

Dec 4, 2025

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## Principal's Message

Happy December everyone! I hope your month is filled with lots of fun family time and memories to be made, warm and cozy evenings by the fireplace, magical moments celebrating with family and friends, and beautiful decorations that bring joy to your hearts. Here at the school, December is a quick month with only three weeks of school, but we fill those weeks with lots of fun and activities before we settle in for our long winter's nap over our two-week break coming up.



Our most notable event this month is our Christmas Concert – coming soon to a gym near you! We have some great songs and performances planned and look forward to seeing you all on December 10th. There are two shows, one at 9:30 and one at 1:15. Both shows will be the same, we just need to be able to fit all of our adoring fans in the gym, so needed to break it into two different times. We ask that you book free tickets through SchoolCash online so that we know how many people we can expect at each show. We hope to see you all there!

Also noteworthy to mention are our Festive Friday dress up days. This week is a Grinch theme, with Christmas Sweaters next Friday and pajama day on the last day of school. What fun! Schools will be closed for the break from December 20th to January 4th and we return to school on Monday, January 5th, 2026. From all of us here at Auguston Traditional – we hope that you enjoy a wonderful holiday season. Stay safe and we look forward to hearing all about it next year 😊

~ Mrs. Sward and all the staff at Auguston Traditional Elementary School





**Festive Fridays**  
are back at  
**Auguston**  
**Traditional!**

Time to dress up and have some fun this month!  
Fridays only for the month of December

December 5 - Grinch Day  
December 12 - Christmas Sweater Day  
December 19 - Pajama Day!!!



## Pink shirt

Our Pink Shirt design contest is in full swing. This week classes are voting on their favourite designs from the 23 finalists posted in the hallway by the office. Our winner will be shared with the school next week and in our next newsletter in January.

## Food drive

We are once again pulling together to help those in need in our community by gathering donations for the Salvation Army Food Bank. We have big red bins at the school to fill and will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items and supplies each day until the 18th of December. Please bring donations with you when you attend our Christmas Concert on the 10th, too!



Some of the most requested items include crackers, instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, soups, canned veggies, pasta and sauces and canned fish or meats. Also appreciated are juices, instant coffee, hot chocolate and can openers. Thank you for helping us meet this need in our community this Christmas.

## Festive Fridays

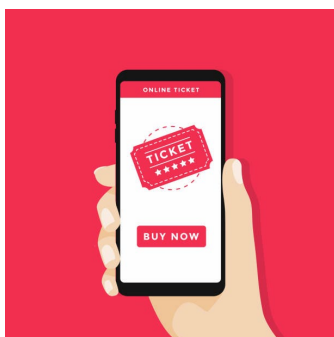
We are having spirit Friday's this year to celebrate our upcoming season!!! Friday, December 5th we will all dress in a Grinch theme, December 12th is Christmas Sweater Day, and December 19th is a pajama day!! These are not no-uni days, but students are welcome to participate each Friday just for the fun of it.





## Christmas Concert

Auguston Traditional Elementary School is excited to present 'Christmas at Auguston', our 2025 Christmas Concert, on Wednesday, December 10th. There will be two shows to choose from, either 9:30am or 1:15pm. Doors will open approximately 20 minutes before the concert. Each show will be the same and should last about an hour start to finish.



Tickets are free and are now available. Families are limited to a maximum of four tickets per family, and we only have space for 450 tickets per show. You can choose up to

four tickets through [SchoolCashOnline](#) (attached to the oldest child/family) until Dec. 8 at noon. With the number of family members that would like to attend, we appreciate that you only book the number of tickets you will need (if you only have two planning to attend, please just choose two!), and that you limit your tickets to one show, not spread across both. This will give everyone who wants to attend a chance to be there to see their kids perform.

We are asking families to stay with the limit of 4 tickets. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact Mrs. Sward at [kris.sward@abbyschools.ca](mailto:kris.sward@abbyschools.ca). Note that we

have names on a list from schoolcash and to keep track of numbers, but will not be printing paper tickets. Due to fire regulations, younger siblings will NOT be able to sit on a parent's lap during the concert.

