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Principal's Message

Growing Together Through Social Responsibility: Thankfulness



One of the hallmarks of the Traditional model is a commitment to developing social responsibility alongside academic excellence. This year, we have set a goal of exploring one aspect of social responsibility each month as a school community. By intentionally learning about and celebrating important virtues, we hope to strengthen the positive, respectful, and caring culture that makes Auguston such a wonderful place to learn.

In September, our school focused on the virtue of *Respect*. This was a natural starting point as students and staff were establishing classroom routines, expectations, and relationships for the new school year. Together, we explored what respect looks like through a school wide assembly, classroom discussions, stories, and learning activities.



For the month of October, our focus will be *Thankfulness*. Throughout the month, students and staff will explore what it means to be thankful. This learning will take many forms, including meaningful classroom conversations, stories that inspire gratitude, and other activities that encourage us to reflect on this concept. Thankfulness is also a natural theme for October as we celebrate Thanksgiving and take time to appreciate what this means to our families. As a school community this month, we will challenge students to deepen their understanding of gratitude and recognize those who demonstrate thankfulness through their words, actions, and attitudes. As partners in your child's learning journey, we invite you to continue this conversation at home. Here are a few conversation starts to help spark reflection:

- What are some things you are thankful for in your life?
- How do you show gratitude to others?
- How does it feel when someone expresses appreciation to you?

You might also encourage your child to express their thankfulness through writing. Whether it is a journal entry, a gratitude list, or a heartfelt note to someone they appreciate, these small acts help develop empathy while supporting literacy skills. Together, at home and at school, we can help our students grow into thoughtful, responsible, and caring individuals. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Our Year Long Focus on Social Responsibility

Interested in knowing which areas of social responsibility we will be exploring throughout the year? Each virtue was intentionally selected to connect with something naturally happening during that month. See if you can spot some of the connections!

September: Respect

October: Thankfulness

November: Peacefulness

December: Generosity

January: Determination

February: Friendliness

March: Joyfulness

April: Truthfulness

May: Responsibility

June: Celebrating All of Our Virtues

Together, we look forward to learning, growing, and celebrating these important character traits throughout the school year.



Cops for Cancer and Terry Fox Run

Over the past few weeks, our school community has proudly supported both the Cops for Cancer Tour and our annual Terry Fox Run as we worked

together to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Through these initiatives, we invited families to consider making a contribution to this important cause. We are pleased to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity of YOU, our parent community, nearly \$2,000 was raised through these combined efforts.

The funds raised will support ongoing cancer research and help bring us one step closer to finding a cure. These events also provided an opportunity for our students to learn about perseverance, compassion, and the impact that people can have when they come together in support of others. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting such a meaningful cause. We are grateful to be part of a caring and community minded school where families consistently step forward to make a difference. Did you get a chance to check us out in the news? Here is an article written by our district's communication team about our efforts this year:

<https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/news/auguston-students-rally-behind-cops-cancer-tour-de-valley>

Traffic Safety Reminders

Student safety remains our highest priority, especially during our busiest times of the day. Thank you to the many families who help make our morning drop off and afternoon pick up routines run smoothly. A few reminders will help ensure that everyone can arrive and leave safely. Below is a Google Earth image of our grounds (apologies it is not up to date) but it will allow a few key areas to be identified. It is our hope that if we follow the rules together, we can help ensure that everyone stays safe.



A: Bus Loop: Our school buses operate on a very tight schedule and make numerous stops throughout their routes. Families depend on buses arriving on time, and delays can have a ripple effect throughout the day, even leaving some parents worried and wondering why the bus hasn't arrived yet. Please do not park, stop, or leave your vehicle unattended in or near the bus loop. Buses should never have to wait for a driver to return to their vehicle or move out of the way. If you do not immediately see your child at dismissal, please consider doing another loop or finding a designated parking space while you wait.

B and C: Many students and families use the crosswalks surrounding our school each day. If you have younger children, please walk closely with them and consider holding their hand while crossing rather than allowing them to run ahead. As drivers, please reduce your speed in school zones, leave plenty of space around crosswalks, and be prepared to stop for pedestrians. Your patience is appreciated, particularly when several groups are crossing in succession.

D: Parking near the front of the school: some parking is available around our school on the streets, but not everywhere! Please only park where road signs indicate you should. One

particular area to note: there are clearly marked "No Parking" signs near the front of the school where the drop off lane rejoins the main roadway.

We will put out cones if reminders are needed to follow the Auguston community's posted traffic signs. We have also asked our police liaison officer to stop by from time to time to observe our drop off or pick up times, help ensure our site is as safe as possible, and offer suggestions on how we can do better.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe. The beginning and end of the school day can be busy and sometimes frustrating, but these are also the times when patience, caution, and kindness are needed most. By working together and extending grace to one another, we can help create a safer experience for everyone in our school community.

