



September 2023

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Principal: Ms. Maralee Lincoln

Principal's Message

Welcome back Mt. Lehman students and families. I hope everyone had a great summer and has rested and ready for a new school year! I have a great feeling about this school season, and I know that we're going to have a ton of fun with all the workshops and events that have already been booked.

When you get into class you will probably have an assignment that asks you what you did this summer. During the summer I spent a lot of time at different lakes around British Columbia. I had a fabulous time and enjoyed the sun and the water. I also spent time painting a landscape for my sister-in-law who got married last year. I had plenty of family barbecues and enjoyed playing lawn games.

Ms. Lincoln

Meet our Staff

Maralee Lincoln-	Principal
Daniela Sweeten-	Administrative Assistant (Tuesday-Friday)
Tracey McClelland	-Administrative Assistant (Monday)
Carla Plank -	Kindergarten
Matt Stapleton-	Grade1 Teacher, Library Learning Commons Teacher (Wednesday)
Gabrielle Wiebe-	Grade 2 Teacher
Lori Siedler-	Education Assistant (EA)
Deanna Findlay-	Grade 3/4 Teacher
Lorie Danilkiewicz-	Education Assistant (EA)
Kevin McAuley-	Grade 4/5 Teacher
Bharti Sharma -	Education Assistant (EA)
Lisa Kantas-	Learning Support Services Teacher (LSS) (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
Aiden Coops-	Indigenous Support Worker (ISW)(Friday)
Lindsay Lockhart –	Library Learning Commons Teacher (LLC)(Tuesday)
Shawna Enns-	Counsellor
Kim Rioux –	Speech Pathologist
Tiffani Smith-	Library Technician

Preschool / Before and After School Staff

Dana Kayser-	Eco Kids Care Director
Melissa Markle-	Preschool Teacher (Tues/Thurs)
Rachel Bishop-	Before and After School Teacher

Bell Schedule

9:05 am	First Bell
9:10 am	Instruction Begins
10:30-10:45am	Recess
12:30-1:15 pm	Lunch
3:01 pm	Dismissal

School Garden

Our school garden at Mt Lehman has been a school STEM project worked on by Mrs. Lockhart. Mrs. Lockhart will continue to do so as the season permits. Mrs. Lockhart has amazing horticulture and science experiential projects that she will continue to teach to the students at Mt. Lehman.

Dates to Note - September

September 5	School Opening 9:05-12:15pm
September 7	PAC Mtg 6:30-8:30pm
September 8	School Assembly 2:15-2:45pm
September 8	August Student Birthdays
September 15	Zucchini Races am
September 16	FALL FAIR – Meet the Teacher
September 22	Terry Fox Assembly 1:20-1:45pm
September 22	Terry Fox Run 1:45-2:30pm
September 27	September Student Birthdays
September 28	Orange Shirt Day
September 28	Truth & Reconciliation Assembly
September 29	Non-Instructional Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (in lieu)

.Before and After School Care and Pre-School

Mt. Lehman Elementary will be providing **Before and After School Care** on site. **Preschool** will also be provided for the 2023-2024 school season. If you are interested in either of these services, please contact the school office or **Eco Kids Care**. Space is filling up quickly. Government grants are now available for before and after school care. Mt. Lehman: (604)-856-5083

Eco Kids Care: ecokids2013@gmail.com **Dana Kayser: Owner and Director**

Mural

The new mural that we have at Mt. Lehman has been painted by local artist Conny Stach. Conny has been working on the mural for the last couple of months. The painting is in honour of the Mt. Lehman community and in particular the Fall Fair. The Fall Fair is the heartbeat of the Mt. Lehman community and brings all of Abbotsford together.



Dress Code

The responsibility for personal dress and grooming rests primarily with students and their parents. Clothing, which is comfortable, clean, and modest is conducive to a positive educational climate. The following points indicate our expectations for student attire at Mt. Lehman Elementary School.

