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Principal's Message

We hope you had a great first few weeks back! Here at Auguston, we have been working hard to reestablish routines, connections, and expectations, and it has been wonderful to see the students back in class!

This is our first newsletter of the new school year! Each month, I will send out a memo with important dates and school updates. This will provide a snapshot of what is happening in our school, in addition to the regular updates you receive from your child's teacher and our office team. You can also find calendar and contact information on our website.

As many of you know, this is my first year at Auguston Traditional. I have already been impressed by the kindness of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the strong support shown by families. Thank you for demonstrating what makes Auguston such a special learning community. I am eager to get to know each of you and to strengthen relationships in the name of supporting our children throughout the year. Family involvement is a cornerstone of our school. "Parents as Partners" is a phrase you will hear often because it is one of our 10 Traditional Tenets, which form the foundation of our model. Your presence, whether through a wave at drop off, a conversation with a teacher, attending PAC meetings, or volunteering, makes a real difference. The more we work together, the better the educational opportunities we can provide for our children.

Thank you for your continued support. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Tyler Horner

Principal, Auguston Traditional Elementary School

Starting the year off in a good way: A discussion about Respect

On the very first day at Auguston Traditional, our whole school came together to talk about some of the expectations we have for one another while learning together. During this assembly, we read a children's book with a central message about the importance of being kind to one another. We also explored how most of our school rules really boil down to one thing: respect. Respect for ourselves, one another, and this place.

This year, I have made it a goal to speak about one important aspect of social responsibility each month with the whole school. I believe creating a positive and respectful learning environment begins with understanding the values that make it possible. This month, our focus was helping students understand what it means to be kind, responsible, and respectful members of our school community.

Teachers will continue to support this learning through stories, discussions, and classroom activities. It is my hope that we can help students strengthen their understanding of how to treat others with care and navigate challenges with empathy and understanding.

Families play a vital role in this journey. You can support this learning at home by talking with your child about what it means to show respect through words, actions, and attitudes. Together, we can help our students better understand how respect can be demonstrated in everyday situations at school, at home, and in the community.

Allergies at Auguston Traditional

At Auguston, we have a large number of students with life threatening allergies. Each teacher has been provided with information about the allergies present in their classroom and will be reaching out to parents regarding any allergens that should not be brought into the classroom as an additional layer of protection. Regardless of the presence of allergies in your classroom, please support us to ensure our school remains nut free. In many cases, our life threatening allergies are connected to nuts. For this reason, we ask that families avoid sending foods containing nuts to school whenever possible.

If students have a life threatening allergy, we keep a medical response plan on site and maintain life saving medication in our first aid room, should it ever be needed. Often, this takes the form of an EpiPen. Families of students with medical plans are asked to review and update them annually to ensure all information remains current.

AP 327 Medical Alert Conditions:

<https://www.abbyschools.ca/administrative-procedures/AP327>

Due to the large number of students with allergies at our school, we would also like to implement a "**no birthday treats**" expectation. Please do not bring doughnuts, pizza, or other treats to share with the class on your child's birthday. I know this has been done in the past, but this year, there are simply too many life threatening allergies for us to ensure this tradition can be enjoyed safely. Please save these treats for distribution at your celebrations at home.

We understand that this is a tradition many families enjoy. However, with so many students

who have serious allergies, we believe this is an important step in helping keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding.



Meet the Teacher Night: September 21st

Communication has already been shared separately about our Meet the Teacher Night, but just in case you didn't get a chance to see that letter: This year's Meet the Teacher Night will take place **TONIGHT, Monday, September 21st, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM**. During this time, our teachers will be on campus to greet you, introduce themselves, and help you put faces to the names you have been hearing about from your children. We'd love for you to stop by, say hello, and begin building those important connections.

Members of our PAC will also be on site to chat about ways you can get involved in our school community such as through volunteering, supporting events, being a noon hour supervisor, or simply staying connected. A quick note: this evening is meant for introductions and friendly conversation. If you'd like to discuss your child's progress or specific concerns, we kindly ask that you schedule a separate time with their teacher so they can give you their full attention and prepare accordingly.

Staffing at Auguston

As many of you are aware, we began the school year with several teaching positions still in the process of being filled. While we continue to work closely with the district to complete these hires, I want to both provide an update and reassure families that students are being supported each day by qualified teachers who are collaborating with our staff, providing instruction, and helping establish the routines, relationships, and learning expectations that are so important at the beginning of the school year. This very week, we are arranging interviews and working hard to put our remaining staffing in place! Our hope is to have permanent teachers in place soon, and that the process will be a matter of days. That said, the process involved in securing the right teacher does take time, and is not something we will be rushing. In the meantime, we are making every effort to provide consistency by having the same teachers cover these classes whenever possible and ensuring they are working closely with their colleagues to align instruction.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we work through this process. If your child's classroom does not yet have a permanent teacher assigned, please still consider attending Meet the Teacher Night. We have a wonderful community of educators, including our PE teachers, learning support teachers, librarian and more, who work closely with your children and would be happy to connect with you. You can also meet our PAC team, and of course...you also have a new principal who would love to meet you as well!

