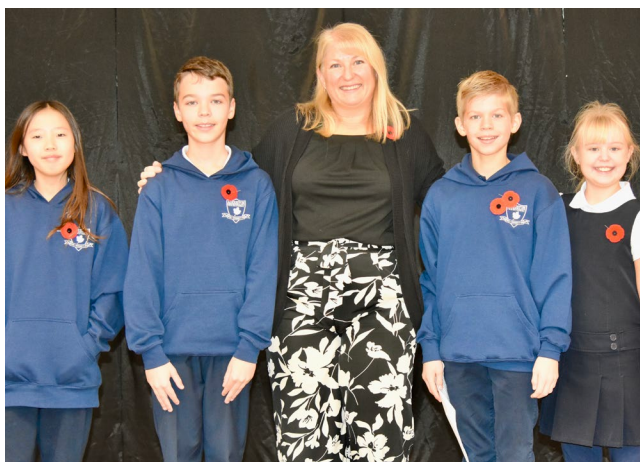


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Principal's Message



Welcome to November – I honestly cannot believe how fast this school year seems to be going so far! It could be because we have been so busy learning and doing fun things that the time is just flying by!

We have had a great Fall term so far with lots of things to celebrate. November means that student learning is being monitored and assessed for those Learning Updates that will be coming home in late December. Students are also working hard through various activities and projects to deepen their skills and understandings across all subjects. We've just finished up a number of big events, from Hallowe'en festivities and Remembrance Day Assembly practices, to our recent Parent Teacher Conferences, FSAs in grade 4, artwork for our newest PAC fundraiser, and a few safety drills as well. We will soon be gearing up for our Christmas Concert and fun and festive happenings throughout December.

Recently we've also been updating our website with our School Plan information. Check out this tab <https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/schoolplan> to see some of our celebrations of learning around our school goals, which are:

- 1) Finding joyful literacy and numeracy experiences for our students to help them be engaged in their learning and build a solid foundation for their reading, writing and math skills as well as fluency.
- 2) Early intervention focus and plans for our K/1/2 students in literacy, including further learning around the UFLI resource and Science of Reading ideas.
- 3) Continue to focus on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies including soft starts, building connections and relationships, and providing safe spaces for our staff and students.
- 4) Continued work around developing cultural identity and building pride around each of our individual strengths and stories.

For more information, check out our webpage! Attached are a few important updates for you this month.

Kris Sward
Principal



Soccer Champions



We had a great series of games hosted at Auguston for our soccer teams this Fall, with none of our games rained out. To top it all off, our team took part in the annual Tri-Traditional Soccer Tournament last week and came home winners! Our teams played well, had great sportsmanship and didn't let a single goal in at the tournament! Well done, team!! And huge thanks to **Mrs. Howe, PHE Teacher**, and **Mrs. Ward, Div. 3 Teacher**, for coaching our teams to success.

Food and Toy Drive



Every year we partner with the Salvation Army to gather non-perishable food donations for those in need

in our community. This year, we will have big bins located throughout our school to gather these donations between December 1st and 18th.

In addition this year, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate to the BC Children's Foundation via the UBC Seva Club. These toys will be collected for the rest of November and can be donated at the office.

Thank you to our community for helping everyone enjoy a magical season ahead.

Christmas Concert



Speaking of magical upcoming events – we are ready to pull together another

exciting Christmas concert for you! We've got an earlier date than usual – which is entirely dependent on when our staging was available to us.

Mark your calendars – our concert will take place on December 10 this year. As with last year, we will have a morning (9:30) and afternoon (1:15) performance and will share information on accessing free tickets as soon as we can. These will be limited due to our number of families wanting to attend, more information coming soon!

We are looking very much forward to Rocking Around the Christmas Tree once again!

Uniforms

Please take a look at our uniform guidelines on our website here:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/parentsstudents/dresscode/auguston>

We've been noticing a few sparkly leggings and non-school



issued hoodies in classrooms lately and hope to tighten up our uniform expectations with your help.

Pink Shirt Day Design Contest

It's time to start planning for our Pink Shirt Day. Every year at Auguston, students have the opportunity to create their own anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day designs. Entries can be created on plain white 8 ½ x 11" paper and submitted to Mrs. Sward at the office by November 28th. Classes will then get to vote on the top entries as determined by staff and choose our very own Auguston Pink Shirt design. We will announce our winner in early December and that student will get a free Pink Shirt of their own design!



Orders will open in Munchalunch in the new year in preparation for our Pink Shirt Day event coming up on February 25, 2026.



Afterschool Programs

We have been able to partner with the Abby Community School Society again this year to run some pretty amazing afterschool programs for our students. Mondays are [Soccer Stars](#) sessions for our K/1 students in the gym and Tuesdays see [ArtVenture Explorers](#) for our grade 2/3 group in Room 123. If you didn't get in for the Fall session – keep an eye out as there will be new sessions starting for all grades in the Winter and Spring terms!

Dress for the weather



Our cold, wet weather approaches and we can already feel winter edging its way in. Please ensure

that your children have warm weather gear, rain proof jackets and waterproof shoes 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 outside.

Cold and flu season

As cold and flu (and COVID) season is also now upon us, please continue to do a daily health check for your child(ren) each morning. If they are unwell, need medications to feel better or have a fever, please keep them home until their symptoms have subsided and they are feeling strong enough to last the entire school day. We will continue to keep up with our hand washing and respiratory etiquette here at school and appreciate everyone doing their part by staying home when they are sick. See [Student Health Policy](#)

Fundraising updates

Earlier this year we had a number of fundraising initiatives that we took part in as a school. Our online fundraisers collected funds for both the Terry Fox Foundation and for Cops for Cancer (and topped up by our 'no uni' funds) and we will also be donating \$750 from our 'no uni' funds to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15 (Abbotsford) in recognition of Remembrance Day and the poppies that were given to each student and staff member this week.



