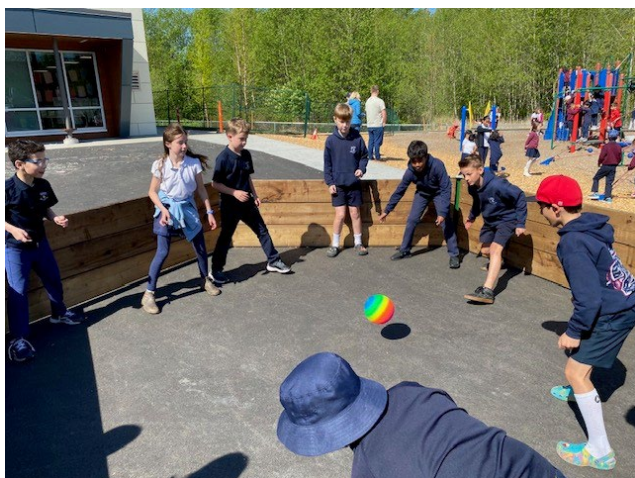


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Principal's Message

Welcome to May and to our beautiful sunshine that's been joining us lately. It sure does feel like Spring out there!



Our most exciting update to share this month is that our new Gaga Ball Courts are now open! We are learning the rules and having so much fun playing with friends at recess and lunch times. It's a busy, fast-paced and fun game that keeps students moving – and we are loving it! We are also excited to get some new Four-square courts and Hopscotch runs painted on our blacktop very soon – after two long years we've almost got our entire play area back!

As the weather gets increasingly better over the coming weeks, please don't forget to send your kids to school with hats, sunglasses, sunscreen on and water bottles at the ready to keep them hydrated! We will be heading outside a lot to learn and play so it's important to have those basics covered. Though crocks and sandals are comfy shoes in the warm weather, we appreciate students wearing runners to keep their feet and

toes safe, particularly when outside running around on our woodchips, gravel and blacktop.

We also need to remind our families that Abbotsford schools are closed campuses and we appreciate that visitors aren't outside during break times mingling with students. We don't always know who is connected to who, and to keep our students safe we ask that you enjoy the track or walk your dog separate from our recess and lunch outside times (10:40-11am and 12:35-1:05pm). Classes are also often outside on the playground or field areas, and we ask that you don't call students over if you are out there at the same time. Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe.





Things get busy in May and June as we have lots of fun field trips planned, special event days (like Wonka Day, Fun Fair, Sports Day and more!), and all sorts of exciting things happening around the school. Read on for more information about it all!

Trees on property

We have a number of students who have been trying their hand at climbing our various trees around the school property. Many of our trees are new and not for climbing and we've recently had to cut one of our tree's branches up from the base to stop students from climbing. We ask that parents don't allow students to climb trees on our property before and after school, just as we don't allow it during school hours.

Field trips

With field trip season fast approaching, a quick reminder that all parent volunteers must complete our [Volunteer](#) forms, 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.

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 2025/26 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 28th – *more information in **PAC News** in this newsletter.*



Allergies

'Tis the season for runny noses and itchy, watery eyes! If your child suffers from allergies or needs to have a puffer to help clear their airways during outside activities, please ensure you advise the office of any medication they need to have with them at school. We keep puffers in student specific bags in our medical room and need a doctor to sign off on our medication forms so that we can help administer them as needed.



Chess Championships

Our Chess Club students have had another successful year at the District Chess Championships! Our school came first overall and we also had some student winners: in individual play, **Caleb Akuffo** took first place in grade four, while **Victor Sanchez-Piper** got second, and **Oliver Spoljar** and **David Heukelman** tied for third. In a heavily contested grade three division, **Sebastian Tomlinson** came in second and **Gibran Ahmed** and **Amber Attri** tied for third. For the grade twos, **Hayeong Seong** finished in second overall with **Ethan Menges** taking third. **Carson Logan** won second place in the grade one division, and **Reuben Joberg** and **Julia Keenan** came in third. All the team members played four games each, and everyone contributed to our team's great finish.

