

Feb 7, 2025

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Principal's Message

After the last two months of beautiful clear blue skies, February has arrived with a cold snap and a whole lot of snow! 😊

I hope that everyone got to enjoy their snow day to start their week and got to make snowmen and snow forts and then warm up by a cozy fire with some hot cocoa! The sunshine is back, but it's still very cold out there! As our temperatures stay this cold, we will stay inside to keep warm over our recess and lunch breaks. Usually if it's below -6 (windchill included) we stay inside, but as soon as it warms up and the wind is not a factor, we will head back outside to play!

We are going to spend some time this month refocusing on our [uniform guidelines](#). Warm hoodies and outer gear are welcome outside, but when inside, students are expected to be following our dress code. Please ensure your kids are wearing navy bottoms (pants, shorts or leggings) or dresses/skirts with white collared shirts underneath. Crested sweatshirts, vests and cardigans are available in both navy and burgundy. If you need some new gear, Able Cresting is our main supplier and their website is: <https://www.ablecresting.com/>. The PAC also has some consignment options and often, uniforms are posted on our PAC Facebook page as kids grow out of them.

We are going to be doing more regular checks on uniform compliance over the next month or so and appreciate your help as we revisit these expectations.



We have quite a busy month ahead with lots of events happening in our school. Long weekends, parent teacher conferences and a few spirit days are all on the horizon. I can already feel that February is going to fly by and before we know it Spring will be here!



Reading Olympics

We are very excited to bring back this yearly event here at Auguston. Forms have gone home for students and families to track their reading minutes each night as we all try to 'go for the gold!' Students can earn medals or ribbons for

the minutes that they read, and they will also combine their minutes to try to win class prizes, too! Please see the notices that went home last week for more information on this fun, whole school event. Go Team Auguston!



Long weekend ahead

Next weekend will be a long weekend for students. There is no school on Friday, February 14th (Pro-D day for staff) or Monday, February 17th (Family Day for all). Enjoy some time with those that matter most!

Early Dismissal times

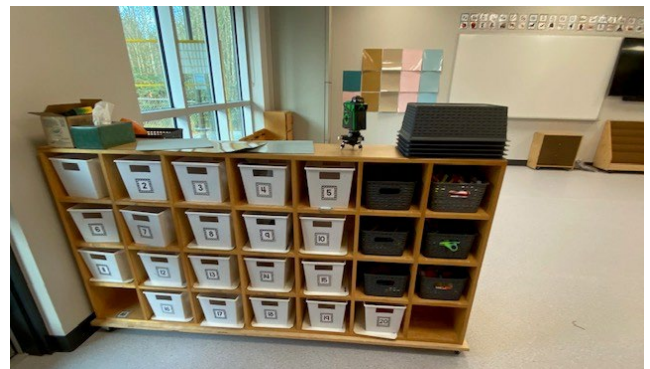
We have a couple of early dismissal dates coming up for our second round of parent teacher conferences. We will dismiss at **12:05** on both Wednesday, February 19th and Thursday, February 20th (school busses will be running early those days as well).

Parent teacher conferences will be held for this term on Thursday, February 20th from 1:00-3:00pm and 4:00-7:00pm. Time slots are booked for conferences through our online scheduler and information on signing up will come home soon. Please be mindful of other families coming in to meet with the teacher around yours and stick to the scheduled conference times.



Expansion Project

Oh my goodness, we are so close to being done! Our new building is pretty much complete and we've been able to move 5 of our classes in already. The other two classes are waiting for our furniture delivery which should be happening by the end of this month. Our crews have shifted gears and are now working on renovating our daycare space and finishing off our blacktop play areas. They are slated to be finished the entire project over Spring Break! We are all looking forward to having our school finished and being able to play on our blacktop again!



There is no word yet on who will be running the daycare, but we hope to have news to share on that soon!



Pink Shirt Day

[Pink Shirt orders](#) are available on [Munchalunch](#) until this Friday (7th). Our winning design comes from our very own Maddie Felser and features her 'Donut Bully, Sprinkle Kindness' design. Pink Shirt Day is on February 26th.

Dress for the weather



With our cold weather having arrived, 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. A change of clothes is also helpful to have here at the school and will avoid us calling for some dry clothes to be dropped off on those rainy, wet days.



TAC

Auguston Traditional is a part of the Traditional School team in the district. We meet with the other

three traditional schools (King, South Poplar and ATS) a few times a year to discuss what it means to be a traditional school and what sorts of things are important to us. This year we are focusing on ways that we can build connections between our four schools in creative and fun ways.

There is room for parent, student and staff voice on this committee. Upcoming events include our Tri-Traditional Basketball Tournament on March 5th and our next DTAC meeting afterschool on April 30th at Abby Traditional Middle/Secondary School. Please let me know if you'd like to attend (email: kris.sward@abbyschools.ca).

Inclement weather guidelines



As we are in our snowy and icy season, please be aware of the inclement weather guidelines found on our website: [Winter Weather Procedures](#). If schools are closed, emails (and text messages if you have signed up for them) are sent out by the School District office. School closure information will also be posted on our website, on social media and broadcasted by local radio stations. If you wake up to more snow, please check there first to see if a snow day has been called.