We are busy practicing and preparing for what is sure to be a great show and look forward to sharing it with you!

## Learning updates

Our Term 1 Learning Updates are coming home on Wednesday, December 17th. These snapshots of student learning so far this year outline growth, stretches and ways to support further learning at home. Please take a moment to read over it with your child(ren) to celebrate their successes and make some goals to work on in Term 2.



## Book fair

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair was hugely successful! We sold almost \$5700 worth of books, pens, erasers and other cool stuff. The PAC gets to keep a portion of that money for the school to purchase books for our library, classrooms and to put towards our One Book One School initiative in the Spring. Thanks to our amazing PAC for organizing the Book Fair and all of the volunteers who helped out.



## Winter weather gear

With our cold weather coming, please ensure that your children have warm weather gear, rain proof jackets and waterproof boots 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. A change of clothes is also helpful and will avoid us calling for some dry clothes to be dropped off on those rainy, wet days.



## Cold and Flu Season is also here!

As cold and flu (and COVID) season is once again with us, please continue to do a daily health check for your child(ren) each morning. If they are unwell or have a fever, please keep them home until their symptoms have subsided and they are feeling strong enough to last through the entire school day, including outside play times. 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 and not sharing their germs!

See [Student Health Policy](#) & [Winter health](#)



## Upcoming Dates in December

Dec 1-18	<a href="#">Food Drive</a> for the Salvation Army - our red bins are here to fill with non-perishable food items CreatedByKids Art Fundraiser items delivered to the school in the first week of December
Fri, Dec 5	<a href="#">Grinch Day</a> , PAC Treat Day – <a href="#">Donuts!</a> , <a href="#">Pink Shirt</a> design winner announced
Mon, Dec 8	<a href="#">Christmas Concert Tickets due 12pm</a> in <a href="#">schoolcash</a>
Wed, Dec 10	<a href="#">Cineplex consent due 9am</a> in <a href="#">schoolcash</a> <a href="#">Christmas Concert</a> - performances (9:30 & 1:15)
Fri, Dec 12	<a href="#">Christmas Sweater Day</a>
Wed, Dec 17	<a href="#">Cineplex - Div. 1-5</a> Learning Updates home
Fri, Dec 19	<a href="#">Pajama Day</a> , <a href="#">Pancake Hot Lunch</a> , Last Day of school!



*School returns on Monday, January 5, 2026!*

## School Calendar

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



## Reading Link Challenge

Grade 4 & 5 students in the [Reading Link Challenge](#) meet at lunch (after the eating period) on Mondays 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.



## Choir Practice

Students in Grades 4 & 5 are invited to participate in Choir every Tuesday at lunch (after the eating time) in Room 125 until mid-February leading up to the Choral Festival (*details TBD*).



## Pancake Lunch

Hello Auguston families!

We're feeling the holiday spirit and are excited to announce that our annual Pancake Breakfast is back! 🎉🥞

**Date: December 19**

**Time: Served at lunchtime**

We will be offering nut-free and gluten-free options, each with their own separate serving areas to keep everything safe for our students.

This year, the PAC is covering all costs, all we ask for is your time! A big thank-you to the families who have already volunteered. If you're able to help out on the day, please head over to our [Facebook page](#) and comment on the post to sign up. Please ensure you are an **approved volunteer**.

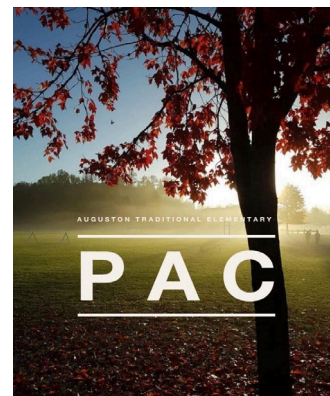
Please send students with snacks and alternative lunch if you do not wish for them to participate. If your child/ren will not be participating or if you have any questions or concerns, please email the PAC to let us know: [augustonpac@gmail.com](mailto:augustonpac@gmail.com)

-Your PAC Team

## PAC Meeting

Auguston Parents/Guardians are invited to join the PAC General Meeting on **Wednesday, January 21\***, at 7:00pm in the Library Learning Commons.

