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## Principal's Message



### Welcome back to school!

We are so excited for another amazing year here at Auguston Traditional Elementary School. It's already shaping up to be a great one! It's been wonderful to see everyone's smiling faces as we returned to school, made new connections, rekindled friendships and dug into our learning. Auguston Traditional is definitely a great place to learn and grow!

We've had a full week in our classes now and students are settling into routines and their learning, while making new friends and getting to know their teachers. Though we've had a remarkably calm couple of weeks, things are picking up and it is already getting busy as we look ahead to some major events happening in our school this month.

We will share as much information as we can every month with a newsletter much like this one. In addition, Mrs. Tait, our amazingly organized secretary, sends out reminder emails usually once every week or so. We will also post important dates and events on the PAC

Facebook page. These are all ways that we try to keep you up to date with what's happening in our school. There will be some paper forms coming your way next week – our Student Verification Forms will be sent home to ensure that we have up to date contact information; as well as a new form, the Student Reunification Form, which will be kept on site in the case of a major emergency – more information will be included when that form is sent home. Please keep an eye out for both of these important forms that we will need you to fill out and return to us here at the school.



There is a lot of other important information included in this newsletter as well – we appreciate you reading through it all so that you are up to date! If you ever have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to stop in, connect via email or call us here at the school.

A few facts about us this year:

- we currently have 332 students enrolled at our school
- we have 15 divisions grades K-5
- we have 8 EAs to support learning in our classrooms alongside so many great teachers!
- All classes get PE time and LLC (Library Learning Commons) time multiple times each week, as well as weekly Library Book Exchanges
- We also have an extra cohort of itinerant teachers that support our students in other ways like speech and language, Indigenous teachings, English Language Learning and counselling supports, as well as other District specialists assigned to our school



## Staffing

We have some new faces and shared teaching assignments as part of our team this year. Here are the people that you might see around our school:

### AUGUSTON STAFF 2025-26

Mrs. Kris Sward, Principal

Div. 1	Mrs. Anita Dhaliwal	Gr. 4/5
Div. 2	Mrs. Seonid Dirom (M-Th) Mrs. Crystal Chow (F)	Gr. 5
Div. 3	Mrs. Jill Ward	Gr. 4/5
Div. 4	Mrs. Tina Deol	Gr. 4/5
Div. 5	Mrs. Jennifer Simpson	Gr. 3/4
Div. 6	Mrs. Kelsey Kent (M-Th) Mrs. Marianne Rosborough (F)	Gr. 3
Div. 7	Mrs. Marlo Small (M-Th) Mrs. Andrea Janzen (F)	Gr. 3
Div. 8	Mrs. Karin Charest	Gr. 2/3
Div. 9	Mr. James Ketelaar	Gr. 2
Div. 10	Ms. Debbie Roebuck (M-W) Mrs. Melissa Smith (Th-F)	Gr. 2
Div. 11	Mrs. Heather Preiss (M-T/F) Mrs. Kristy Durance (W-Th)	Gr. 1
Div. 12	Mrs. Brianne Elford (M-T) Mrs. Brenna Vandermeer (W-F)	Gr. 1
Div. 13	Mrs. Diana McAllister (M-F/Th-F) K/1 Mrs. Brianne Elford (W)	
Div. 14	Mrs. Laura Hambly Mrs. Andrea Janzen (W)	K
Div. 15	Mrs. Hilary Puglisi	K

#### Additional Teaching Staff:

Mrs. Brandi Kamiya (F)	English Language Learners (ELL)
Mrs. Debbie Beisiegel	Learning Support Services (LSS)
Mrs. Crystal Chow (T-W)	Library Learning Commons (LLC)
Mr. David Marchioro (M)	Physical Education (PE)
Mrs. Tina Howe (T-F)	Physical Education (PE)/ Library Learning Commons (LLC)



## Support Staff:

Mrs. Louise Tait	Admin Assistant
Mrs. Gurpreet Sran	Custodian
Mrs. Barbara Shaiju	Custodian
Mr. Kaiden Brown	Education Assistant
Mrs. Kiley Cecconi	Education Assistant
Mrs. Veerpal (Niki) Cheema	Education Assistant
Mrs. Coral Christianson	Education Assistant
Mrs. Lisa Naubert	Education Assistant
Mrs. Adele Rankin	Education Assistant
Mrs. Tammi Riou	Education Assistant
Mrs. Karlene Schmidt	Education Assistant
Mr. Tony Kelly (Th-F)	Indigenous Support Worker (ISW)
Mrs. Denise Marshall (Th)	Lib. Tech

Auguston School Staff on the website:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/contact/staff/auguston>

## Bell schedule

8:30 – Supervision begins  
8:35 – Get Ready Bell  
8:40 – School Starts  
10:40-11 – RECESS  
12:23-12:35 – Eating Time  
12:35-1:05 – Outside Time  
2:35 – Dismissal  
2:45 – End of Supervision



Please be on time for drop-off and pick-up!

