

Monday Memo September 28-Oct 2

Dear Mt. Lehman Families,

October is one of my favourite months of the year because it's the our Mt. Lehman Reading Challenge! We are excited to encourage all students to develop a daily reading habit while discovering the joy of great books. Students are challenged to read a minimum of 20 minutes every day either independently or with a family member. Every minute spent reading helps build strong literacy skills and a lifelong love of learning. Students who complete their daily reading will receive a prize each Friday. Students who show consistent overall reading will be entered into periodic prize draws to motivate them toward their reading goals. Daily reading is one of the most powerful ways to strengthen vocabulary, comprehension, spelling, writing skills, and overall academic success. Even a short period of daily reading can make a tremendous difference. Keep an eye on your emails for challenge details!

Warm regards,

Maralee Lincoln Principal Mt. Lehman Elementary

Upcoming Events

28	Indigenous Assembly 9:30 in the Gym – Parents are Welcome. You are welcome to wear your orange shirts as much as you can this whole week in support of Truth and Reconciliation Day August & September Birthdays Celebration
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School Today
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5	World Teacher's Day PAC Meeting 1:30 in the Mt. Lehman Elementary Library
7	Extracurricular Cross Country for grade 4/5's at Bradner 3:45pm
8-9	Soccer Workshop (All students)
12	No School - Thanksgiving
14	Extracurricular Cross Country for grade 4/5's at Bradner 3:45pm
15-16	Soccer Workshop (All students)
21	Early Dismissal – Guardian/Teacher Meetings in the afternoon and evening
22	Early Dismissal
23	Non-Instructional Day – no school today
28	Extracurricular Soccer for grade 4/5's at Bradner 3:45pm
30	Halloween Parade 9:30am

Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation

This month we take time to reflect on the importance of Truth and Reconciliation Day. We honour the survivors of residential schools and remember the children who never returned home. Students are welcome to wear their orange shirt all week from Sep 28th to Oct 2nd but especially on Monday, September 28th when we have our

assembly. Parents are welcome to attend. The orange shirt symbolizes the experiences of Indigenous children who were separated from their family, culture, and community. We are committed to helping students learn about Canada's history, the impact of residential schools, and the importance of treating all people with dignity, respect, and kindness. Through age-appropriate discussions, stories, and learning activities, students will build understanding and empathy as we work as a school community toward reconciliation. Thank you for your continued support at home to carry on this education.

Extracurricular Sports for Grade 4/5's

If you would like your grade 4 or 5 student to participate in extracurricular sports this year, please fill out the consent form that was sent to you via SchoolCashOnline. Our first day will be October 7th. If your child does not have a signed consent on file, they will not be able to participate. You can find the full schedule on our school website calendar here: <https://mtlehman.abbyschools.ca/events/calendar>

Consent Forms and Demographic Info Sheet

Thank-you to those who have completed their consent forms on SchoolCash and returned their demographic green forms. If you have not already done so, please go to SchoolCashOnline to complete them and please return your demographic green form. If you have not received them or have any questions, please contact the school office.

Emergency Preparedness Kits

Thank-you to those who have purchased their Emergency Kits on SchoolCash. We will be putting together emergency preparedness kits in the event of an emergency situation which results in your child(ren) having to stay at school for a prolonged period of time. The kit will include food, water, first aid items, hygiene items and shelter items. If you have not done so already, please go to SchoolCashOnline to purchase.

Useful Links and Contacts

Safe Arrival	https://www.abbyschools.ca/safe-arrival
School Calendar	https://mtlehman.abbyschools.ca/events/calendar
SchoolCashOnline	https://www.abbyschools.ca/parents-students/SchoolCashOnline
Munch a Lunch	https://mtlehman.abbyschools.ca/hot-lunch-munch-lunch
Contact Your Child's Teacher	https://mtlehman.abbyschools.ca/contact/staff/mtlehman
School Office	604-856-5083
Before/After School Care	Eco Kids Care ecokids2013@gmail.com
Preschool	Eco Kids Care ecokids2013@gmail.com
Mt. Lehman PAC	mtlehmanpac@gmail.com
Fall Fair Committee	info@mtlehmanfallfair.com