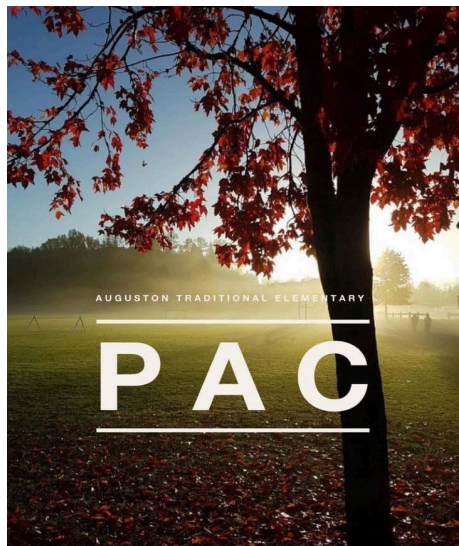


Rock your Mocs

Students are encouraged to wear **moccasins or slippers along with their school uniform while inside the school** (please wear outside shoes during recess/lunch) on Wednesday, November 13, to support Indigenous culture. *This is NOT a "No Uni for a Toonie" day.*

See <https://rockyourmocs.org>





November PAC Meeting

Auguston Parents/Guardians are invited to join the next PAC Meeting on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00pm in the Library Learning Commons.

Have questions?

Please email the PAC at augustonpac@gmail.com

Join the PAC Facebook Page for reminders & updates!

[Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)



Contact the PAC

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

[Mayor's Christmas Card Contest 2024](#)



[Dental Resources for Children](#)



[Vision, hearing and dental screenings and youth clinics](#)



School Photos



See school photos on the website at:

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

*Thank you, **Tina Howe**, (parent and teacher) for taking many of our school photos!*

Diwali Celebration



Costume Day

Costume Day was our second No Uni Day!



Pay for School Activities and Give Consent Online



Consent forms are **ONLINE** in [SchoolCash](#). Consent includes Request for Email Address Consent, Photograph/Video and Media, Permission 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 **99.70%** who have signed up. Let's make it 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

**No Uni for a Toonie * Damaged or Lost Library Books*

**Email Consent *Extracurricular School Sports *Kindergarten school supplies*

** Off Grounds * Photo/Media *School Planners*

NEW *Traditional Schools Soccer Tournament – Gr. 4/5

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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