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Principal's Message

Wow – the year is passing us by so quickly – it's hard to believe that it's already May! With the warm weather and sunshine come beautiful Spring flowers and a brightness that is lifting our spirits and bringing us all outside again! What a beautiful time of the year!



As the weather gets increasingly better over the coming weeks, please don't forget to send your kids to school with sunscreen on as well as hats, sunglasses and water bottles at the ready to keep them hydrated! We will be heading outside a lot to learn and play so it's important to have those basics covered. Though crocks and sandals are comfy shoes in the warm weather, we appreciate students wearing runners to keep their feet and toes safe, particularly when outside running around on our woodchips, gravel and black top.

We also need to remind our families that Abbotsford schools are closed campuses and we appreciate that visitors aren't outside during break times mingling with students. We don't always know who is connected to who, and to keep our students safe we ask that you enjoy the track or walk your dog separate from our recess and lunch outside times (10:40-11am and 12:35-1:05pm). Classes are also often taking their learning outside on the playground or field areas during the nice weather and we ask that you don't call students over if you are out there at the same time. Thank you for helping us keep all of our students safe.



And of course – our forest rules! A quick reminder that the forest area behind our playground is closed to students before and after school. When students arrive at school, our supervision occurs only on the playground and out front of the school. We cannot ensure student safety in the forest area and ask that parents not allow their children to play there during school hours. We've also had bears in the area in previous years and don't want to get anywhere near where a bear might be.

For those who haven't yet heard, I will be moving schools for September. You are getting an amazing new Principal – Mr. Horner – from King Traditional who will jump in and do many great things here at Auguston, I'm sure of it! Though I'm heading off at the end of the year, we still have two months to make amazing things happen and we will have lots of fun together before the end of June.

Things do get busy in May and June as we have lots of fun field trips planned, special event days (like Fun Fair, Sports Day and more!), and all sorts of exciting things happening around the school. Read on for more information about it all!



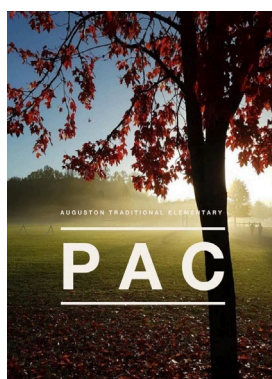
Trees on property

We have a number of students who have been trying their hand at climbing our various trees around the school property. We ask that parents don't allow students to climb trees on our property before and after school, just as we don't allow it during school hours.



Field trips

With field trip season fast approaching, a quick reminder that all parent volunteers must complete our [Volunteer](#) forms, an online orientation and have a valid Criminal Record Check on file. Teachers are provided with a list of the approved volunteers for their classes as they are planning for field trips. If you would like to help out in your child's class or on a field trip, please be sure to get those documents into us as soon as possible.



PAC Elections

Interested in volunteering at our school in a different way? We have a number of positions opening up on our [Parent Advisory Committee](#) that need to be filled for the 2025/26 school year. We need to have a PAC committee in order to apply for grants, organize special events for our school and fundraise for 'extras' throughout the year. Elections will be held at the PAC AGM Meeting on May 27 more information will be posted on the Auguston PAC Facebook page.



Allergies

'Tis the season for runny noses and itchy, watery eyes! If your child suffers from allergies or needs to have a puffer to help clear their

airways during outside activities, please ensure you advise the office of any medication they need to have with them at school. We keep puffers in student specific bags in our medical room and need a doctor to sign off on any medication that we help administer at school.



Chess Championships

Our Chess Club students have had another successful year at the District Chess Championships! Our school brought back the ['Best Team' trophy](#) and some first-place winners in their grade groups. Congratulations to all of our amazing Chess Masters!

Absences

Mondays can be hard, sometimes sickness takes its hold and sometimes we just don't feel like we can make it to school. But did you know how quickly absences can add up? Missing one day of school each week may not seem like much, but over 13 years of schooling (K-12), one day a week adds up to two and a half years of school! Ouch! That's a lot of missed instructional time.



We are seeing an increase in our student absenteeism across all grades. When students are away, it puts them behind in lessons covered in class and causes them to miss out on important learning. We appreciate your support in keeping your kids in school whenever possible.

Uniforms

We are still seeing a lot of students wearing branded hoodies, sparkly tights and other items that don't match our dress code expectations. Part of being a Traditional School is that we do wear uniforms. Please ensure that your child is wearing their proper uniform unless it's one of our special 'no-uni for a toonie' spirit days. More information on our dress code can be found here:

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

One Book, One School

Our school is so fortunate to have a PAC that sponsors this event for us every year! This year we are going to be reading *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling. Books and reading schedules will go out soon – we are just waiting on the books to arrive at the school. As in previous years we will read this book together and then have some fun celebrations, events and prizes. Thanks again to our PAC for buying each family a book and sharing in our love of reading!



to see the band perform. We have a few students moving to different middle schools and we will work with them individually to make sure they get connected with staff at their new schools, as well. This is an exciting time for our grade 5's and we try to make it as fun and easy as we can to help keep the nerves at bay.

