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## Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a wonderful spring break, filled with rest and relaxation, fun adventures and lots of down time! We are ready for our third and final term of the year. Our flowers are blooming and our trees are starting to bud, which means that Spring is finally here!

April, May and June are always months that go quickly in schools as there are more field trips and events and a whole bunch of four day weeks on the horizon. We have a lot planned for the coming months and will share as much information here as we can.



*Dancers of Damelahamid, an Indigenous Dance group visited Auguston on Tuesday:*

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/events/dancers-damelahamid>

You may have noticed that construction has started across the street. Our neighborhood is going to be getting bigger with the addition of a 31-unit apartment building set to open in the Fall of 2027. Over spring break, they broke ground and started pulling up the existing parking lot that surrounded the presentation centre in order to lay the foundations for their work. This will affect our school in a couple of ways. First, their former parking lot won't be

available for us to park in during peak busy times. Second, it will increase congestion around drop-off and pick-up times as more cars now have to find spaces to park in our parking lot or on the street. Those that walk will also have to walk around the block affected by this construction as fences are up blocking foot traffic through their lot, as well. And finally, it adds to the congestion in our bus loop as more people will be using that area to drop-off and pick-up students.



Please be patient out there through these construction growing pains. There are some traffic safety rules and guidelines listed below for reference. Usually we share them at the beginning of the year, but it seems they are more relevant than ever now, too. We've found our way through our own construction project last year, so I'm sure we can adapt to this one, too.

Spring arriving also means that outside we will see rain and sunshine, cold and heat, as well as everything in between – and sometimes all on the same day! Please ensure that your child(ren) have jackets, waterproof shoes and proper weather gear in case an unexpected downpour comes our way.

Looking forward to a great third term ahead full of learning and fun!



## One Book One School

We are very excited to bring this amazing program back to Auguston this year! In our first year of OBOS we read Charlotte's Web together. We then read The One and Only Ivan and last year we celebrated reading with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We are waiting for the books to arrive before we let you know which book we've selected for this year. We look forward to sharing more information with you very soon and getting down to another great year of shared reading.

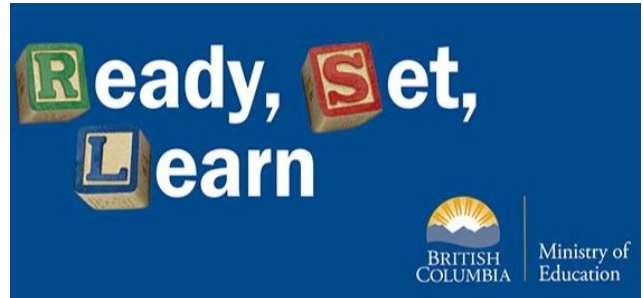
Many thanks to our amazing PAC for purchasing a book for every family to read along with us. More information, as well as a copy of the book, will be coming home as soon as we have them to share!

## Volunteer tea



Have you volunteered with us this year? Perhaps you joined us on a field trip, helped make pancakes or delivered hot lunches to classes, or maybe you've worked with reading groups in your child's class? If so – we would like to recognize and celebrate you!

If you are one of those very special people, look out for an email coming soon inviting you to our event that will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. Volunteers will be able to enjoy some tea, coffee and homemade goodies, as well as some class presentations, as our way of saying thank you!



## Ready, Set, Learn

Do you have a child ready to start Kindergarten with us in September of 2026? We will be holding our annual Ready, Set Learn event for new Kindergarten students on May 14<sup>th</sup>. More details coming soon.

## After School Programs



Our spring sessions of after school programs start up soon! This term

our Kindergartens and grade 1s and 2s will get a chance to be [Soccer Stars](#) on Thursdays, on Tuesdays our grade 2 and 3 students will be able to take part in [Science Explorers](#) and on Mondays our grade 4s and 5s will have a chance to go on [Artventures](#). Thanks to the Abby Community School Society for putting these amazing after school adventures on for our students! Details and registration information can be found [here](#).

## Attendance

Please remember – attendance matters! We have seen a bit of an increase in absences over our second term and are hoping that we can settle back into routines as we head towards the end of the year. A missed day here and there might not seem like much, but they add up quickly and leave gaps in your child's learning about topics covered during the days they miss. Please help us to promote great habits and ensure your child is here at school on time every day.



## Uniforms

We are also asking for your help with our uniform check ins! As of late we've been seeing more colour and less formal uniforms at school. We are continuing to tighten things up on this and appreciate your support and buy in. Please check out our guidelines for school attire and let's finish the year strong: <https://auguston.abbschools.ca/parentsstudents/dresscode/auguston>. The PAC also has a number of uniform items for sale on our consignment racks.



