

Newsletter



Augoston Traditional
Elementary School

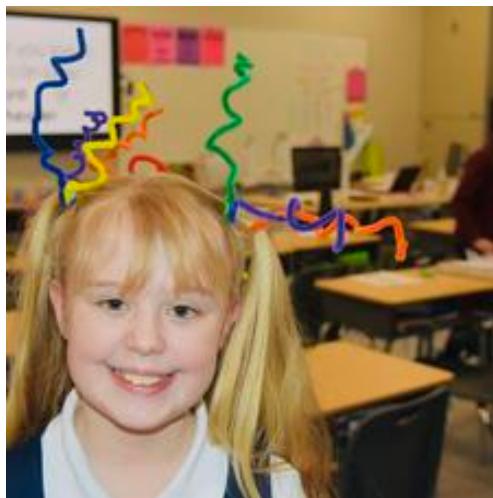
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Principal's Message

What a beautiful start to our month this year. We've been spoiled with some really lovely blue sky days and this week is no different! Though some are still longing for snow and a real Canadian Winter, it seems as though our groundhog has promised an early Spring and that is lovely, too! The sunshine definitely helps everyone to smile!

We had a busy January that seemed to just fly by. Lots of fun events like Sun Hang Do and



LEAD Basketball in gym, Crazy Hair Day and even a great movie night! We have had a great start to our year and look forward to much more fun in the coming months.

We are going to spend some time this month refocusing on our uniform guidelines. Warm hoodies and outer gear are welcome outside, but when inside, students are expected to be following our dress code. Please ensure your kids are wearing navy bottoms (pants, shorts or leggings) or dresses/skirts with white collared shirts underneath. Crested sweatshirts, vests and cardigans are available in both navy and burgundy. If you need some new gear, Able Cresting is our main supplier and their website

is: <https://www.ablecresting.com/augoston-traditional-school-uniforms.htm>. The PAC also has some consignment options and often, uniforms are posted on our PAC Facebook page as kids grow out of them. Our uniform guidelines are also available here:

<https://augoston.abbyschools.ca/sites/default/files/DRESS%20CODE%20GUIDELINES.pdf>

We are going to be continuing our regular checks on uniform compliance over the next month or so and appreciate your help as we revisit these expectations. Classes who have perfect compliance have the chance to win a pizza party!

We have quite a busy month ahead with lots of events happening in our school. A long weekend, parent teacher conferences and a few spirit days and PAC events are all on the horizon. I can already feel that February is going to fly by and before we know it Spring will be here!

Skittleball

Once again, our Augoston Traditional grade 4/5's are representing our school well on the sports team front. Currently, our teams are playing other east side school teams in Skittleball, a fun and fast paced game where players try to knock down their opponents 'skittles' for points. Next up comes basketball season.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month presentation

We are excited to welcome public speaker and cultural ambassador Irene Nviiri to our school this week to present to our students about Black History Month. Using Ugandan cultural dance and teachings, she will share her story with our students and staff and invite them to be curious and learn more about Black heritage.

Let's Dance!!

**Monday Feb. 9th in the gym
during lunch recess
Entry = \$2 each**



***All funds raised go towards
Grade 5 year end committee**



Dance Party

In order to raise funds for upcoming year end celebrations, the grade 5's, along with PAC parents, will be hosting a few dance parties at lunch in the coming months. We will have lights, music and lots of fun! Cost is \$2 to enter and all funds will go towards the grade 5 year end events.



Reading Olympics

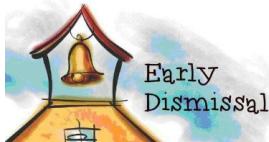
We are very excited to bring back this yearly event here at Augoston. Forms have gone home for students and families to track their reading minutes each night as we all try to 'go for the gold!' Students can earn medals or ribbons for the minutes that they read and they will also combine their minutes to try to win class prizes, too! Please see the notices that went home last week for more information on this fun, whole school event. Go Team Augoston!

Long weekend ahead



Next weekend will be a long weekend for students. There is **no school on Friday, February 13th** (Pro-D day for staff) or **Monday, February 16th** (Family Day for all). Enjoy some time with those that matter most!