Auguston School Staff on the website:

<https://auguston.abbschools.ca/contact/staff/auguston>

AUGUSTON STAFF 2026-27

Mr. Tyler Horner, Principal

Div. 1	Mrs. Tina Howe (M)/Jill Ward (T-F)	Gr. 5
Div. 2	Mrs. Seonid Dirom (M-Th)/ Mrs. Crystal Chow (F)	Gr. 5
Div. 3	<i>TBD Mrs. Andrea Janzen temp.</i>	Gr. 4/5
Div. 4	Mrs. Kelsey Kent (M-Th)/ Mrs. Vanessa Wiens (F)	Gr. 4
Div. 5	<i>TBD Mr. Harinder Singh temp.</i>	Gr. 3/4
Div. 6	Mrs. Jennifer Simpson	Gr. 3
Div. 7	Mrs. Harneet Kaur	Gr. 3
Div. 8	Mrs. Karin Charest	Gr. 2
Div. 9	Ms. Debbie Roebuck (M-W)/ Mrs. Melissa Smith (Th-F)	Gr. 2
Div. 10	Mr. James Ketelaar	Gr. 1/2
Div. 11	Mrs. Heather Preiss (M-T/Th-F)/ Mrs. Brianne Elford (W)	Gr. 1
Div. 12	Mrs. Brianne Elford (M-T)/ Mrs. Brenna Vandermeer (W-F)	Gr. 1
Div. 13	Mrs. Hilary Puglisi	Kindergarten
Div. 14	Miss Nicole Bliss	Kindergarten

Additional Teaching Staff:

Ms. Tiffany Genovese	English Language Learners (ELL)
Mrs. Laura Hambly	Learning Support Services (LSS)
Mrs. Crystal Chow (Tpm-W)	Library Learning Commons (LLC)
Mr. David Marchioro (M)	Physical Education (PE)
Mrs. Tina Howe (T-F)	Physical Education (PE)/ Library Learning Commons (LLC)

Education Assistants:

Mr. Kaiden Brown	Mrs. Kiley Cecconi
Mrs. Coral Christianson	Mrs. Adele Rankin
Mrs. Tammi Riou	Mrs. Karlene Schmidt

Additional Support Staff:

Mrs. Louise Tait	Administrative Ass't
Mrs. Gurpreet Sran	Custodian
Mrs. Barbara Shaiju	Custodian
Mr. Tony Kelly (Th-F)	Indigenous Support Worker (ISW)
Mrs. Denise Marshall (Th)	Library Technician
Ms. Linda Nguyen	StrongStart Facilitator

Interested in being a volunteer at our school?

Throughout the year, there are many wonderful ways to become involved at Auguston Traditional. From field trips and fundraisers to classroom support and special events, volunteers play an important role in strengthening our educational partnership. In order to volunteer, there is a formal process that must be completed. One of the most important steps is obtaining a criminal record check through the Abbotsford School District. Since this process can take a few weeks, now is a great time to get started.

Mrs. Tait in the office has a clear checklist and can help guide you through the process. Please stop by the office if you would like more information. On the website:

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

Auguston is a Closed Campus

During the school day, Auguston Traditional operates as a closed campus. This means we carefully monitor and restrict access to our site in order to provide the safest possible learning environment for students.

While families are always welcome to connect during drop off and pick up times, anyone wishing to remain on campus during the school day must follow our visitor procedures. All visitors are required to check in at the office, and volunteers must ensure they have completed a criminal record check and volunteer orientation process.

We understand that Auguston Traditional is located in the heart of the community and often serves as a social gathering place. However,

during school hours, members of the public are not permitted to use school grounds. For example: having unrestricted access during recesses and lunch breaks would make it difficult to distinguish between approved volunteers, authorized visitors, and individuals who are unknown to our school community. With this in mind, please understand if a staff member approaches you during school hours to ask who you are or whether we can assist you.

Although it's tempting, we ask that younger siblings not visit the playground with parents during student recesses and lunches, and that dogs not be walked through student activity areas while classes are outside. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe by checking in at the office and respecting our closed campus procedures.