Congratulations to all of our amazing Chess Masters!



See [Chess Tournament](#)

Absences



Mondays can be hard, sometimes sickness takes its 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.

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.

One Book, One School

Our school is so fortunate to have a PAC that sponsors this event for us every year! This year we are reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl together and it is so much fun! If you haven't seen the book – it looks amazing as one of our PAC parents has decorated many of our spaces with rooms from the book and movie! We will read together into the middle of this month and then celebrate our reading with a movie and dress up day on May 23rd. Thanks again to our PAC for buying each family a book and sharing in our love of reading!

See [One Book One School](#)



Class photos



Time to put on your best smile! [Class photos](#) will be taken on Monday, May 12th, as well as team and group photos.

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.

ACSS Spring Programs

Abby Community School Society afterschool programs for the Spring 2025 session:

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

School Bus Registration

School Bus Registration is NOW OPEN for the September 2025-2026 school year.



Weekly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)

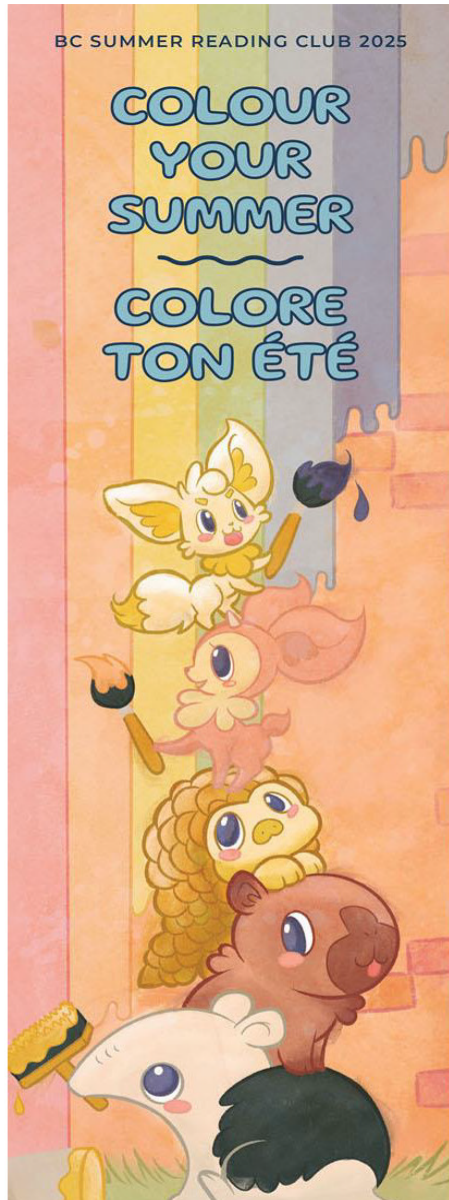


[Basketball Practice](#) for Gr. 4/5 on Thursdays

Track practices for Gr. 4/5 starts next week on Wednesdays.



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



ENCOURAGE KIDS TO JOIN SUMMER READING CLUB

Make reading fun this summer! *Colour Your Summer* by joining Summer Reading Club (SRC). SRC is a free program that encourages kids to track their reading every day. Kids who read over the summer perform better at school. You can read anything – novels, picture books, information books, graphic novels, magazines, audiobooks, ebooks, websites – it all counts!

This year's theme is *Colour Your Summer*. Registration for in-person and online SRC officially begins June 21. For information about SRC and how to register, visit www.fvrl.ca.

Here are the exciting activities your children can enjoy when they participate in SRC:

- Enter contests to win prizes.
- See amazing performers.
- Participate in fun activities online.
- Earn a medal!

There's so much to discover when you *Colour Your Summer* with Summer Reading Club!

It's not just for kids! Did you know that SRC is open for teens and adults too? Families can participate together to support each other's reading and set a positive example. The library has something for everyone this summer – and it's absolutely free!

