

Welcome back to Mt. Lehman Elementary!

I wish everyone the very best and look forward to seeing you all on the first day of school.

I wanted to take a moment to express how excited I am about the year ahead. As your principal, my primary goal is to foster a positive and inclusive environment where every student can thrive, both academically and personally.

Throughout the year, we will focus not only on academic achievement but also on personal growth and character development. I encourage students to be themselves, ask questions, explore new interests, and take risks in their learning.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. We are committed to supporting them every step of the way.

Below are a few reminders and some important information and dates that are coming up.

Remember, communication is key for both students and families, so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Let's make this school year one to remember!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lincoln, Principal

September Events

8	First Day of School! Half Day 9:10 AM to 11:52 AM (bus will come shortly after that and bus students will be supervised)
8th evening	First PAC Meeting 6:30 PM in the school Library All Welcome
18	Zucchini Races (Times TBA) Parents Welcome
19	Fall Fair and Meet the Teachers (Times TBA)
20	Terry Fox Day
22	Photo Day (individual)
24	School Terry Fox Run after lunch (Time TBA)
25	First Non-Instructional Day – No School
28	August & September Birthdays Celebration
29	Orange Shirt Day, Indigenous Assembly (Time TBA)
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School Today

Out of Catchment Requests

Many of you are still waiting for approval for your out-of-catchment request to attend Mt. Lehman. For those who have been notified that you are 'deferred', we still don't have approval from the district office, but we hope to hear by Friday, September 11th. In the meantime, you will notice that your child's name is not on the school class lists; however you are welcome to attend the first week of school.

Kindergarten Schedule

Our Kindergarten kids have a gradual entry schedule starting at 9:30 on Tuesday, September 8th in the school library (all Kindergarten families please attend). There you will receive the schedule of your times for your child to attend during the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions about the gradual entry schedule, please email carla.plank@abbyschools.ca.

Preschool / Before and After School Care

If you are looking for before and after school care and/or preschool for your younger children, Mt. Lehman Elementary has Eco Kids Child Care on site! For information and to see if there are spots available, please email ecokids2013@gmail.com

PAC- Parents Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meets monthly to organize school events and fundraising initiatives that provide students with opportunities such as field trips, sports, workshops, and more. Their first meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 8th. All are welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles. Please consider getting involved as many hands make light work! Your support makes a meaningful difference for our students. If you are interested in being a part of our PAC, please email mtlehmanpac@gmail.com

Mt. Lehman Annual Fall Fair & Meet the Teachers!

The Mt. Lehman Fall Fair kicks off on Friday, September 18th with Zucchini Races (Time TBA)! Parents are welcome to attend. Then on Saturday, September 19th, the community at large will gather for a full day of events and activities. This will also be your opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Keep an eye on your email for the Fall Fair Activity Schedule!

SchoolCashOnline

Schools are no longer permitted to carry cash on site and all payments are handled through our SchoolCashOnline portal. To login or sign up, please go to <https://www.abbyschools.ca/parents-students/SchoolCashOnline>. There you will be able to pay for field trips, spirit wear, special events and library book fines.

Munch a Lunch

Periodically, our PAC provides optional hot lunches that you can buy for your child as a way to raise money for school events. These lunches are posted to Munch a Lunch where you can order and pay. For instructions, please visit <https://mtlehman.abbyschools.ca/hot-lunch-munch-lunch> . You may either buy all the lunches at once or purchase them one at a time (cutoff time is one week prior to each hot lunch day)

Parking Drop-off and Pick-up

Parking is a challenge at every school. Mt. Lehman's parking system works well when everyone follows the procedures outlined below.

Children must not enter the parking lot. Please pick them up at the designated locations. The fire/bus lane is for drop-off and pick-up only. It is not a parking area. This zone is intended for children who can enter and exit the vehicle independently. If your child is not yet at the pick-up zone, please continue through the fire/bus lane, exit onto the road, and loop back around to the zone. Please keep moving so the area remains accessible to everyone. If you need to stop your vehicle and get out to assist your child, please use a designated parking space rather than the drop-off and pick-up zone. The school has permission to use the fire/bus lane as a drop-off and pick-up zone on the condition that vehicles do not park there. Parking in this area violates safety procedures and could result in this privilege being revoked. Parking is available in designated spaces on school grounds, along the road, and at the community hall across the street.

Before and after School Supervision

Because supervision is unavailable before and after school, students may not use the playground or field on their own during these times. Students must be picked up from their classroom door or the designated pick-up zone. Once picked up, they may use the playground or sports fields only while directly supervised by their parent or guardian. Parents are welcome to volunteer for playground supervision before or after school. Please inform the office if you will be supervising children other than your own. Teachers will be monitoring the front of the school to help ensure safe, efficient student drop-off and pick-up.

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

Before/After School Care	Eco Kids Care ecokids2013@gmail.com
Preschool	Eco Kids Care ecokids2013@gmail.com
Mt. Lehman PAC	mtlehmanpac@gmail.com