What to do if your child becomes sick

From time to time, we all get sick. At Auguston Traditional, we have health protocols in place to help keep everyone as healthy as possible. This means it's important to know what to do if your child becomes sick during the school day. If your child becomes ill at school:

- We will contact you as soon as possible.
 - Your child will rest in a supervised area, such as our medical room.
 - If symptoms do not improve, we will arrange a pickup.
 - We will ensure your child is safely supervised until a parent, guardian, or emergency contact arrives.
 - Medication will only be administered when there is a documented medical plan in place.
- To help reduce the spread of illness, students who have vomiting symptoms should remain at home until symptoms have resolved. Please also ensure that emergency contact information and

medical planning forms remain current. As always, absences can be reported through SafeArrival or by contacting our office directly. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support. As we move into cold and flu season, these steps help keep everyone healthier.

Terry Fox Fundraising

This week marks the start of our cancer research fundraising. Last week, we sent out a little note that funds could be contributed toward the Cops for Cancer team and cancer research via school-cash-online, and we have already collected over 600 dollars. Thank you so much!!

We recently had a visit from the Cops for Cancer team, which was very exciting for everyone here at Auguston. The Cops for Cancer Tour riders are an inspiration for our students on many levels. They model what it means to take action, work hard, lead by example, and come together in service of a cause greater than themselves. Perhaps most importantly, they are members of our community: mothers, fathers, brothers,

sisters, friends, and neighbors, who remind us that cancer affects us all. Through their commitment, they show our students that when people work together with a common purpose, they can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

We are also having a Terry Fox run on September 28th. During this event, the students will be learning a little about the work Terry Fox did to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. They will then get to participate in a school wide Terry Fox run (around our track).

On this day, students are encouraged to contribute a “toonie for Terry” thru [schoolcashonline](https://schools.terryfox.ca/139815) and all contributions raised will be given to the Terry Fox Foundation. Tax-deductible donations can be made through the Terry Fox Foundation:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/139815>

Students are also encouraged to wear Canada colors this day (**Red** and **White**) in celebration of our work together and shared commitment to this cause. The run will take place after recess.



Drop off and Pick Up Expectations



Student safety is very important to us at Auguston Traditional Elementary School so please be mindful during the busiest time of our day: which

are drop off and pick up. The biggest thing to remember is to drive slowly and carefully, always use sidewalks and crosswalks, and be patient with one another when things get busy. Thank you for already respecting our bus loop areas by not exiting your car and no-stopping zones. We have had an amazing response in these areas and we are so thankful! Keep up the great work!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The Parent Advisory Council plays a vital role in helping make Auguston Traditional an exceptional place for students and families. Did you know that every parent or guardian with a child attending Auguston is automatically able to be on PAC? The PAC meets approximately once a month and discusses ways to support our school community through fundraising, activities, events, and volunteer initiatives. Projects may include family movie nights, literacy events, Garden Club, special celebrations, fairs, and many other opportunities that enrich student experiences. Any parent is welcome to attend PAC meetings. There are also formal volunteer positions available for those interested in becoming

involved in a more regular way. Auguston parents and guardians are invited to attend the PAC General Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Learning Commons.

Digital devices At Auguston Traditional

Promoting online safety and responsible technology use is more important than ever. The Abbotsford School District's Administrative Procedure 345 states that students are expected to:

- Refrain from inappropriate computer and multimedia device usage.
- Refrain from using personal digital devices during school hours unless permission has been provided by a teacher or administrator.

We have been seeing a rise in the number of students using iPhones and electronic watches to communicate during class time. We would appreciate your support in helping students understand that school hours are a time to focus on learning, relationships, and being present in the classroom community.

Bell schedule

Please be on time for drop-off and pick-up! On the website: [Bell Schedule](#)

8:30 Supervision begins
8:35 – Get Ready Bell
8:40 – School Starts
10:40-11 – RECESS
12:14-12:25 – Eating Time
12:25-12:55 – Outside Time
2:35 – Dismissal
2:45 – End of Supervision





Coming Up

Mon, Sep 21	First full day for Kindergartens , Meet the teacher evening
Tues, Sep 22	Gr. 4/5 Cross Country Meet
Wed, Sep 23	Our first PAC meeting this year at 7pm
Thurs, Sep 24	First fire drill of the year, 9am
Fri, Sep 25	Professional Development Day (no school for students)
Sat, Sep 26	Election polling hosted at Auguston
Mon, Sep 28	Toonie (\$2) for Terry Run (Cancer research initiative), first official day of Strong Start, Hoodie Orders Due 3pm
Tues, Sep 29	Orange Shirt Day Gr. 4/5 Cross Country Meet
Wed, Sep 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school for students)
Thurs, Oct 1	Student Photo Day at Auguston, look sharp!
Mon, Oct 5	World Teacher Day
Tues, Oct 6	Gr. 4/5 Cross Country Meet
Mon, Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day 

School Calendar

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

Congratulations!