**\*Note date change**



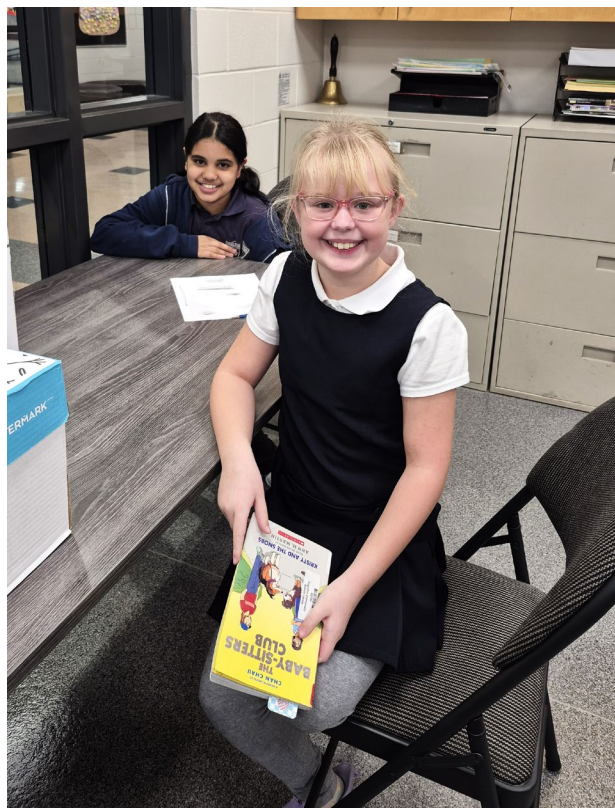
Thank you to all the parents who help out in so many ways, we couldn't do it without you!!

### 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](#)**



## ACSS Winter Programs at Auguston



We are happy to announce that we will be offering the following great Afterschool programs at Auguston Traditional Elementary School:

- [Arts & Crafts Program](#) - Kindergarten & Grade 1
- [Gym Jamboree Program](#) - Grades 2, 3 & 4
- [Flash Fiction Program](#) - Grades 4 & 5

To register for a program, all you need to do is open the PDF and click on the [Click here!](#) Button or scan the QR Code.

If you have an existing Amilia account please sign into your account and/or follow the prompts to register your child.

If you DO NOT have an account you simply need to create one through our Amilia Registration system, look for the small blue writing beneath the sign in boxes "create an account here".

Once you have created an account, go back to the link and click on the RED REGISTER button and follow the next few steps.

You will need to fill out all of the information asked, this process will take a few minutes, but

after that, the next time it will be a very quick process!

\*\*Expiry date for medical card, if you do not have an expiry date on your child's card, just pick the longest year, this is not an issue at all.

Creating an account is not registration, you will need to go back and click on the RED REGISTER button and follow the next few steps.

Don't worry if you need assistance! You can call the Abby Community School Society Admin Team, our contact information is listed at the bottom of the flyer, we will do our best to give you some tech support!

\*\*Please note: Students must be registered in order to attend any ACSS programs, camps, and/or events. We **strongly encourage** Parents/Legal Guardians to please view our [Policies & Procedures](#) upon registering for programs, camps, and/or events. Our Policies & Procedures can be found on our website or located here: [Policies and Procedures – Abby Community School Society](#). If your child is registered for an ACSS program, camp, and/or event and you have any questions, concerns, or inquiries regarding our Policies and Procedures, please contact the Program Coordinator\*\*.



## School Photos

See school photos on the website at:

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

Thank you, **Tina Howe**, (parent and teacher) for taking many of our school photos!



### Burnaby Village field trip



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## Jersey Day



## 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!**

*\*Christmas Concert at 9:30am \*Christmas Concert at 1:15pm \*Cineplex Div. 1-5*

*\*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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