Abbotsford Community Library - 33355 Bevan Ave
604-853-1753

Clearbrook Library - 32320 George Ferguson Way
604-859-7814

Mount Lehman Library - 5875 Mt. Lehman Rd
604-856-4988



Upcoming May Events

Fri, May 2	Booster Juice orders due 6pm
Mon, May 5	Red Dress Day
Tues, May 6	Div 9 & 11 release our salmon at Bateman Park
Fri, May 9	Booster Juice treat day Div. 13-15 to Willband Creek Park Grade 6 Clayburn Registrations Due
Sun, May 11	Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms out there! <3
Mon, May 12	Class, Team & Group Photo Day
May 13-15, 20-21	PAC is bringing in High Tech, High Touch science workshops for our entire school
Tues, May 13	Our One Book One School readings are complete!
May 16-19	long weekend for Victoria Day (16 th is a Pro-D day)
Tues, May 20	Traditional 3-on-3 basketball tournament at ATS White Spot Orders Due 6pm
Thurs, May 22	Ready, Set, Learn event for new K students coming next year Div. 5-7 to the zoo
Fri, May 23	Wonka Day celebrations – dress up like a character, movie afternoon, fun festivities
Mon, May 26	grade 5's visit Clayburn Middle School grade 1's go to the beach
Wed, May 28	Clayburn Band presentation PAC AGM
Thurs, May 29	Immunization clinic in the LLC White Spot hot lunch Clayburn Open House for grade 5's in evening
Fri, May 30	Div. 8, 9 & 10 to Blue Heron Reserve

Red Dress Day

Monday, May 5th is recognized as a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, also known as Red Dress Day. Staff and students are welcome to wear red on Monday to honour and acknowledge those missing and lost.

Other upcoming events include our PAC spring fair June 6, and the mobile planetarium June 17-19.

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](#)

School Photos

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



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



PAC News

Our Executive PAC team is currently looking for a new Treasurer, Treasurer's Assistant & DPAC Rep for the upcoming school year. These are vital roles—without a Treasurer, our PAC cannot operate, and we risk losing our \$7,000 gaming grant.

Nominations will be voted on at the May General Meeting, and the elected individuals will serve as part of next year's Executive Team.

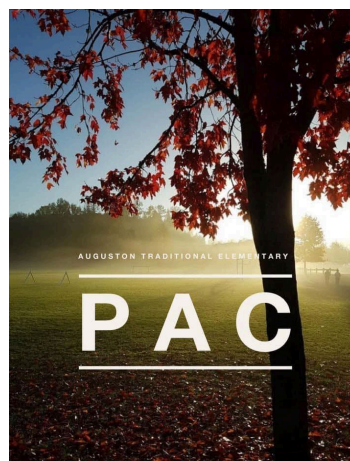
If you're interested in putting your name forward, please email your nomination to:
augustonpac@gmail.com

We encourage you to consider stepping into one of these important roles. Your involvement makes a big difference in supporting our school community!

***Treasurer-** Maintain an accurate record of all expenditures of the PAC, as well as year to year. Report balances and ins and outs of the General and Gaming accounts at the General meetings. With the assistance of the Executive, draft a Budget for the school year to be presented and voted on at the AGM.

***Assistant Treasurer-** Assists the Treasurer with day to day tasks and accounting. Assists in collection, counting and deposits, and writing cheques.

***DPAC Rep-** Attends all DPAC meetings. Represent Auguston Traditional PAC at the DPAC General Meeting. Report back to Auguston Parents at our General Meetings



The next PAC meeting is the AGM on May 28 at 7pm.

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.

Will you be leaving Auguston next year?



In order to begin our planning for the 2025-26 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

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 **100%** who have signed up! **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

****Willband Creek Park Div. 13-15 *Salmon Fry Release Div. 9 & 11 *Zoo field trip Div. 5-7***

***Coming Soon! 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on May 20, Track & Field, Gr. 1s to Belcarra on May 26,
Grade 5 School Tour to Clayburn Middle on May 26, Div. 8, 9 & 10 to Blue Heron on May 30***

****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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Easy registration

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