Over the summer, Mrs. Dhaliwal (our Grade 4/5 teacher from last year) and her family welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Alivia Kaur Dhaliwal. Mom and baby are doing well!

Lunches, Labels, and other Extras

Families are encouraged to ensure that students have all the materials required for the day of learning (ie. snack lunch, gym strip, jacket, homework, library book, etc.) upon their arrival to school. If you must bring a lunch to the school during the day, please bring it to the office and we will deliver it.

As well, ensure the lunch is clearly labeled with FIRST and LAST names, and your child's division. That helps us ensure your child receives their item in a timely manner. School Supplies, jackets, hats, and sweaters should all be labeled clearly with your child's name as well. Our Lost and Found overflows very quickly with articles left out on the playground. A name written inside these items allows us to find the owner.

SafeArrival - Report student absences online

On our school website you will find a tab: "Report Absence or Late" which will direct you to Safe Arrival:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/safe-arrival>

The Abbotsford School District utilizes an automated student attendance management system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger®, the company that hosts our parent notification system.

With SafeArrival, you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

SchoolMessenger App

Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).

The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account.

Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

SafeArrival Website

Using the SafeArrival website, go to: go.schoolmessenger.ca

The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account.

Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

[Create your School Messenger account now](#)

Toll-Free Number

Call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

Note: Absences of more than 5 days should be reported to auguston@abbyschools.ca or Ph: 604- 557-0422 (5 consecutive days maximum for reporting on School Arrival).

Early Morning Arrivals to School

Please note that adult supervision of students does not begin until 8:30 am. As the mornings become darker, we are not aware of students being in and around the school especially if they are on the playground. We understand that as parents work commitments often involve leaving early. If this is the case, we ask if it is possible for your children to go to friend's home and come to school closer to the time when supervision begins. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter. Safety of children is paramount. **After school, supervision is from 2:35 to 2:45pm.**

Please do not allow students to climb trees, the dug out or other "high up" places before or after school!

Early Pick Up

If you need to pick up your child due to illness or for an appointment, please enter it in Safe Arrival (and let your child's teacher know). Your child will need to be signed out.

Dropping off something for your child

In order to minimize class disruption and to adhere to safety protocols, **please do not take items directly to your child's classroom.** Please drop them off at the office and they will be delivered to your child.

Appointments

If at all possible, please try to schedule appointments or activities for your child **outside of school hours to help protect instructional time**. If unavoidable, please notify the office beforehand via Safe Arrival and/or notify your child's teacher.



School Website

Don't forget to check out the school website: <https://auguston.abbyschools.ca> for [Announcements](#), [Newsletters](#), [Dress Code](#), [School Office hours](#), [Blog posts](#) and more!

Consent in Schoolcash

Please see consent in [schoolcash](#) for the following:

For all students - annual consent:

- **Off Grounds**

One time per school-level consent:

- **Photo/Media Consent**

Gr. 4-5 one-time per school-level consent:

- **Extracurricular Athletics Consent and Participation Agreement**

Needed one time only:

- **Request for Email Address Consent**

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are sent out by email ONLY.



Please be sure to have an accurate email address listed on your Student Verification Form so that you receive the newsletter (in addition to other emails from the school).

Does your Grade 1-5 child have their School Supplies?

Please see School Supply Information here: <https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/ourschool/schoolsupplies/auguston>

VIP Parking Space Silent Auction



Don't miss your chance to park like a VIP and support our school community! Our [VIP Parking space auction](#) is live until **Friday, September 25, @ 4pm: www.32auctions.com/VIPparkingspace**

Auguston PAC

PAC page on the website:

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

Email: augustonpac@gmail.com

Join the PAC Facebook Page for reminders & updates!

[Auguston Traditional Elementary School PAC](#)

Student Verification & Reunification Forms

There will be some paper forms coming home with students – our **Student Verification Forms** will be sent home to ensure that we have up to date contact information; as well as the **Student Reunification Form (1 per family)**, which will be kept on site in the case of a major emergency. Please keep an eye out for both of these important forms that we will need you to fill out and return to us here at the school.

Pay for School Activities and Give Consent Online

Kindergarten parents, please watch for the cost of **Kindergarten school supplies** to be added in school cash soon! **Gr. 1-5 School Planners** for certain classes as well!

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 **90.52%** who have signed up. Let's make it 98, 99 or even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

**Email Consent * Permission for Off Grounds * Photo/Media Consent
*Field Trips * 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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Easy registration

[**Click Here!**](#)

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