On the website: [Bell Schedule](#)

## Expansion Project

Over the last two years we have seen many changes to our school with the addition of 8 new classrooms and learning spaces. Our expansion project is now fully complete, and we are no longer 'under construction'! Yippee!!! We look forward to showing you around our newly expanded school.

## Traffic Safety

We are asking for your help with traffic safety around our school. If you are able to, walking your children to school is ideal, however, if you need to drive, please be mindful of our 30km/h School Zone that extends from just before the corner by our playing fields all the way past our school on Stephen Leacock Drive. Please also park only in marked spaces (Bylaw officers will be doing random spot checks at pickup and drop-off times) and watch for students and families at our two marked crosswalks along Stephen Leacock Drive. Together we can make safety our priority.

We have been asked NOT to park in the Presentation Centre parking lot. They will soon be undergoing a construction project of their own and will need to block access to that lot for our busses, staff and families. We appreciate your consideration.

It is important, too, to be mindful of keeping our traffic flowing through both our roundabout and bus loop. If you need to stop to help your child(ren) get in and out of your vehicle, please find a parking space. Traffic needs to be moving constantly through our bus areas so that it doesn't get backed up and blocked. We appreciate your help with this and will have staff on hand during busy times that may ask you to move your vehicle. There is absolutely no parking in our bus loops.



## Medical updates

**MEDICAL**



**ALERT**

Some students at our school have severe or life-threatening allergies or medical concerns. We are a 'nut-aware' school, with some 'nut free' classrooms, to avoid contact with these allergens of peanuts, tree nuts and coconuts. If your

child has an allergy or medical condition we need to know about, please advise us as soon as possible and provide us with any medications they may need in the event of an incident or reaction (a prescribed Epi-Pen or medications with instructions on administration in the event of an emergency). Administration of Medication forms are required to be updated and signed yearly for our files. You can find this form at: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/sites/default/files/documents/2023-02/AP%20328-1.pdf> along with AP 327 Medical Alert Conditions: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/administrative-procedures/AP327>

## Meet the Teacher

Our school will be holding an open house style evening for our meet the teacher event this year. Parents will be invited into our school and have the chance to meet each of their children's teachers and see their classroom and some of the work they have completed so far. Please note that this is a chance to meet and connect with your child's teacher and not a formal update on learning or progress so far. Please join us on Wednesday, September 17th between 5:00 and 6:00pm.

And to make our event extra special this year, we will have food trucks on hand from 4-7pm for families to purchase dinner that night. Wingerz,

Odd Burger and Kona Ice will all be here selling food and treats. We ask that you not bring food or drinks inside the school, but enjoy them before or after meeting your child(ren)'s teacher(s) outside on the playground or field. Thank you!



## Dogs on our field and playground

We share our field space with our community as a large part of our field is Mather's Park. We usually talk with members of the public that we see out there when our students are outside for breaks and ask that people try to walk or use the space when students are not present. This is to keep everyone safe and so that we don't cross paths with adults that we don't know.

We also ask that dogs are kept away from our students as everyone tries to run to meet and pet the dog, but, not knowing the animals, we don't want to cause stress or excite the dogs out on our play area as it makes it difficult to predict their reaction. Please leave pets at home when walking during school hours or when dropping off or picking up your child(ren).

A more recent concern has been the number of people who are bringing their dogs to our school but not cleaning up after them! You can imagine the worry, upset and mess on our shoes we are experiencing as students play on the field and accidentally step on or roll on it. Yuck! Please help us avoid this icky issue by cleaning up after pets, leaving them at home when coming to or around the school and sharing this info with neighbours who may not have children who go to our school. Thank you!