## Vaisakhi Celebrations



We are excited to celebrate Vaisakhi on April 14 this year. Students and staff are welcome and encouraged to wear traditional clothing as we will be sharing books and stories in classes that day.

## Earth Day

Earth Day is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we have some big plans to celebrate! We will recognize Earth Day here at Auguston by:

- Encouraging students and staff to wear earth colours (greens, blues and browns).
- Aiming to have a litter free lunch – please use compostable wraps or reusable containers to pack lunch items that day (and every day if you can!)
- Participating in the Community Clean Up School Challenge. Students will be picking up garbage on our school property and in our local community in the afternoon in an attempt to beautify our surroundings and be kind to our earth.



## Traffic concerns



A quick update about traffic safety:

We appreciate your kindness and patience as we navigate our busiest times of the day - drop

off and pickup. In order to move everyone through these busy times safely and efficiently, we ask that everyone continue to follow a few simple traffic rules around our school:

- 1) We have 'no parking' zones along Stephen Leacock Drive that run from just before the fire hydrant above our parking lot to our crosswalk and bus loop entrance, and then again from just in front of the school drop off area to just past the school property line. These areas are typically blocked off by cones, but we ask that you respect those no parking zones at all times. These areas of no parking are designated as they lead up to our crosswalks and it gives drivers clear sight lines that allow them enough time to stop safely at each crossing. Student safety is a priority for us and we appreciate your help out there.
- 2) **There is also a 'no stopping' rule in both of our bus loops.** A number of people will say 'I'm not stopping' or that they are there 'just for a minute'. If you have to stop longer than the time it takes your child to get in or out of the vehicle, we ask that you do another loop to allow those behind you to get through. If your child needs your help to get in or out of your vehicle, we ask that you find a parking space in the lot. If your child is not there ready for you at pickup, please circle around to allow others to get through and out as well.

- 3) The busses can slow us down as they take a bit longer to load or off-load, but they usually come a bit before or after the bell to avoid backing things up in our bus loops. Thank you for allowing them a bit of extra grace as they safely pickup or deliver our students.

We appreciate your continued support in this and your kindness in dealing with all of our community safety needs.

## Smart Watches



The following is an excerpt from our school's Code of Conduct pertaining to smart watches:

Student Use of Personal Digital Devices in School:

We believe in promoting online safety and a focused learning environment. 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 not wear smart watches as they have been being used to text or take pictures on school property. If students require a smartwatch to connect with home on the way to or from school, we ask that they be kept in backpacks throughout the day to remove the potential distraction of texts throughout the day.

## Upcoming Dates in April

Fri, Apr 3 -	<b>Good Friday – NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Orders Due for Wraps Hot Lunch 6pm</b>
Mon, Apr 6	<b>Happy Easter!</b>
Easter Long Weekend	<b>Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL</b>
Wed, Apr 8	Whole school field trip to see <a href="#">Beauty &amp; the Beast</a> at Abby Arts <a href="#">Boys Basketball games</a> after school at McMillan <b>Popcorn Orders Due 6pm</b>
Thurs, Apr 9	<b>Fire Drill 11:30am</b>
Fri, Apr 10	<b>PAC hot lunch - wraps</b>
Mon, Apr 13	<b>PAC dance party</b> at lunch - \$2 entry
Tues, Apr 14	<b>Happy Vaisakhi!</b>
Apr 14-17	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>
Wed, Apr 15	<b>PAC Popcorn Day</b> <a href="#">Girls Basketball games</a> after school at Auguston
Fri, Apr 17	<b>BC Lions here for an Energy Champions presentation 11:15am</b>
Sat, Apr 18	<b>Chess Tournament</b>
Tues, Apr 21	<b>Grade 5 3 on 3 Traditional Basketball tournament</b> at Abby Traditional Middle/Secondary
Wed, Apr 22	<b>Earth Day!</b> Litterless lunch, wear earth colours, community clean up in afternoon <a href="#">Boys Basketball games</a> after school at Abbotsford Christian
Thurs, Apr 23	<b>Volunteer Tea - details coming soon</b>
<b>Fri, Apr 24</b>	<b>Pro D Day – no school</b>
Apr 28-May1 in classes	<b>High Touch High Tech</b> Science workshops
Tues, Apr 28	<b>Div. 1-5 to Stave Falls Powerhouse</b>
Wed, Apr 29	<a href="#">Girls Basketball Games</a> after school at Auguston, <a href="#">PAC Meeting</a> online 7pm

