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October 2023 6381 Mt. Lehman Road, Abbotsford, BC V4X 2G5 604.856-5083 <u>mtlehman.abbyschools.ca</u> Principal: Ms. Maralee Lincoln

Principal's Message

Celebrate a Great Start to the School Year!

What a great start to the school year at Mt Lehman Elementary, everyone has thoroughly enjoyed all the fall activities that usually go on at Mt Lehman. The teachers and students are settled, and Mt. Lehman is buzzing away.

Thank-you to all of you that are following the drop-off and pick-up rules in the parking lot. Creating a safe environment for our students is always a priority. It is greatly appreciated!

Fall Fair

The Fall Fair went off without a hitch and the entire community came together once again! Thank-you to the PAC for all your tremendous amounts of effort in making sure that the Fall Fair happened. Thank you to all the families who contributed to helping with the Fall Fair it's the best time of the year!

Truth and Reconciliation September 30th We had Truth and Reconciliation at school and students recognize Truth and Reconciliation by wearing an orange T-shirt to school we had an assembly to help students understand what Truth and Reconciliation all is about. Follow up activities were provided to classroom teachers.

Terry Fox Run

On September 22nd we had our Terry Fox Run at Mt. Lehman Elementary, and the students had a fabulous time and enjoyed thinking about how they could contribute to the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation. The PAC provided freezes for everyone after the run! Thank you once again to the PAC.

Ms. Lincoln

Welcome New Staff

Matt Stapleton joined us as our new grade 1 teacher at Mt. Lehman Elementary. Deanna Findlay has joined us to teach the grade 3 /4 split. Aiden Koops has joined us on Monday as our Indigenous Support Worker. Tracey McClelland as our Admin Assistant on Monday.





Before and After School Care and Pre-School

We have successfully put in place before and after school care at Mt. Lehman Elementary. We have also put in place preschool that is running strong. If you need after school care, please do not hesitate to come to the office or contact Echo Kids to find out more information.



HOT LUNCH

Make sure that you go to Munch-a-Lunch to sign-up!

https://munchalunch.com/home.html

Dates to Note

October 27th Parent Jam Session 9-11 Library, October Student Birthdays, Boston Pizza Hot Lunch October 31st School Halloween Parade 9:15 am November 1st Soccer 3:45-4:45 Bradner November 1st -4th Book Fair November 4th Mt. Lehman Craft Fair November 2nd PAC Meeting 6:30-8:30pm, Photo retake Day November 3rd Hot Lunch November 8th Soccer Bradner 3:45-4:45 November 9th Remembrance Day Assembly – Time TBD November 10th Professional Development Day for Staff- No School for Students November 11th Remembrance Dav November 12th Diwali November 13th No School (In lieu of Remembrance Day) November 14th Diwali Day at school, Hot Lunch November 15th Floor Hockey- Aberdeen/ Mathxwi 3:45-4:45 November 17th Parent Jam session 9-11 am Library November 22nd Floor Hockey- Aberdeen/ Mathxwi 3:45-4:45 November 29th Floor Hockey- Aberdeen/ Mathxwi 3:45-4:45, Dress-up Book Character Day November 30th November Student Birthdays December 1st Report Cards go Home Hot Lunch December 7th PAC Meeting 1-3pm December 8th Parent Jam Session 9-11am, December 15th National Ugly Sweater Day December 18th, Dress like Santa's Helper Day (elf- day), Hot Lunch December 19th December 12th Christmas Concert -Heritage Alliance Church. December 20th Christmas Colours Day December 21st Christmas Movie Day, Santa Hat Day



MT. LEHMAN ELEMENTARY PARENT JAM SESSION

School Support and Information on topics that can support you and your child!

DATE | TIME

MT. LEHMAN SCHOOL LIBRARY FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th, AT 9:00-10:00 AM

TOPIC: COMMUNICATION IN SCHOOLS- PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

ALWAYS SNACKS AND DOOR PRIZES

Mt. Lehman Elementary would like to open our doors to parents. Once a month we will be hosting a casual jam session for parents from the Mt. Lehman school community.

Each Jam Session will start with a topic of interest that will be facilitated by Ms. Lincoln (Principal). Valuable information will be provided to help families deal with a variety of topics involving their children.

Jam sessions will open with topics like anxiety, busy family life, home reading, homework, friendships, and disorders just to

name a few. Group discussion will follow with time to socialize with other school community parents.

Parent Jam Session

In September we had our first Parent Jam Session. We focused in on "How to Home Read". We discussed some great strategies and parents had a chance to connect with other parents. If you are looking for some effective strategies or finding it difficult to find time to home read with your child; please come and see Ms. Lincoln.

What's Next!

Afterschool Sports- Soccer

Our next series of sports is soccer. Soccer will start on September the 25th.

Halloween Parade

We are all looking forward to our annual Halloween parade, that will take place on October 31st first thing in the morning. Parents you are encouraged to come in and watch the parade.

Craft Fair

The annual Mt. Lehman Craft Fair will be taking place on November the 8th. During the Craft Fair our Book Fair will also be open.

Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready for our scholastic Book Fair which will be happening from November 1st until the 4th. Come on down and check it out. Coming to the book fair is a great way to get your kids excited about reading!

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on November the 9th. The time is TBD.

Diwali

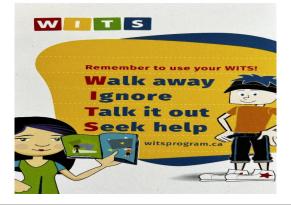
The actual day of Diwali happens on November the 12th. At school we will be celebrating Diwali from November the 13th to the 17th. On November the 14th is hot lunch; butter chicken, and samosas will be available for order on Munch-a-Lunch

Afterschool Sport- Cross Country Running

After school sports have started and we have had two cross country running events. All the kids who participated did exceptionally well!

WITS program

New this year, at Mt. Lehman Elementary we have implemented the WITS program. It is a programmed to help educate students on appropriate behaviors and virtues that they can work on at school.





Community Craft and Santa Visit

On December the 8th the school and the PAC will be having our annual craft event that has always included a chance to see Santa Claus.



Christmas Concert- December 19th and Christmas Spirit Week -December 18th-22nd

Our Christmas concert will take place on December the 19th at the Heritage Alliance Church. I always look forward to the beautiful songs and imagery that our students put together for the Christmas season!
Christmas Spirit Week will happen between December the 15th until the 22nd. We are going to be having a bunch of different fun things happen on those days including Ugly Sweater Day, Santa Hat Day, Dress like an Elf Day, Christmas Colors Day, Formal Day- dressing in a Christmas dresses or Dress pants and a formal shirt. At the end of the week, we will have our Christmas Movie that we always have at Mt. Lehman before the break.