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Principal's Message

Welcome to our shortest month of the year....only two weeks here at the school! Spring break is on the horizon and learning updates are coming home this week. We are almost to third term already!



February was a fun filled month with a few no-uni days (Pink Shirt day, Wacky Hair Day, Valentines Colours Day), some fun events like movie night and the Reading Olympics, Parent Teacher conferences, a cool theatre presentation, a long weekend and a snow day in there, too! Phew – we sure are ready for a break!

Though we only have two short weeks, we will still fill them with fun. Next week we will celebrate reading in a big way, first with our Reading Link Challenge celebration for our grade 4/5 teams that competed, then later with our Reading Olympics celebrations and DEAR day (Drop Everything And Read!).

Learning updates (formerly called report cards) will be coming home on Friday, March 7th. Please remember that this is a summative report based on your child's progress so far this year.

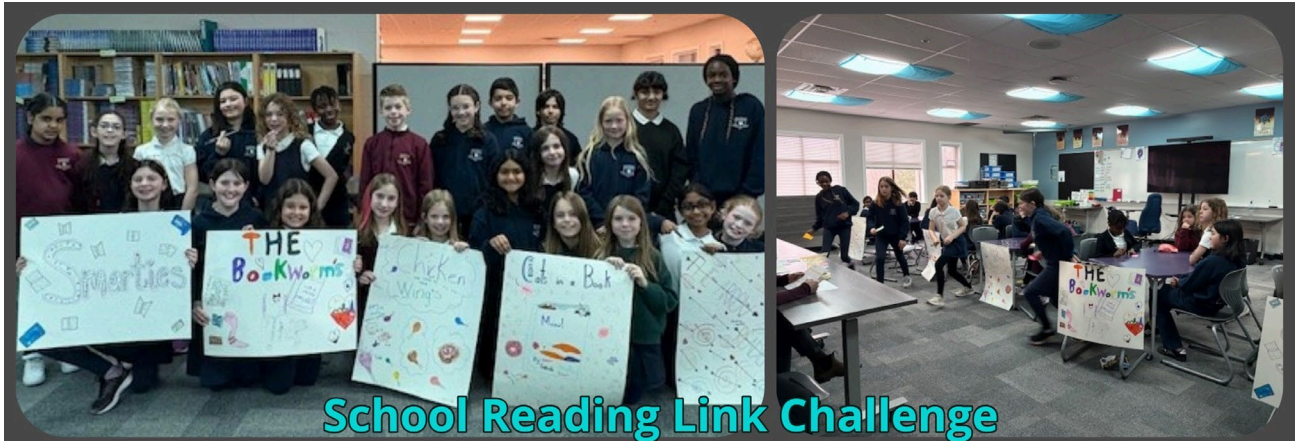
Take some time to celebrate the successes shared and outline some learning goals for third term. If you have any questions about the updates, please connect with your child's teacher.

Our spring break runs March 15-30 and our first day back will be Monday, March 31. Over the break, our construction crews will be busy FINISHING (!!) our expansion project. We should come back from the break to our play space and blacktop open, new basketball courts, four square courts and gaga pits, and a finished expansion project. We are all so ready to enjoy learning in our new school and classrooms. Thanks to everyone for your patience and support through our project – we are almost there!

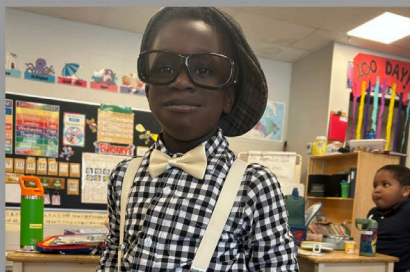
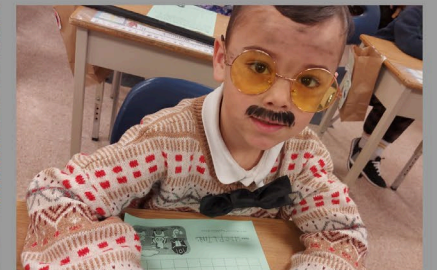


We hope everyone has a wonderful Spring break, safe travels and fun adventures, and a relaxing and rejuvenating time!





School Reading Link Challenge



Uniform checks



When we return from the break, our uniform checks will start. I've been checking in regularly and reminding students of uniform expectations as I see different clothing or colours than are expected. After the break, parent volunteers will be checking for compliance, and we will see which class has the best results. Thanks for keeping our dress code guidelines in mind: <https://auguston.abbschools.ca/parentsstudents/dresscode/auguston>

Expansion Update

We are excited to be nearing the completion of our project! After spring break, we should have full access back to our blacktop and playground areas. We have new gaga pits and basketball hoops being installed and new foursquare courts and hopscotch rounds painted in. Our buddy bench will return, and we will have free and clear access to our field and playground. Our old elevator will be decommissioned over the break and made into extra storage rooms, and our gym floor will be refinished, too! Our final classrooms will be moved, and our new furniture will all be set up. We will have our school back and be able to enjoy all of our fresh new learning spaces. Our daycare space will be finished by the end of April.

THANK YOU



Huge thanks go out to MakeProjects, Unitech and our district crews who have helped us through the design, construction, completion and move into this amazing project – and to our families and students for going with the flow and growing along with us. It's been a long journey – but also an exciting adventure and the results are beautiful!

Traditional updates

The Bhangra dance team from Abby Traditional Middle High will be joining us after the break for a high energy dance presentation to celebrate Vaisakhi. This is part of our plan to join in with other Traditional schools across the district to build community and connections.