## School Calendar

### Events Calendar:

<https://auguston.abbysschools.ca/events/calendar>

- [2025-2026 Local School Calendar - Month-by-Month](#)
- [2025-2026 Local School Calendar - Chronological](#)
- [2026-2027 Local School Calendar - Month-by-Month](#)
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## Weekly Events

(taking place at lunch, after the eating period)



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



**Basketball Practices** for Grade 4/5 is on Wednesdays at lunch (after the eating time) in the gym.



**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.



## 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!*

[Olympics Day](#)

## 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**.

## Registration for Middle School



Registrations for Clayburn Middle were sent home with Grade 5 students (who are in catchment to attend Clayburn for Grade 6 in September) on the first day back after Spring Break and are due back to Auguston on **Wednesday, April 8** (please send registrations back to your child's teacher and we will forward them to Clayburn).

See [Registration for Middle School](#)



## Summer Licensed Childcare

Godson Elementary | Monday - Friday | 7:00 am to 5:30 pm

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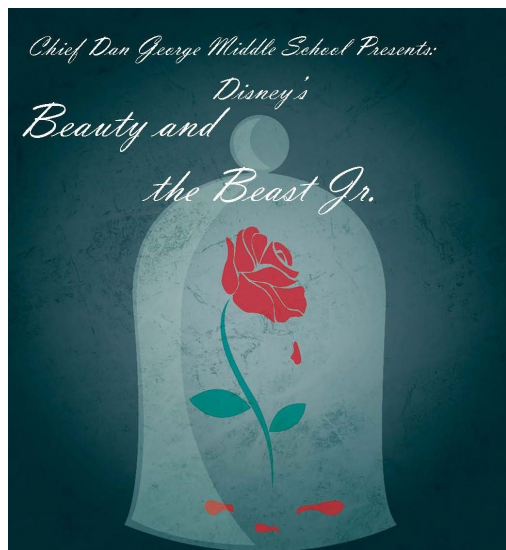


[earlyyears.abbschools.ca/seamless-day-childcare](http://earlyyears.abbschools.ca/seamless-day-childcare)



Godson  
Elementary School





## Beauty & the Beast Performance

On Wednesday, April 8, Auguston students (whole school, K-5) will attend Chief Dan George Middle School's performance of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." at Abbotsford Arts Centre travelling by school bus leaving Auguston at 9:15am and arriving at Abbotsford Arts Centre by 9:30am. The performance is from 10-11am. Students will leave Abbotsford Arts Centre at 11:30am, returning to Auguston by 11:45am.

Thanks to the generosity of the PAC (as well as our No Uni funds) this will be a fully funded field trip. **Consent is NOW DUE!** If you haven't yet done so, please complete consent in [schoolcash](#) and, if applicable, request to [volunteer](#)\*.

*\*Please indicate your request to volunteer in schoolcash and your participation will be confirmed by your child's teacher. Volunteers MUST have the appropriate paperwork valid for the current school year and an approved criminal record check (CRC lasts 5 years).*



### Summer Explorers Gr. K-8 Registration 2026

Summer School registration for [Summer Explorers Gr. K-8](#) is now open until April 20, 2026, at 4 pm.

Learn about the [English Language Learner \(ELL\) Summer Explorers Gr. K-8](#) today.

## School Bus Registration



**Returning families (early bird now open)** - If your child is already registered for bus transportation with the Abbotsford School District, early bird registration for the 2026–2027 school year is now **OPEN** (April 1-30, 2026). Emails have been sent to parents of **CURRENT BUS RIDERS** with your child's pupil # to register for bussing for next year.

Emails will be sent to parents of Grade 5 students heading to middle school before registration opens. **First-time registrations start on May 1, 2026.**

For information on Bussing, please go to: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/student-transportation>

## 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 **100%** Auguston (which is fantastic!) and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

***\*Beauty & the Beast Performance (whole school) \*Powerhouse at Stave Falls Div. 1-5***

***\*Basketball for Gr. 4/5 \*Basketball Tournament for Gr. 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!**

An advertisement for SchoolCashOnline. The background is a light green with faint icons of a heart, a star, and a graduation cap. On the right side, there is a photograph of a black and grey school backpack filled with supplies like a calculator, pencils, and a red water bottle. The text on the left reads: "Pay School Fees Online" in large black font, followed by "Secure credit card payment", "24/7 convenience", and "Easy registration" in smaller black font. A blue button with the text "Click Here!" is positioned to the right of the registration text. At the bottom left, the "SchoolCashOnline" logo is displayed in a light blue font.