



## Monday Memo

### Principals Message ...

#### Dear Mt. Lehman Families,

As we approach **Orange Shirt Day** at school **on Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>**, we invite all students, staff, and families to join us in wearing orange as a symbol of remembrance and commitment to reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day is a time to honour the survivors of residential schools, remember those who did not return home, and reflect on the ongoing journey toward truth and reconciliation. It began with the story of Phyllis Webstad, whose orange shirt was taken from her on her first day at a residential school, powerful reminder of the loss of culture, identity, and dignity experienced by Indigenous children across Canada.

At Mt. Lehman Elementary, we are committed to fostering a learning environment where every child matters. Throughout the week, students will engage in age-appropriate discussions, stories, and activities that help build understanding and empathy. These conversations are part of our broader commitment to learning about Indigenous histories, cultures, and perspectives—not just on Orange Shirt Day, but throughout the year.

We encourage families to talk with their children about what they are learning and to explore ways to support reconciliation at home. Together, we can help build a future rooted in respect, compassion, and truth.

Thank you for your continued support in making Mt. Lehman a caring and inclusive community.

With appreciation,

**Maralee Lincoln**

Principal, Mt. Lehman Elementary



**Sep 29<sup>th</sup>- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**

**Monday-** Professional Development Day -No school for students

**Tuesday** - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation-No School

**Wednesday-** Orange Shirt Day at School 10:40 Assembly, Cross Country  
Bradner Elementary 3:45 Grade 4/5

**Thursday-** Science World Presentation “The Science of Sport”

11:30 am-12:15pm

**Friday-** World Teachers Day

### **Communication**

Please go to the school website to find out about important dates and events

[Mt. Lehman Elementary](#)

### **Bell Schedule**

9:10 am Instruction Begins

11-11:15 am Recess

12:30-1:15 pm Lunch

3:05 pm Dismissal

School starts at 9:10 in the morning. In the past we have had a warning bell at 9:05. In some classrooms the warning bell has become problematic for various reasons. We are going to try to start school without the warning bell and see how it goes. Teachers will open doors by 9:10 at the latest.



## **Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day**

Truth and Reconciliation is recognized by students and staff by wearing an orange shirt to school on Wednesday, October 1st. On the 1st we will have a recognition assembly followed up with some classroom activities.

Monday 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 Tuesday September 30th is the actual day for Truth and Reconciliation and school will not be in session on that day.





### **Mt. Lehman Staff**

Maralee Lincoln- Principal

Michelle Vogt- Administrative Assistant Welcome Ms. Michelle!

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) (Monday and  
Tuesday) Welcome Mrs. Mischuck!

Meghan Istvanffy- Learning support Services (LSS) (Wednesday  
biweekly) Welcome Ms. Istvanffy!

Tiffany Stapleton – Library Learning Commons Teacher (LLC)(Tuesday)  
Welcome Mrs. Stapleton!

Navdeep Grewal - Education Assistant (EA)

Harpreet Khosa- Education Assistant (EA)

Alaina Sprietsma - Education Assistant (EA) Welcome Mrs. Sprietsma!

Anita Zabotel- Indigenous Support Worker (ISW) Welcome Ms. Zabotel!

UFN – Jacqueline Silver

Craig Dowson- ELL Teacher Welcome Mr. Dowson!

Adriana Belsher- Counsellor- Welcome Ms. Belsher!

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

Sabina Billo- Before and After School Teacher

Manjot- Before and After School Teacher



## Before and After School Care and Pre-School

Mt. Lehman Elementary: (604)-856-5083

Eco Kids Care: [ecokids2013@gmail.com](mailto:ecokids2013@gmail.com) Dana Kayser: Owner and Director

## Calendar

### September

29 Professional Development Day No school for students

30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation-No School

- Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day (not a school day) - Abbotsford's Truth and Reconciliation event at the Thunderbird Square. Feel free to join us or share with staff and families: <https://stetisimextowx.ca/>

### October

1 Orange Shirt Day, Cross Country Bradner Elementary 3:45 Grade 4/5

2 Science World Presentation "Science of Sports"

3 World Teachers Day at School



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- 5 World Teachers Day
- 6 Div. 2 and 3 Field Trip Greendale Acres
- 7 PAC Meeting 9:15 am
- 8 Cross Country Bradner Elementary 3:45 Grade 4/5
- 9 Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)
- 10 Virtues Assembly, Photo Day
- 11 School Board By-Election
- 13 Thanksgiving -No School
- 15 Soccer Bradner 3:45
- 16 Parent Social Jam 9:15 am, Evacuation Global Cat Day
- 17 Sugar Rush after school
- 20 Diwali
- 22 Early Dismissal (12pm) for Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences  
Evening Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences
- 23 Early Dismissal (12pm) for Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences,  
Student October Birthdays
- 24 Non-Instructional Day #2
- 29 Soccer Bradner 3:45
- 30 Parent Jam 9:30 am , Staff Meeting 3:20
- 31 Hot Lunch (In House), Halloween Parade at School AM



## November

- 5      Soccer Bradner 3:45
- 7      Remembrance Day Assembly
- 10     Non-Instructional Day #3 Pro-D Day
- 11     Remembrance Day- no school
- 12     Floor Hockey 3:45 Aberdeen/Mathxwi/Bradner
- 13     Hot Lunch (White Spot)
- 16     Louis Reil Day
- 19     Floor Hockey Aberdeen/ Mathxwi/Bradner 3:45
- 19-21 Scholastic Book Fair
- 21     Sugar Rush after school
- 26     Floor Hockey Aberdeen/ Mathxwi/Bradner 3:45
- 27     Parent Social Jam 9:30, Hot Lunch (McDonalds)
- 28     Virtues Assembly, Student November Birthdays,