



September 2022

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Principal: Ms. Maralee Lincoln

Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Daniela Sweeten

Éy swáyel. I am honoured today to acknowledge that Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional territory of the Stó:lō people, the Semá:th and Mathexwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers. Abbotsford School District acknowledges historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples endure in Canada and accept responsibility as an educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through teaching and community engagement

Principal's Message

Welcome to a new school year! Hi, I am Ms. Maralee Lincoln the principal at Mt. Lehman Elementary. I am thrilled to be a part of the best elementary school in all of Abbotsford and can't wait to take part in all of Mt. Lehman's fabulous activities.

I have been an educator for 20 + years and have a background in fine and performing arts, and primary education. I am looking forward to teaching your children inquiry-based learning through the fine and performing arts and will be teaching in Mrs. Wiebe's classroom on Tuesdays.

My husband Tony Dekleva is an English Teacher and Teacher Librarian at Yale Secondary. We have two teenage daughters Mia-Mae (18 years), who is currently at Simon Fraser University, and Amelie (15 years) who is in grade 10 at Yale Secondary. Our daughters are competitive Irish dancers and keep me tapping. I enjoy painting, gardening, and attending live performances. I look forward to a normal school year where all school events return to how they were before the pandemic started.

Sincerely, Ms. Lincoln

Dates to Note

September 16 th	Zucchini Races
September 17 th	Fall Fair, Meet the Teacher at the Fall Fair
September 23 rd	Terry Fox Run
September 26 th	9am PAC Meeting
September 28 th	Student Birthday Celebration
September 28 th	Orange Shirt Day at School
September 29 th	Non-instructional Day #1- No School
September 30 th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation- No School
October 10 th	Thanksgiving Day No school
October 11 th	Photo Day
October 19 th	Half Day for Parent teacher Conferences (Time TBD)
October 20 ^s	Early Dismissal (Two hours)
October 21 st	Non-instructional Day #2- No school
October 24 th	9am PAC Meeting
October 28 th	Student Birthday Celebration
October 31 st	School Parade
November 9 th	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am

Meet our Staff

Administrator

Ms. Lincoln – Principal

Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Sweeten

Mrs. Palfrey

Teaching Staff:

Mr. McAuley	Division 1	Grade 4/5
Mr. Chiappetta	Division 2	Grade 3/4
Mrs. Wiebe	Division 3	Grade 2
Mrs. Gibb	Division 4	Grade 1
Mrs. Plank	Division 5	Grade K
TBD		Library Learning Commons and Fine Arts

Mrs. Kantas

Learning Support Services

Support Staff:

Mrs. Sharma	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Danilkiewicz	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Seidler	Educational Assistant
Mr. Byron	Indigenous Support Worker
Ms. Smith	Library Clerk
Mr. Carnegie	Custodian

Drop-off and Pick-up Hours-Bell schedule for 2022/2023

9:05 am	Warning Bell
9:10 am	Classes Begin
11:00 am	Recess Begins
11:00am	Recess Ends
12:30-12:45 pm	Lunch Eating Time
12:45-1:13 pm	Lunch Outside Time
1:15	Instruction Begins
3:05 pm	Dismissal

Bus Schedule

8:50 am Drop-off

3:15 pm Pick-up

*Bell schedules have been determined last school season and can't be changed until the bus schedule is finalized. It is a district policy to not change the set bus schedule. The bell schedule will be reviewed when appropriate.

Thank-you for your understanding,
Ms. Lincoln

Information Items

Health and Safety

Please continue to verbally check to make sure that you child is not sick before coming to school. It is important to stay home if your child is showing any symptoms of any kind of sickness. Masks are not required but are welcomed if an individual would like to wear one. At school we will continue to encourage social distancing and hand washing.



Planner and Kindergarten Fees

Kindergarten Supplies are purchased by Mrs. Plank and distributed throughout the school year. The cost is \$50. Please pay online.

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

Planners are used for students in Divisions 2 and 3. The cost is \$7. Please pay online. Planners were distributed the first week of school.

PAC NEWS

PAC Meeting – September 26th at 9:00 AM – All parents are welcome to attend. PAC Meetings are held in person at the school.

Please join our Parent Facebook Group!
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/mtlehmanpac>



Student Birthdays

At Mt. Lehman parents volunteer to bring in cupcakes for student birthdays for each month. Please let the school office know if you would be willing to volunteer in this capacity.

Communication

Please communicate with your child's teacher when you have any questions or concerns. Often when children bring information home it can be miscommunicated.

Absences/Late

If your children are away from school, please use the school messenger app <https://go.schoolmessenger.com/> or phone the school and let us know that they will be away for the day. If your child is late, they need to enter through the front door. Please knock on the front door or the office window and someone from the office will let them come in.

Parking

All schools in Abbotsford have parking issues and Mt. Lehman is no exception. If a parking spot is available at the school, you are welcome to use it. The school is set up for a drop-off and pick-up system. The drop-off and Pick-up zone is right in front of the school. You cannot park and leave your vehicle in the drop-off and Pick-up zone. The traffic is designed to keep flowing so that many families can access the school for their children. If you are needing to park you may do so at the community hall adjacent to the school.

Terry Fox Day

Terry Fox Day will be happening at school on September 23rd. The school will have a traditional Terry Fox assembly and a whole school run. The school asks families to bring "Toonie's for Terry" in support of a donation for the Terry Fox Foundation.



Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher will be happening at the Fall Fair on Sept. 17th. If you have not already had a chance to meet your child's teacher, you can do so at the Fall Fair.

Orange Shirt Day – Recognizing Truth and Reconciliation

Please have your child put on an orange shirt for September 28th.

Professional Development Day -No School for Students -September 29th

There are 7 different professional development days that happen throughout the school year. These days are commonly referred to as Pro-d days and they are days students do not attend school. During these days educators learn about best educational practices. It is a great way to ensure that your children have the best education delivered to them.

The Abbotsford School District will be learning in depth on how to have a deeper understanding and teach understanding to our students about indigenous education and the truth of reconciliation.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30th - Statutory Day (No School)

Fall Fair

It's almost here! Fall Fair is THE most exciting time of the year around Mt. Lehman.

On Sept 17th, we welcome everyone to our community and celebrate Fall with rides, games, great food, a silent auction, Craft Market, Car Show and more! We sent home more info about the Zucchini Races, Potato creations and Creation Contest – the kids always look forward to those!

Here is how you can help:

- Donate goods or services to the Silent Auction
- Donate your new and re-giftable items to the Silent Auction
- Donate financially to help sponsor the Fair
- Donate your new or very gently used stuffed animals to the Buy the Farm game
- Donate your time helping run some games, in the kitchen or with set-up / tear-down

Volunteer Sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ea5a62ca6f85-fall>