## Cops for Cancer and Terry Fox Run

Our school is taking part in a couple of worthy fundraising events this month. Many of us have been affected by cancer or know someone who was. We are going to be raising funds for cancer research through two events:

The Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley will be making a stop at our school on Thursday, September 18th. Students will be able to cheer on the riders as they make their way through our community. We are also holding a toonie drive until the 18th where students can bring in extra change to their classrooms to donate.

Donations can also be made at:  
[schoolcashonline](https://schoolcashonline.com/)

On Thursday, September 25th, our whole school will be taking part in the 45th Annual School Terry Fox Run. We will wear Terry Fox shirts or Team Canada colours that day as a No Uni Day event and all funds collected through that will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Further donations can also be made through the Terry Fox Foundation:  
<https://schools.terryfox.ca/99912>

Thank you for supporting these causes in our community.

## Afterschool programs

We are so excited to be able to provide some after school opportunities for our students again this year. Each term, the Abby Community School Society will be running extracurricular sports, art, drama, and active learning programs. Students signed up for these programs will go to Room 125 or the gym from 2:35-4:00pm one day

a week for six weeks of each session. Our fall programs start in late October and will see our K/1 students doing Soccer Stars, our grade 2/3 students doing ArtVenture Explorers and grade 4/5 girls participating in DOVE Self Esteem workshops.

See information and registration details:  
<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/announcement/s/acss-fall-programs-auguston>

## FSAs

Students in grade 4 will soon be participating in the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSAs). These province wide assessments provide a snapshot of the reading, writing and numeracy proficiency of our students and will be completed between Oct 1 and Nov 7.

## Volunteers

Volunteers help to make our school a better place and we appreciate you wanting to spend extra time helping us out. If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom, please complete the Volunteer Application process available on our website:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/parentsstudents/parentvolunteers/auguston>. Please note, a Criminal Record Check is required in order to be able to help out in and around our school.

### Note:

- the Volunteer process **MUST** be completed **EVERY SCHOOL YEAR**
- the Criminal Record Check lasts for **5 years**
- Please **complete the link** in the final step after the Orientation

Thank you for your support in completing the necessary requirements.

## Dates

Mon, Sep 15	First Day of Full Day Kindergarten
Wed, Sep 17	<a href="#">Meet the Teacher</a> Open House 5-6pm
Thurs, Sep 18	Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley visit
Sep 22-Oct 10	Gymnastics in our gym classes
Mon, Sep 22	<a href="#">Grade 5 Hoodie orders</a> due 3pm
Tues, Sep 23	Fire Drill
Thurs, Sep 25	Terry Fox Run, Team Canada Colours Day, PAC meeting
Fri, Sep 26	Orange Shirt Day
<b>Mon, Sep 29</b>	<b>Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Tues, Sep 30</b>	<b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – NO SCHOOL</b>
Wed, Oct 1	<a href="#">Strong Start begins</a> for the 25/26 school year School Picture Day

A personal digital device is any personal digital device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone, smart watch or tablet.

## Lunches, Labels, and other Extras

**Families are encouraged to ensure that students have all the materials required for the day of learning (ie. snack lunch, gym strip, jacket, homework, library book, etc.) upon their arrival to school.** If you must bring a lunch to the school during the day, please bring it to the office and we will deliver it.

As well, ensure the lunch is clearly labeled with FIRST and LAST names, and your child's division. That helps us ensure your child receives their item in a timely manner. **School Supplies, jackets, hats, and sweaters should all be labeled clearly with your child's name as well.** Our Lost and Found overflows very quickly with articles left out on the playground. A name written inside these items allows us to find the owner.

## Digital devices

At Auguston Traditional we believe in promoting online safety and a focused learning environment. As part of the School District's AP 345 – Student Use of Personal Digital Devices in Schools, our Code of Conduct has been amended to read:

Students are expected to:

- Refrain from inappropriate computer usage and/or multi-media devices
- refrain from using personal digital devices during school hours unless given the expressed permission of the school administrator or their teacher

## SafeArrival - Report student absences online

On our school website you will find a tab: "Report Absence or Late" which will direct you to Safe Arrival:

<https://auguston.abbysschools.ca/safe-arrival>

The Abbotsford School District utilizes an automated student attendance management system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger®, the company that hosts our parent notification system.

With SafeArrival, you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

#### *SchoolMessenger App*

Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).

The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account.

Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

#### *SafeArrival Website*

Using the SafeArrival website, go

to: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account.

Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

[Create your School Messenger account now](#)

#### *Toll-Free Number*

Call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

*These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.*

**Note:** Absences of more than 5 days should be reported to [auguston@abbyschools.ca](mailto:auguston@abbyschools.ca) or Ph: 604- 557-0422 (5 consecutive days maximum for reporting on School Arrival).

## Early Morning Arrivals to School

**Please note that adult supervision of students does not begin until 8:30 am.** As the mornings become darker, we are not aware of students being in and around the school especially if they are on the playground. We understand that as parents work commitments often involve leaving early. If this is the case, we ask if it is possible for your children to go to friend's home

and come to school closer to the time when supervision begins. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter. Safety of children is paramount. **After school, supervision is from 2:35 to 2:45pm.**

***Please do not allow students to climb trees, the dug out or other "high up" places before or after school!***

## Early Pick Up

If you need to pick up your child due to illness or for an appointment, please enter it in Safe Arrival (and let your child's teacher know). Your child will need to be signed out.

## Dropping off something for your child

In order to minimize class disruption and to adhere to safety protocols, **please do not take items directly to your child's classroom.** Please drop them off at the office and they will be delivered to your child.

## Daily Health Check

All parents, guardians, and/or caregivers are encouraged to conduct a **Daily Health Assessment of their child(ren) each day before sending them to school.** If they are experiencing cold, flu or covid like symptoms, please keep them home.



## Appointments

**If at all possible, please try to schedule appointments or activities for your child outside of school hours to help protect instructional time.** If unavoidable, please notify the office beforehand **via Safe Arrival** and **notify your child's teacher.**



## School Website

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca>

Don't forget to check out the school website for [Announcements](#), [Newsletters](#), [Dress Code](#), [School Office hours](#), [Blog posts](#) and more!

Please watch for consent coming in [schoolcash](#) soon!

For all students - annual consent:

- **Off Grounds**

K-5 starting this year one time per school-level consent:

- **Photo/Media Consent**

Gr. 4-5 one-time per school-level consent:

- **Extracurricular Athletics Consent and Participation Agreement**

Needed one time only:

- **Request for Email Address Consent**

## NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are sent out by email ONLY.



Please be sure to have an accurate email address listed on your Student Verification Form so that you receive the newsletter (in addition to other emails from the school).

## Does your Grade 1-5 child have their School Supplies?

Please see School Supply Information if your child still needs school supplies:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/ourschool/schoolsupplies/auguston>

**Late supplies can be ordered until Friday, September 19.**

## School Calendar

- [2025-2026 Local School Calendar - Month-by-Month](#)
- [2025-2026 Local School Calendar - Chronological](#)

## September PAC Meeting

Auguston Parents/Guardians are invited to join the first General PAC Meeting of the 2025-26 school year on Thursday, September 25, at 7:00pm in the Library Learning Commons.



Thank you to all the parents who help out in so many ways, we couldn't do it without you!!

### Have questions?

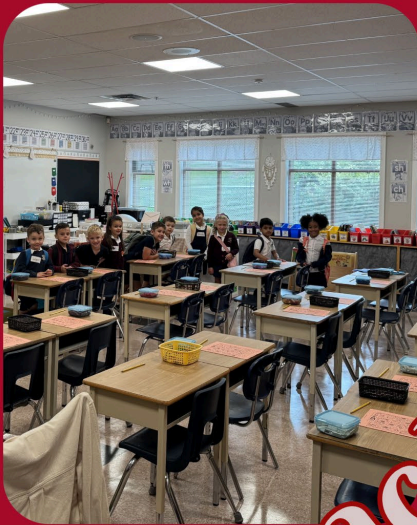
Please email the PAC at [augustonpac@gmail.com](mailto:augustonpac@gmail.com)

**Join the PAC Facebook Page for reminders & updates!**

**[Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)**







Back to School!!





## Pay for School Activities and Give Consent Online

***Kindergarten parents, please watch for the cost of Kindergarten school supplies to be added in school cash soon! Gr. 1-5 School Planners for certain classes as well!***

**Consent forms are ONLINE in SchoolCash.** Consent includes Request for Email Address Consent, Google for Education, 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 **87.09%** who have signed up. Let's make it 98, 99 or even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

***\*Email Consent \* Permission for Off Grounds \* Photo/Media Consent  
\*Field Trips \* Damaged or Lost Library Books \*No Uni for a Toonie***

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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Secure credit card payment  
24/7 convenience  
Easy registration

[\*\*Click Here!\*\*](#)

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