Ready, Set, Learn



As we prepare to say goodbye to our grade 5's, we are also looking forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students and their families. If your child is turning 5 before December 31st of 2026, it's time to get ready for school! Our annual [Ready, Set, Learn event](#) for new Kindergarten students will be held on Thursday, May 14th. Incoming students and their parents will get to meet the Kindergarten teachers, do some hands-on activities, listen to a story and have a tour of our school. If this is you - please look for an email that was sent out to our new K student families for more information on this fun event.

Class photos



Time to put on your best smile! [Class photos](#) will be taken on Monday, May 11th, as well as team and group photos.

Middle School Transitions



It is also almost time to say goodbye to our grade 5 students as they get ready to make the jump to middle school! This month will see some visits from Clayburn staff and later in the month our grade 5 students will get to take part in a [tour of Clayburn Middle](#) where they will also get





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!

[Beauty & the Beast Performance](#)



Run for Water

We will be kicking off our Run for Water fundraising this week and completing a run on May 13th. This year we will be raising funds to help provide access to clean water for communities in Uganda and DR Congo. Please help us raise funds for this worthy cause!

Jump Rope for Heart

After our Run for Water, we will also be fundraising this month for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. We have a very active skipping club that meets weekly in our gym at lunchtime and in the spirit of giving back, we will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart in June. Every class will get a chance to participate in fun skipping activities and challenges and a chance to win cool prizes depending on how much funds are raised. Thank you for supporting this awesome event, too.

Girls Basketball Team Win



Spring Day



Earth Day





Upcoming Dates in May

Mon, May 4	Run for Water kickoff
Tues, May 5	Fire Drill 11:30am
Thurs, May 7	Greek Islands Hot Lunch
Fri, May 8	Dance Party at lunch Freezie Friday after school Last Day for School Kit Fundraiser - Div. 7 class
Sun, May 10	Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms 😊
Mon, May 11	Class pictures, along with Team & Grade 5 group photos
Wed, May 13	Run for Water school event
Thurs, May 14	Ready Set Learn for our incoming K's Clayburn here for our grade 5s Freezies after school
Fri, May 15	Pro-D Day – no school Orders Due for Taco del Mar 6pm
Mon, May 18	Victoria Day – no school – Happy Long Weekend!
Tues, May 19	Jump Rope for Heart kickoff
Wed, May 20	Grade 5's field trip to Clayburn
Fri, May 22	Dress like myself spirit day Taco del Mar Hot Lunch Freezie Friday after school
Tues, May 26	Grade 3's go to the zoo all day
Wed, May 27	PAC AGM at 7pm in the LLC
Week of May 25-29	Yearend IEP meetings
Fri, May 29	Freezie Friday after school



After School Programs

Currently running after school programs:

- Kindergarten, grade 1s and 2s - [Soccer Stars](#) on Thursdays
- Grade 2 and 3 students - [Science Explorers](#) on Tuesdays
- Grade 4s and 5s - [Artventures](#) on Mondays

Thanks to the Abby Community School Society for putting these amazing after school adventures on for our students!

School Calendar

Events Calendar:

<https://auguston.abbschools.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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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.

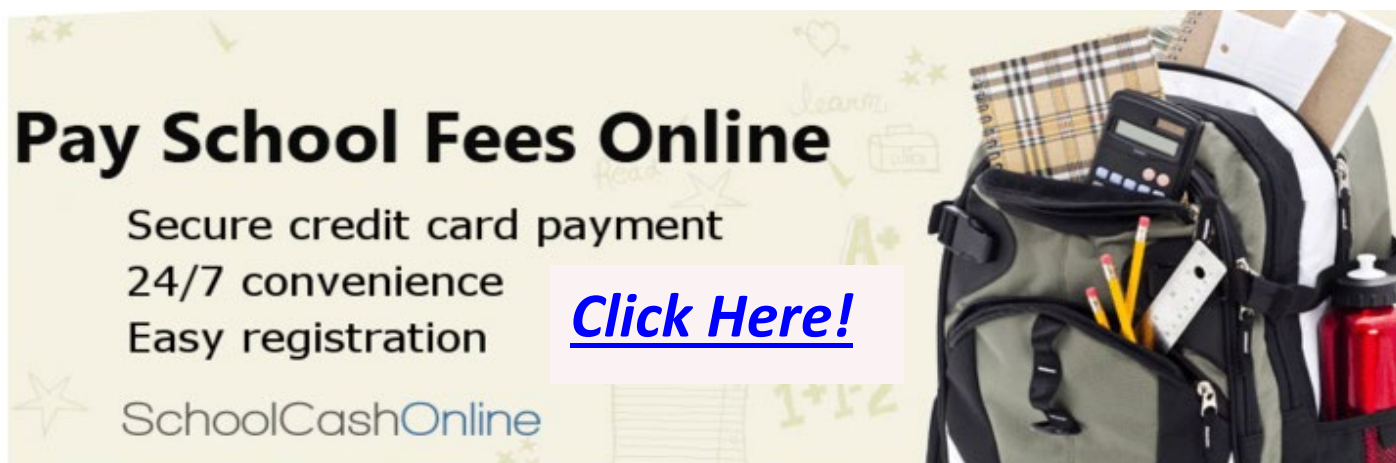
We would like to encourage **ALL families** at our school to utilize the online option for consent & payments **EVERY** time! We are currently at **100%** Auguston (which is fantastic!) and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

** Clayburn School Tour – Gr. 5s *Zoo field trip – Gr. 3s*

**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.

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