- Clothing should be appropriate for a learning/working environment, e.g. beachwear is not appropriate for school. Shirts should fully cover the torso when standing. Undergarments should not be visible. Shorts should fully cover the bottom and upper thigh.
- Dress, grooming and accessories should be appropriate and not cause health and safety concerns.
- Hats and sunglasses should be removed inside the school.
- Clothing items that promote alcohol, drugs, inappropriate language, racism or are in poor taste are not acceptable for school.
- Physical Education classes require proper footwear(runners), i.e. flip flops/boots are not acceptable footwear for gym, inside or out.
- During physical activity times clothing should not move into a position that could cause embarrassment for the child.
- The school will contact parents when children come to school dressed inappropriately.

Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day

Truth and Reconciliation is recognized by students and staff by wearing an orange shirt to school on Thursday September 28th. On the 28th we will have a recognition assembly followed up with some classroom activities.

On September 29th is a Professional Development Day where teachers will be learning about teaching Truth and Reconciliation. Students will not be in attendance for the day.

Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox ran across a large part of Canada to raise money for cancer research. Schools across Canada have a tradition of continuing the goal of raising money for cancer research and remembering Terry Fox.

We are collecting twoonies \$2 for Terry

Attention Parents: PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Please review the following important safety rules and please help us keep all our children safe by following these rules every day, even when you are in a hurry.

- **Drop-off and Pick-up**

- Please drop-off your children in the drop-off zone in the morning and after school if you can't find parking.

- NO parking in the drop-off /pick-up zone. Your vehicle should remain on and your children will meet you in the pick-up and drop-off zone.**

- Please drive to the far end of the zone, so more cars can fit in the drop-off/pick-up zone.

- Do not leave the drop off zone until it is your turn to exit (we want to avoid collision and congestion)

- If your children are not present, loop around the zone again and Ms. Lincoln or a staff member will find your children for you.

- If your child does not feel comfortable walking to the pick-up and drop-off zone you will have to park and walk in.

- You can park in the school parking lots, on the street, or the Community Hall.

- Students are not permitted to be crossing the drop-off and pick-up zone/parking lot without a adult. It is a very heavy traffic zone even though it is an elementary school parking lot.

Road Safety: **No U-turns are permitted**, be mindful of the crosswalk, watch your blind spots, slow down, it is a school zone, and pedestrians have the right of way.

Crosswalk: **Use the crosswalk.**

Parents of Kindergarten students should park their vehicles and walk their children to class. The drop-off and pick-up zone should not be used unless your child can operate their own seatbelt and open and close the vehicle door on their own. The zone is constantly moving, and vehicles cannot be parked while parents help their children. Thank-you for your understanding.

Thank you very much for your support of these important safety rules during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

If you have a family member picking-up your child, please be sure to explain the safety rules associated with pick-up and drop-off.

FALL FAIR

The Fall Fair will be happening in September the 16th this year and as you know this is the heartbeat of Mt. Lehman.

It's almost here! Fall Fair is THE most exciting time of the year around Mt. Lehman. We welcome everyone to our community and celebrate Fall with rides, games, great food, a Silent Auction, Craft Market and more! We'll be sending home more info about the Zucchini Races, Potato Creations and Creation Contest during the first week back to school – the kids always look forward to those! We are always looking for volunteers to support the Fall Fair and help in a variety of different ways.

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



**Mt Lehman
Fall Fair**

JOIN US

GAMES & RIDES | SILENT AUCTION
CRAFT MARKET | CAR SHOW | LIVE MUSIC
CREATION CONTEST | ZUCCHINI RACES

38th Annual

FALL FAIR

Good Old Fashioned Fun For All Ages!!

 <p>Pancake Breakfast – 8am Opening Ceremonies – 930am Car Show Judging – 2pm Chicken Dinner – 4pm</p>	<p>GAMES & RIDES 10am-4pm</p>
<p>I ♥ MT LEHMAN</p>	<p>FREE PARKING SILENT AUCTION FREE ADMISSION GREAT FOOD TONS OF FUN BESSIE BINGO</p>

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SEPTEMBER

16th

RAIN OR SHINE

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