



Monday Memo

Principals Message ...

Welcome back to Mt. Lehman Elementary! I'm so excited to welcome all our students and families as we begin a new school year together. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're grateful to have you as part of our warm and supportive school community. Our staff have been busy preparing classrooms and activities to ensure a joyful and enriching start to the year. As we settle into routines, we're also looking forward to one of our favourite traditions—our annual Fall Fair! Planning is already underway, and we can't wait to celebrate with you through fun, food, and community spirit. Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, laughter, and connection!

September 1st-5th 2025

Monday - Labour Day

Tuesday -First Day of School 9:10am-12:00pm for Gr. 1-5

- Kindergarten Orientation Mtg. 9:30am in the Library

- School Assembly 10:30am

Wednesday- Full Day Grade 1-5 and Individual Conferences for K Families

Thursday- Full Day Grade 1-5 and Individual Conferences for K Families

Friday- Full Day Grade 1-5 and 2 K groups (one in AM and one in PM)

Communication

Please see our website [Mt. Lehman Elementary](#) to find out about important dates and events. For the Monday Memos, go to the top of the page under 'Our School' and click on 'Newsletters'

Bell Schedule

9:05 am Warning Bell

9:10 am Instruction Begins

11-11:15 am Recess

12:28-1:15 pm Lunch

3:05 pm Dismissal



Meet our Staff

Maralee Lincoln- Principal
Michelle Vogt- Administrative Assistant
Carla Plank -Kindergarten Teacher
Victoria McDonald- Grade 1 Teacher, Library Learning Commons Teacher (Wednesday)
Gabrielle Wiebe- Grade 1/2 Teacher
Matt Stapleton- Grade 3/4 Teacher
Kevin McAuley- Grade 4/5 Teacher
Alexa Mischuk- Learning Support Services Teacher (LSS) (Days TBD)
Tiffany Stapleton – Library Learning Commons Teacher (LLC)(Tuesday)
Navdeep Grewal - Education Assistant (EA)
Harpreet Khosa- Education Assistant (EA)
TBD- Education Assistant (EA)
TBD- Indigenous Support Worker (ISW)(Friday)
TBD- 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
Rachel Bishop- Before and After School Teacher

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 2025-2026 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**

Fall Fair

The Fall Fair will be happening **September the 20th**, 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.



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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 sheet will be sent out over the summer)



SEPTEMBER 26th PM - TERRY FOX RUN

Raising Money for the Terry Fox Foundation

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





Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day

Truth and Reconciliation is recognized by students and staff by wearing an orange shirt to school on September 26th. On the 26th 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.

On September 30th is the actual day of Truth and Reconciliation.

On Monday October the 2nd is a day in lieu for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. No school for students and staff.



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.



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 after school if you can't find parking.

-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 can not be parked while parents help their children. Thank-you for your understanding.

-**NO parking** in the drop-off /pick-up zone. Your vehicle should remain running 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.



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-If your child does not feel comfortable walking to the pick-up and drop-off zone, please 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.



Calendar

September

- 2 9:10 Schools Starts
10:30 School Assembly
12:00 Dismissal
- 10 PAC Meeting 6:30pm
- 11 Parent Jam AM
- 12 Wild Safe Ranger Presentation AM
- 18 Student August Birthdays Celebration PM
- 19 Zucchini Races, Potato Creations
- 20 Sat. Fall Fair (Meet the Teacher)
- 26 Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run Assembly, Student September Birthdays Celebration
- 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation-No School
 - **Tuesday, September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day** (not a school day) - We will be contributing to the Abbotsford's Truth and Reconciliation event at the Thunderbird Square. Feel free to join us or share with staff and families: <https://stetisimextowx.ca/>