Speaking of Parking Spots



As part of its ongoing fundraising efforts, our PAC recently auctioned off one of the parking spots in our staff parking lot. The designated VIP parking space is clearly marked with signage and has been assigned to the successful bidder. We kindly ask all families to respect this initiative by not parking in the VIP space. The parents who won the spot have let us know that the space has occasionally been occupied by other vehicles.

The funds raised through this auction directly support our students and help enhance opportunities within our school community. Thank you for supporting our PAC's fundraising efforts and for helping us ensure that the VIP parking space remains meaningful.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Twice each year, schools across the Abbotsford School District host parent teacher conferences to provide families and educators with an opportunity to connect, share information, and collaborate in support of student success. These conversations are an important part of the partnership between home and school and help ensure we are working together to support each child's growth and development.

Our first round of conferences will take place on October 21 and 22. Both days will be early dismissal days for students, and October 21 will also include evening conference opportunities.

Parent teacher conferences are a valuable opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss areas for growth, and ask questions about your child's learning experience. They help ensure that everyone involved in a child's education has a shared understanding of how things are going and how we can best support their continued success.

Some questions you may wish to consider asking include:

- How is my child doing academically?
- What are their strengths and areas for growth?
- Are they completing assigned work to the best of their ability?
- How are they doing socially and emotionally at school?
- Do you feel they are putting forth their best effort?
- How can we support learning at home?
- What is the best way to stay informed about their progress?

Additional information, including instructions for booking conference times through our online scheduling system, will be shared with families shortly. For now, please mark these dates on your calendar. We look forward to connecting with you and continuing our important partnership in supporting your child's learning journey.



Halloween Is on Its Way!

October means Halloween is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to a fun and festive celebration at Auguston Traditional. On October 30, students and staff are invited to participate by wearing elementary school appropriate costumes.

To help ensure a safe, positive, and welcoming experience for everyone, we kindly ask families to keep the following costume guidelines in mind:

- Costumes should be fun and age appropriate, and should not include excessive gore, blood, or frightening elements.
- Full face masks should be left at home so that students and staff can easily recognize one another.
- Weapons and weapon like props, including toy swords, knives, and guns, are not permitted.

Our goal is to create a joyful (but appropriate) atmosphere where all students feel comfortable and excited to participate. Thank you for helping us make Halloween a positive experience for everyone!

To make the day extra special, we'll be holding a costume parade around the school, giving students a chance to showcase their creative outfits and enjoy the excitement with their classmates and teachers.

No Uni Days will kick off with Costume Day on October 30. Watch for more info. coming soon!

Let's Keep Our Students Safe: Auguston is a Nut Free School

As Halloween approaches and treats begin making their way into backpacks and lunch kits, we would like to remind families that Auguston Traditional is a nut free school. To help protect students with severe allergies, we ask that no foods or treats containing nuts, or that may contain traces of nuts, be brought to school. This important expectation helps us create a safe and inclusive environment for all students. For some members of our school community, even a small amount of exposure to nuts can pose a serious health risk.

If your child plans to bring treats to school for any reason, please ensure that they are clearly labelled as nut free. If you are unsure whether a product meets this requirement, error on the side of caution and save the treat for home. We also encourage you to choose non food alternatives when sharing with classes. Items such as pencils, erasers, stickers, bookmarks, or other small seasonal trinkets can be a fun and safe way to celebrate while ensuring that all students can participate comfortably. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe learning environment for everyone at Auguston Traditional.

Dressing for the Weather

Brrr! The mornings are starting to feel a little cooler, and with autumn now in full swing, the rainy season has officially arrived.

At Auguston Traditional, we believe that fresh air and outdoor play are important parts of a child's day. As a result, students will continue to go outside for recess and outdoor learning opportunities, even when the weather is less than perfect.

To help your child stay comfortable and ready for the day, please ensure they arrive at school dressed appropriately for the weather. As temperatures begin to drop, a warm jacket is essential. On rainy days, a waterproof jacket with a hood or an umbrella can help keep students dry, while waterproof footwear or boots is highly recommended.

Our field, track, and playground areas can become quite wet and muddy after rainfall, and puddles are often a temptation that prove difficult to resist. Having proper footwear and weather appropriate clothing helps students stay comfortable while continuing to enjoy outdoor activities with their classmates.

Thank you for helping your child come prepared for the changing season. A little planning goes a long way in ensuring outdoor play remains safe, enjoyable, and comfortable for everyone.