We are also planning basketball workshops in place of our usual tournament, with coaches and players from the middle school coming to work on skills with our grade 4/5 basketball players. Dates are still being determined but after spring break we will share information out as it becomes available.

Finally, we will be having one more TAC meeting in the end of April at Abby Traditional Middle/High School. April 30th we will meet from 3:30-5 to plan for more events and what our focus will be for next year. If you are interested in joining our Traditional Advisory Committee, please let Mrs. Sward know (kris.sward@abbschools.ca).

Abbotsford Canucks

The Abbotsford Canucks has once again offered to partner with our school. We are hoping to fill a section with students from our school at their home game April 12th against the Calgary Wranglers! A portion of each ticket sale cost comes back to the school to help with field trips and supplies. Additionally, students have a chance to win prizes including a trip on the zamboni! New for this game, a free popcorn is included in the price of each ticket (vouchers available for pickup at the ticket sales booth by section 112). Win, win....and hopefully the Canucks win, too!

Information on how to get tickets is in the flyer included in this newsletter and this link:

[Auguston Traditional Abby Canucks Tickets](#)

Grade 5s to Middle School

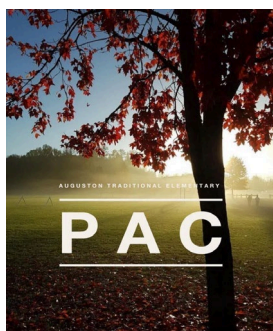
Grade 5s in Clayburn's catchment for middle school will be receiving registration forms after the break.

Watch for info. on events for Grade 5s transitioning to middle school coming up later in the spring: Jazz Band, Clayburn School Tour, Gr. 6 Open House

PAC News

The next PAC meeting is on April 23 at 7pm (no PAC Meeting in March).

[PAC Hot Lunch](#) orders for after spring break are opening soon!



PAC Facebook Page:

[Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)

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



Basketball - Gr. 4/5

Students in Grade 4 and 5 are invited to participate on the Basketball team.

Parents are responsible for bringing and picking up their child to and from game days.

Games will be after Spring Break, on Wednesdays with location to be determined. All players can play on these days. Playing from 3-4:15pm.

- **Boys will play April 9 and 23**
- **Girls will play April 16 and 30**

Participants need to come in appropriate gym clothing for playing both for practice and games.

Parents are asked to grant consent for participating Gr. 4/5 students in [schoolcash](#) by Friday, March 7.

See: [Basketball - Gr. 4/5](#)

ABBOTSFORD CANUCKS

**SCHOOL
SPIRIT NIGHT**



AUGUSTON TRADITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CGY vs ABB

SAT. APR. 12 | 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
- One (1) popcorn voucher with every ticket



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ACSS Spring Programs

We are happy to announce that Abby Community School Society (ACSS) will be offering the following great Afterschool programs at Auguston Traditional Elementary School for the Spring 2025 session:

- [Soccer Stars Program](#) - Grade K/1
- [Arts & Crafts Program](#) - Grade 2/3
- [Flash Fiction Program](#) - Grade 4/5

See: [ACSS Spring Programs](#)



Parents Student Learning Survey

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

Your input is appreciated!

Reading Olympics Celebration



Students are invited to participate in the Reading Olympics Celebration by wearing Olympic/Athletic Gear on the last day of school before Spring Break! *If students are not participating in our No Uni fundraiser, they are expected to be in their usual uniform attire.*

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

Spring into Adventure Recreational Camp

We're excited to share that our **Spring into Adventure Recreational Camp** still has some spots available! If you're looking for a fun and engaging way for your child(ren) to spend their spring break, this is the perfect opportunity.

This Spring Camp will run from March 17 – March 21, 2025 and the cost of this fun camp is \$125.00. There are two location to choose from: Godson Elementary and Harry Sayers Elementary.

To register, simply scan the **QR code on the flyer in this newsletter** to sign up for the camp location that works best for your family. Don't miss out—secure your child's spot today!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at info@abbycommunity.com

We can't wait for an adventure-filled camp experience with your little ones!



Spring into Adventure Camp!



Registration Details:

- 🌸 Harry Sayers Elem location - Open to ages 5 - 9
- 🌸 Godson Elem location - Open to ages 6 - 10
- 🌸 March 17 - March 21, 2025



Upcoming Dates in March

Fri, Mar 7	Fire Drill , Learning Updates home
Sun, Mar 9	Time change – don't forget to 'Spring ahead!'
Mon, Mar 10	Auguston Reading Link Challenge celebration Multi-Sports - Gr. 4/5 Boys
Wed, Mar 12	PAC hot lunch - Greek Islands
Thurs, Mar 13	District Reading Link Challenge – our winning team goes to compete
Fri, Mar 14	DEAR Day, Olympics Spirit Day, Reading Olympics celebrations
Mar 15-30	Spring Break
Mon, Mar 31	First Day back to School after the break

School Calendar



See the school calendar and yearly Local School Calendars on the website:

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

- [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](#)

Weekly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)



[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)

Chess Club will continue after Spring Break until the Chess Tournament in mid-April.



[Basketball Practice](#) for Gr. 4/5 on Thursdays

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!*

Strong Start

See Strong Start on the website under Programs:

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



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 **99.41%** who have signed up. Let's make it 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

****Gr. 4/5 Basketball Consent OPEN til TOMORROW at 3pm *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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