Upcoming Dates in November & December

Nov 12-14	Created by Kids Orders Due this week
Fri, Nov 14	Rock your Mocs Day (wear Moccasins or slippers) Popcorn Day
Mon, Nov 17	FVRL Librarian Visit on Reading Link Challenge
Nov 18-20	Scholastic Book Fair in Room 123
Thurs, Nov 20	Orders Due for Pasta & Salad 6pm
Fri, Nov 21	Lockdown Drill 10:15am
Wed, Nov 26	School Board and Ministry staff at our school for photos and a tour of the expansion project PAC Meeting 7pm
Thurs, Nov 27	Burnaby Village field trip Div. 5-8 DPAC Meeting
Fri, Nov 28	Jersey Day - No Uni Pink Shirt Entries Due PAC Hot Lunch Day - Pasta & Salad Toy drive for UBC Seva Club donations due Orders Due for Donut Treat Day 6pm
Dec 1-18	Food Drive for the Salvation Army CreatedByKids Art Fundraiser items delivered to the school in the first week of December
Wed, Dec 10	Christmas Concert - performances (9:30 & 1:15)
Fri, Dec 5	Grinch Spirit Day , PAC Donut Day , Pink Shirt design winner announced
Fri, Dec 12	Christmas Sweater Spirit Day
Fri, Dec 19	Pajama Day , Pancake Hot Lunch , Learning Updates home, Last Day of school!
<i>School returns on Monday, January 5, 2026!</i>	

School Calendar

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



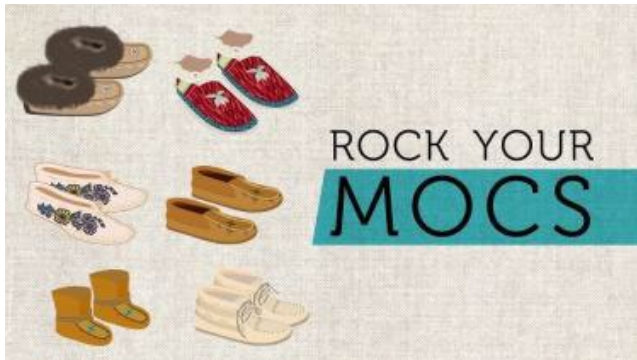
Reading Link Challenge

Weekly on Mondays, 12:35 - 1:05pm
LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

Grade 4 & 5 students in the [Reading Link Challenge](#) will meet at lunch (after the eating period) on Mondays starting November 24 to read and quiz each other on books. Students will read up to 6 books and then get quizzed on the books in teams.

Thank you, **Mrs. Deol**, Div. 4 Teacher, & **Mrs. Kent**, Div. 6 Teacher, for coordinating this activity for our students!



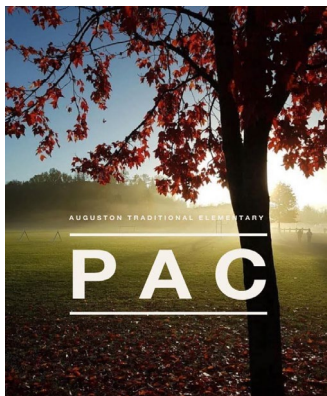


Rock your Mocs Day

Students are encouraged to wear **moccasins or slippers** along with their **school uniform** while inside the school (*please wear outside shoes during recess/lunch*) on Friday, November 14, to support Indigenous culture. *This is NOT a "No Uni for a Toonie" day.*

PAC Meeting

Auguston Parents/Guardians are invited to join the **PAC Meeting on Wednesday, November 26, 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](#)



Created by Kids Fundraiser

*****Please return your child's artwork this week if you'd like to make a purchase!***

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!

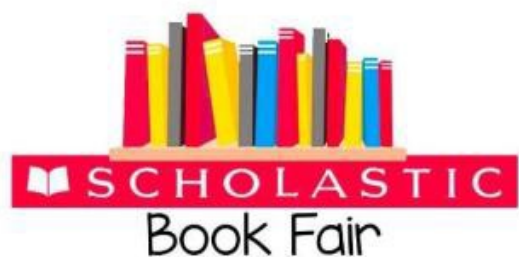
Remembrance Day Assembly



Tri-Traditional Soccer Cup 2025



Pumpkin Patch



Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place from November 18-20 in Rm 123.

Book Fair Open Times

- Tuesday @ lunch
- Wednesday @ lunch and after school
- Thursday @ lunch

Student Photo Orders & Retake Proofs



ORDER TODAY!

Student Photo Orders have arrived along with Retake

Order Proofs. **All Student Photo Orders*** are due on Thursday, November 27, by 9pm.

*In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, school photo order forms will not be sent home. Instead, students will only receive a proof sheet with their codes to view and order their retake photos online. **Order online when you receive your child's proof at edgeimaging.ca/order.***

Please note that parents can order either their child's original OR retake photo. If you missed the initial order deadline and liked the first photo, retake proofs are now OPEN for ordering so you can place an order again without shipping costs. Each proof has a separate online ordering code. **After November 27, parents will need to pay a minimal shipping fee to have their package shipped to their home.*

Questions? For more information regarding your order, please contact Edge Imaging at 1-888-416-3343 or [submit an inquiry](#) to their Customer Care team.



Show your School Spirit and Wear a Jersey

On Friday, November 28, students are encouraged to wear a team Jersey and any type of bottoms/jeans.

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

Contributions for [No-Uni](#) days can be made in [SchoolCashOnline](#).

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 for 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 **99.70%** who have signed up. Let's make it 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

****Burnaby Village field trip Div. 5-8 *Kindergarten Supplies *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.

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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