Coming Up

Fri, Oct 2	Popcorn Orders Due 6pm
Mon, Oct 5	World Teacher Day Cross Country Practice at lunch
Tues, Oct 6	Cross Country Meet 3pm
Wed, Oct 7	Lock down emergency practice drill at 9:30am Popcorn Day (order prior on Munchalunch) Coupon Book Orders Due 6pm
Fri, Oct 9	Booster Juice Orders Due 6pm
Mon, Oct 12	Thanksgiving 
Tues, Oct 13	Div. 8-10 to Taves Family Farms
Thurs, Oct 15	Earthquake emergency practice drill at 10am
Fri, Oct 16	Booster Juice Day (order prior on Munchalunch)
Tues, Oct 20	Soccer Gr. 4/5
Wed, Oct 21	Fire practice drill at 10am Early dismissal day, parent teacher conferences in evening
Thurs, Oct 22	Early dismissal day
Fri, Oct 23	Professional Development Day – no classes for students White Spot Orders Due 6pm
Tues, Oct 27	Soccer Gr. 4/5
Wed, Oct 28	PAC Meeting 7-8pm
Thurs, Oct 29	Diwali
Fri, Oct 30	Halloween Dress up day and Costume parade! White Spot Hot Lunch Day (order prior on Munchalunch)
Sat, Oct 31	Hallowe'en

School Calendar

See <https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/events/list> or <https://auguston.abbyschools.ca/events/calendar>

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

Supervision Time Reminders

This is a friendly reminder that staff supervision is provided on our school grounds beginning at 8:30am and continuing until 2:45pm. Outside of these supervision window, students should remain under the care and supervision of a parent or guardian. We have noticed an increase in students arriving at school way before supervision begins and ask that families avoid dropping students off early unless they are enrolled in a before school care program. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us ensure that all students remain under the watchful eye of an adult.

Student Verification & Reunification Forms

There will be some paper forms coming home with students – our **Student Verification Forms** will be sent home next week 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.

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



Coupon Books Fundraiser

We're excited to share that our PAC is once again

offering the **Community Values Coupon Books** as a fantastic fundraising opportunity! Each book is just \$40 and packed with over \$8,000 in savings at local shops, restaurants, and family activities across Chilliwack, Abbotsford, and Mission.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will directly support our school's playground improvements and help us prepare for the End of Year Fun Fair. Starting September 23, your child will bring home a package containing one coupon book to sell, along with a parent information sheet and an order form for purchasing additional books.

Orders are due October 7 at 6pm.

We are offering payments to be made in cash, cheque and through [schoolcashonline](https://munchalunch.com/auguston) under your children's account.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us through our PAC Facebook page or email augustonpac@gmail.com.

Coupon Book Reminders

As coupon books have been sent home and most have had an opportunity to take a look. Here is a few reminders about the books and how it's run!

1. The coupon books sent home are to be sold! If you do not wish to sell or purchase the book, please send it back to the school as soon as possible! *If you did not have one sent home, it may be that last year's coupon book was not returned or payment received.*

2. If you would like to get more books to sell, please fill out the order sheet in the bag and return to the school with your student/s. We will collect throughout the weeks. — You will get your extra books shortly after returning the order sheet.

3. Payments can be made via cash, cheque (made out to Auguston PAC), or [schoolcashonline](https://munchalunch.com/auguston) under your children's account. ** with each cash/cheque payment please attach your child's first and last name and teacher name or division **

Hot Lunch & Treat Days

We are excited to announce our Fall Hot Lunch and Treat Days menus. Orders are open on munchalunch now!!

- October 7 - Popcorn - **closes Oct 2 @ 6pm**
- October 16 - Booster Juice - **closes Oct 9 @ 6pm**
- October 30 - White Spot - **closes Oct 23 @ 6pm**
- November 13 - Tim Hortons Donuts - **closes Nov 6 @ 6pm**
- November 19 - Popcorn - **closes Nov 12 @ 6pm**
- November 27 - Pizza & Sushi - **closes Nov 20 @ 6pm**
- December 8 - Cobbs Bread - **closes Dec 1 @ 6pm**

New families if you have not registered click this link: <https://munchalunch.com/auguston>

Returning families click this link to order: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

You can place all your orders at once (saves on fees and time) or one at a time.

See:

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

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 **94.81%** who have signed up. Let's make it 98, 99 or even 100% Auguston and **PLEASE USE the online option every time!**

**** Soccer Gr. 4/5 * Div. 8-10 to Taves Family Farms *Email Consent * Permission for Off Grounds
* Photo/Media Consent * Damaged or Lost Library Books *No Uni for a Toonie (coming soon!)***

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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