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### Principal's Message



Welcome to Fall everyone! This is one of my favourite times of the year up here in our community as the beautiful Fall colours shine through in every tree and we get some crisp and cool mornings that bring out the cozy in all of us! I hope that you enjoy the fantastic Fall colours surrounding us all.

My apologies for having our newsletter out late this month – we've been so busy with many things going on and it's blown by so fast so far!

Better late than never

We've had a great start to our year so far and are looking forward to more great things coming our way! Next week we will celebrate Diwali and

Sto:lo New Year, have some early dismissal dates and our Parent Teacher conferences, as well as a Pro-D day, and then we will work up to Hallowe'en and November will be here before we know it! Phew – it really is going fast this year!

We have a few updates to share here:

#### **Closed Campus**

Just a reminder that Auguston Traditional is a closed campus. All visitors must report to the office and have a visitor tag on when volunteering in our school. If you need to zip in to check the lost and found that's fine, just please let the office know that's where you are headed. Also – if your child forgot their bag or shoes, jacket or lunch, please just leave them with us at the office and we will make sure their forgotten items find their way to them.

#### Diwali

As part of our Diwali celebrations on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, students and staff are invited to dress in traditional outfits for the day. This is not part of our No-Uni events, just an extra chance to celebrate!



# Dress for the Weather

With Fall comes cooler, wetter weather and we need to remember to dress

appropriately. We go outside for our breaks in all kinds of weather, so unless it's really cold or heavy, heavy rain, students need to be ready with their warm jackets, waterproof shoes or



boots, and gloves, hats or umbrellas. An extra change of clothes in their backpacks is a great idea and saves a call home to bring them dry clothes!



#### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Coming up on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23rd we have two early dismissal days at Auguston. Our parent teacher conferences will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3pm and 4-7pm. Information on how to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher is here: Parent Teacher Conferences

Please note that school will be dismissed at 12:05 on both days and that there is no school for a Pro-D day on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Fundraising updates

We are very happy to share that as a school we donated \$750 for both Cops for Cancer and the Terry Fox Foundation this September. These donations were made up of what was collected in classrooms, donated online and a bit extra from our No-Uni account. What a great show of support for two amazing causes. Way to go Auguston!

#### **FSAs**

Students in grade 4 are currently 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 9.



#### Afterschool programs

We are excited to welcome back the Abby Community School Society to run some great after school programs for students at Auguston Traditional. Our fall sessions have offerings for Soccer Stars for our K/1 students on Mondays (this program is FULL) and ArtVenture Explorers for grade 2/3's on Tuesdays (still space, sign up today!). DOVE girls for Gr. 4/5 has unfortunately been CANCELLED due to low registrations. Each of these programs run for 6 weeks and start the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>. See: ACSS Fall Programs at Auguston for more registration information.

#### Digital devices

At Auguston Traditional we believe in promoting online safety and a focused learning environment. As part of the District's Admin Protocol #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

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. We ask that students leave these devices at home.

#### **Drills**

As a staff we feel that student safety is a top priority and part of that means students need to be prepared and know what to do in the event of an emergency. Over the course of the year, we practice 6 Fire Drills, 2 Earthquake Drills and 2 Shelter in Place Drills.

We post the dates of our drills on our PAC Facebook page as well as on our website and always give students and staff a heads up before the drill starts. An Earthquake Drill took place today as part of the Great Canadian Shakeout.

#### Hallowe'en

It's almost Hallowe'en and that means we have some fun and festive happenings planned around our school! We will have a costume day on October 31<sup>st</sup> and students are encouraged to dress up for the day as one of our No-Uni for a Toonie days. Please be mindful of our younger students and ensure that costumes are school appropriate and don't include weapons, blood, gore or scary masks. We look forward to seeing some amazing costumes this year! Payment for the No-Uni day can be made in SchoolCashOnline.



# **ORDER TODAY!**

#### **Student Photos**

Student Photo Proofs have arrived! Student Photo Orders are due Friday, October 17, by 9pm\*. See: <a href="mailto:edgeimaging.ca/order">edgeimaging.ca/order</a>

\*Oct. 17 at 9pm is the deadline for FREE shipping (if you miss the deadline, and liked the

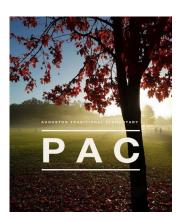
first photo and do not want a retake, wait until November when the retake proofs are OPEN for ordering, then you can place an order again without shipping costs. Alternately, please call the customer care line at 1-888-416-3343 and ask for the shipment to be placed with the retake orders).

#### Retake Photo Day is on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

**Questions?** For more information regarding your order, please contact Edge Imaging at 1-888-416-3343 or <u>submit an inquiry</u> to their Customer Care team.

#### **PAC Meeting**

Auguston
Parents/Guardians
are invited to join the
PAC Meeting on
Wednesday, October
29, 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

Join the PAC Facebook Page for reminders & updates!

**Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC** 



Thank you to the PAC for the delicious lunch for staff for World Teachers Day!



Some Upcoming Dates in	
October	
Fri, Oct 17	PAC Hot Lunch - <u>Booster Juice</u> <u>Student Photo Orders Due</u> by 9pm
Mon, Oct 20	<u>Diwali</u> Celebrations <u>Cross Country</u> after school at Bateman Park
Wed, Oct 22	Early Dismissal at 12:05 Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences from 1-3, 4-7
Thurs, Oct 23	Early Dismissal at 12:05
Fri, Oct 24	Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL Orders Due for Pizza Hot Lunch
Mon, Oct 27	Div 11, 13-15 to Willband Park Soccer Stars Program begins
Tues, Oct 28	ArtVenture Explorers Program begins
Wed, Oct 29	Fire Drill 11:45am PAC Meeting 7pm
Fri, Oct 31	Halloween Dress Up - <u>Costume Day</u> - <u>No Uni</u> PAC Hot Lunch - Pizza
Sun, Nov 2	Daylight Savings Time ends – Fall Back 1 hour
Tues, Nov 4	Retake Photo Day

### **School Calendar**

- <u>2025-2026 Local School Calendar Month-</u> by-Month
- 2025-2026 Local School Calendar Chronological

### Pics added to the Blog

**Soccer Playdays** (a few more pics added from yesterday)



### **Growing Garlic**





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We would like to encourage <u>ALL families</u> at our school to utilize the online option for consent & payments <u>EVERY</u> time! We are currently at <u>98.80</u>% who have signed up. Let's make it 99 or even 100% Auguston and <u>PLEASE USE the online option every time</u>!

\*Burnaby Village field trip Div. 5-8 \*Willband field trip Div. 11, 13-15

\*Kindergarten Supplies \*School Planners \*Email Consent \*Permission for Off Grounds

\* Photo/Media Consent \*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.

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