Early dismissal times



We also have a couple of early dismissal dates coming up for our second round of parent teacher conferences. **We will dismiss at 12:05 on both Wednesday, February 18th and Thursday, February 19th** (school busses will be running early those days as well).

Parent teacher conferences will be held for this term on Thursday, February 19th from 1:00-3:00pm and 4:00-7:00pm. Time slots are booked for conferences through our online scheduler and information on signing up will come home soon. Please be mindful of other families coming in to meet with the teacher around yours and stick to the scheduled conference times.

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.

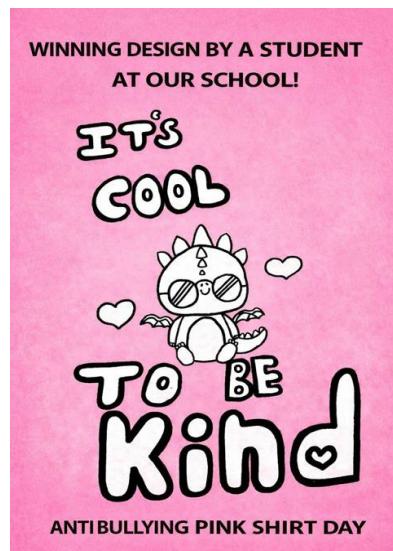


Reading Link Challenge



A number of our grade 4 and 5 students have been busily reading books in order to take part in this year's Reading Link Challenge. Teams are required to know the books and be ready to answer trivia questions about six different books that they've read. Practices are ongoing during lunch hours and the winning team from our school challenge will move ahead to the district wide challenge in early March.

Pink Shirt Day



Pink Shirt orders are available on [Munchalunch](#) until this Friday (6th) at 3pm. Our winning design comes from our very own **Radhika Pillay** and features her 'It's Cool To Be Kind' design. Pink Shirt Day is on February 25th.



ACSS Winter Programs

Afterschool programs currently taking place at Auguston Traditional Elementary School:

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

Upcoming Dates in February

Thurs, Feb 5	Black History Month presentation in the afternoon
Fri, Feb 6	Pink Shirt Orders Due 3pm Choral Festival Consent due
Mon, Feb 9	Dance Party in gym at lunch – gr 5 year end fundraiser
Tues, Feb 10	Vancouver Warriors Lacrosse 11:15am
Wed, Feb 11	Choral Festival 9:15-12:05pm Skittle Ball Games after school Popcorn Orders Due 6pm
Thurs, Feb 12	Valentine's Colours Day - No Uni Div. 4 class sharing a potluck
Fri, Feb 13	Non-instructional Day No school
Mon, Feb 16	Family Day No school
Tues, Feb 17	Lunar New Year Grade 5 Indigenous students to Drum Making Workshop 9:30am
Wed, Feb 18	PAC Popcorn Day Early Dismissal at 12:05pm
Thurs, Feb 19	Early Dismissal at 12:05pm Parent Teacher Conferences 1-3, 4-7
Fri, Feb 20	Sushi & Pizza Orders Due 6pm
	Reading Link School Challenge 1:05pm
Mon, Feb 23	"Bullying - a New Approach to an Enduring Problem" - Deborah MacNamara
Wed, Feb 25	Pink Shirt Day PAC Meeting 7pm
Thurs, Feb 26	DPAC Meeting 7pm
Fri, Feb 27	PAC Sushi and Pizza Hot Lunch Day

Weekly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)



BOOK CLUB

[Reading Link Challenge](#) for Grade 4/5 students on Mondays in the LLC



[Choir Practice](#) for Grade 4/5 students on Tuesdays in Room 125



[Skittle Ball practices](#) for Gr. 4/5 students on Wednesdays in the gym

[Skittle Ball Games](#) for Gr. 4/5 students on Wednesdays (see [schedule](#) for locations) from Jan 14 to Feb. 11



[Chess Club](#) for Grades 2-5 is on Thursdays at lunch (after the eating time) in the LLC



[Skipping Club](#) for Grade 3 students (along with Div. 11 Grade 1 students) on Tuesdays and Fridays at lunch (after the eating time) in the gym.



Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey is an annual province-wide census of Grades 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12 students, their parents and staff in public schools.

Complete the survey
here: <https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

The survey is open until May 1.

School Photos

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

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



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

Crazy Hair Day



L.E.A.D. Basketball



School Calendar

Events Calendar:

<https://augoston.abbyschools.ca/events/calendar>

- [2025-2026 Local School Calendar - Month-by-Month](#)
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- [2026-2027 Local School Calendar - Month-by-Month](#)
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Choral Festival

Auguston Choir Participants will attend a Choral Festival on Wednesday, February 11.

Students are asked to pack a snack in their pockets. Please have your child dress in choir attire for the day, so that they are ready to leave the school when they are called upon. This includes a black shirt, black pants/leggings/skirt and black shoes (if possible).

Students will travel by school bus leaving Auguston at 9:15am, arriving at Abbotsford Arts Centre by 9:35am (in order to be seated by 9:50am). The festival takes place from 9:50-11:45am. Students will be leaving Abbotsford Arts Centre just after 11:45am, to arrive back at Auguston by 12:05pm.

We need [parent volunteers](#)! If you are interested in joining us on the field trip, please indicate so in [schoolcash](#). Mrs. Chow and/or Mrs. Preiss will contact you prior to the field trip to confirm. All other parents are welcome to join us at the theatre!

This is a teaching event. Auguston choir will be performing along with other schools, but it is not a concert.

The Choral Festival is at NO cost to students.

Please complete consent in [schoolcash](#) by Friday, February 6.



Valentine's Day – No Uni

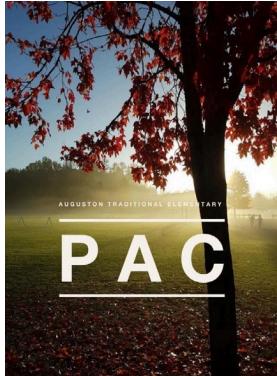
Show your School Spirit on Valentines Day

Students are invited to participate in Valentine's No Uni Day by wearing red, white, pink or purple (jeans are acceptable) on Thursday, Feb. 12. 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](#).

PAC Meeting

Auguston
Parents/Guardians are
invited to join the PAC
General Meeting on
Wednesday, February 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 augostonpac@gmail.com

Join the PAC Facebook Page for reminders & updates! [Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)

Lost & Found

January lost and found items are posted on the [PAC Facebook page](#).



Please come and collect them by March 1 before they are donated!

FREE Parent Webinar – Supporting Children Through Bullying

Monday, February 23 | 7:00–9:00 PM

Abbotsford DPAC invites parents to join a free live webinar with **Dr. Deborah MacNamara**, an expert in the relational development approach. Learn why traditional anti-bullying strategies often fall short and gain insight into the underlying dynamics of bullying so you can better support your child.

Register on www.abbotsforddpac.ca



Hot Lunch & Treat Days Open

Hot lunch is open in [munch-a-lunch](#) for ordering for the second half of the school year. You can place all your orders at once (saves on fees and time) or one at a time.

- Feb 18 - Popcorn (closes Feb 11 at 6pm)
- Feb 27 - Sushi and Pizza (closes Feb 20 at 6pm)
- Mar 13 - Smoothies (closes Mar 6 at 6pm)
- Apr 10 - Wraps (closes Apr 3 at 6pm)
- Apr 15 - Popcorn (closes Apr 8 at 6pm)
- May 22 - Taco del Mar (closes May 15 at 6pm)
- Jun 12 - Hot Dogs and Burgers (closes Jun 5 at 6pm)
- Jun 24 - Cotton Candy (closes Jun 17 at 6pm) *take home treat at end of day

Please note that **orders must be paid in full** once submitted. Orders that have not been paid in full within two hours will be cancelled. Please only create your order once you are ready to complete both the order and payment. No Late orders will be accepted.

See: <https://augoston.abbyschools.ca/announcements/hot-lunch-treat-days-open>



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Pay for School Activities and Give Consent Online



Permission
Granted

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 **94.90%** who have signed up. Let's make it 99 or even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

***Choral Festival *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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