Sledding rules



Just a reminder of our sledding guidelines – the kids have reviewed these as well. We want to ensure that the students are having fun out there but of course safety is our number one priority. Our rules around sledding on school grounds are as follows:

- Our grade 5 sledding hill beside the gym is **permanently** closed due to the construction project and our storage bin being at the bottom. There is also no sledding on the hill above the school near the garden area. These closures are in place during school hours and within the duty times before and after school.
- Helmets are preferred for all sledders.
- The grade 4/5 area is on the hill closest to the baseball dugout, with grades 2 and 3 between the trees and K/1s farthest from the school on the smallest, shortest slope.
- Only students with sleds are allowed on the hills. As some families will choose not to send their kids with sleds for safety reasons, sharing of sleds is not allowed unless it is between siblings.
- Students are to sled down alone (no doubling up) and one sled at a time, giving the previous sledder time to move away from the bottom of the hill before going.
- Students at the bottom are to move to the side of the hill or in line with the trees to make their way back up.

- No standing at the bottom of the hill unless you are out of the slide zone.
- It can get icy and slippery out there, so caution while around the sledding areas is important!
- No skis or snowboards please, just sleds.
- If conditions become too icy, sledding will be closed. This closure will be decided on depending on conditions on a daily basis.

Also:

- Students are asked not to eat the snow in and around the school pavement areas as we use rock salt and chemical product to reduce the ice and make our surfaces less slippery.
- We have a no throwing snow rule – not at each other, not at trees or buildings, not up in the air - as there may be rocks and ice chunks mixed in.



PAC Movie Night



MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!

 Date/Time: **February 7, 2025 @ 6pm**

 Location: **in the gym at the school**

 Movie: **Minions: The Rise of Gru**

 Theme: **Valentines** 



We will have dinner orders available to pickup at 5pm (for those who ordered previously on munchalunch) at the concession stand, where you also can purchase

other concession items at the same time!

!! ONLY CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT CONCESSION !!

Come early to get your favourite spots, bring your chairs, pillows and whatever you need to be comfortable!

Thank you all! We look forward to this event so much!

- Your PAC team 

*** This is NOT a drop off event. All children must be supervised by their parents/guardians ***

Valentine's Day - No Uni



Students are invited to participate in Valentine's No Uni Day by wearing **red**, **white**, **pink** or **purple** (jeans are acceptable) on Thursday, Feb. 13.

If students are not participating in our No Uni fundraiser, they are expected to be in their usual uniform attire.

No Uni Days on the website:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/blog/no-uni-days-0>



Wacky Hair Day

Students are invited to participate in **Wacky Hair Day** on Friday, February 21.

Students are expected to be in their usual uniform attire.



ACSS Afterschool Programs

Multi-Sports - Gr. 4/5 Boys

Weekly on Mondays,
2:35 - 4pm until Mon,
Mar 10 in the
gym ****extended to**

March 10, due to the Snow Day on February 3



Drama Explorations - Gr. 2/3

Weekly on
Wednesdays, 2:35 -
4pm until Wed, Mar
5 in Room 123 (MPR
not available)



Parents Student Learning Survey

Parents, please see the [2025 Ministry of Education and Childcare Letter for Parents Student Learning Survey](#).

Your input is appreciated!

Skittle Ball

(more pics added)



Strong Start

See Strong Start
on the website
under Programs:

<https://auguston.abbschools.ca/strong-start>



Upcoming Dates in February

Fri, Feb 7	Pink Shirt Orders Due 3pm PAC Movie Night – Minions: Rise of Gru
Wed, Feb 12	Earthquake Drill , Skittle Ball Games after school, grade 5 Indigenous students to Drum Making Workshop
Thurs, Feb 13	Valentines Colours Day - No Uni Subway Hot Lunch Day Skittle Ball Practice
Fri, Feb 14	Pro D Day – no school
Mon, Feb 17	Family Day – no school
Tues, Feb 18	Axis Theatre Presents - Frog Belly Rat Bone
Wed, Feb 19	Early dismissal at 12:05
Thurs, Feb 20	Early dismissal at 12:05, parent teacher conferences 1-3, 4-7
Fri, Feb 21	Wacky Hair Day
Mon, Feb 24	Reading Link Challenge (school competition)
Wed, Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day , Skittle Ball Games after school, PAC Meeting
Fri, Feb 28	Div. 8-10 Dogman movie field trip – info. coming soon!

School Photos

See school photos on the website at:

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

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



Weekly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)



BOOK CLUB

[Reading Link Challenge](#) for Gr. 4/5 on Mondays in the LLC



[Chess Club](#) for Gr. 1-2 on Tuesdays & for Gr. 3-5 on Wednesdays in the LLC (or possibly in the gym, depending on space)



Skittle Ball practices for Gr. 4/5 on Thursdays

See <https://auguston.abbschools.ca/announcements/skittle-ball>

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 **99.40%** who have signed up. Let's make it 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

***Div. 8-10 Dogman movie field trip coming soon! *No Uni for a Toonie *Damaged or Lost Library Books
*Email Consent *Extracurricular School Sports *Kindergarten school supplies *Off Grounds
*Photo/Media *School Planners**

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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