

January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are excited about welcoming your child to school in September 2024! At each of our thirty-one elementary schools, we are proud of the outstanding programming and early learning opportunities that are offered to our youngest students.

For more information about the exciting experiences offered in Kindergarten, please visit the Ministry of Education website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/full-day-kindergarten>

To register for Kindergarten, your child must be five years old by December 31, 2024. You will need to provide both proof of age and proof of BC residency when you register. Parents can choose to delay entry to school for their child for one year, but we would ask that you consult with your local school principal before making this decision. Please ***follow the registration process*** and ***carefully complete each portion***. The information you provide will be used for your child's safety in the case of an emergency.

As you help your child prepare to enter Kindergarten, we invite you to join us at one of our [Strong Start sites](#), or at various programs outlined at abbyearlyyears.com. Please also follow us on [Facebook - AbbotsfordSD](#).

We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you more next fall. We are committed to providing learners of all ages and abilities with a multitude of innovative and individualized programs that will enable each of them to excel. If you have any questions regarding your child's entry to Kindergarten, we welcome you to contact your catchment school principal.

Sincerely,



Sean Nosek
Superintendent of Schools



Thursday, April 25, 2024
3:00 - 5:00 PM
At John Maclure Community School

As a parent, how do you know what skills and knowledge are really important for school success? Should you be teaching letters? What is more important for developing printing, playing with cars on the floor or practicing letter formation? Kindergarten teachers & community partners in Abbotsford are having open houses at local schools. Please join us!

Parents, and their children (3 – 5 years old in 2024) are invited to come to an RSL event at their neighbourhood school. Every child will be given a bag of learning supplies. Parents will be given resources and ideas about how to support their child in using these materials. Ready, Set, Learn is an early learning initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

Our event will include activities such as:

- Interactive play activities for children and their parents
- Information sessions for parents and caregivers
- Crafts
- Free kits for each child to help them learn to draw, print, count, and read
- A free book for your child to take home and read

The parent booklet Ready, Set, Learn: Helping your preschooler get ready for school offers parents helpful tips and easy and fun learning activities for three-year-olds. It is available for download in 13 languages from the Ministry of Education web site at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/support/programs/ready-set-learn?keyword=Ready&keyword=Set&keyword=Learn>



My child, _____ will attend Ready, Set, Learn on April 25, 2024.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Phone #: _____



**John Maclure
Community School**

Kindergarten Registration Checklist 2024-2025

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Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Year of Grad: 2037

Items Required for Registration

- ☐ Completed Registration Package
 - ☐ AP 336-1 School Registration Form

Required Documents

- ☐ Child's Birth Certificate, Passport, or Permanent Resident Card (we require a copy of both sides of the PR Card).
- ☐ Child's CareCard (if available).
- ☐ Proof that at least one biological parent/legal guardian is a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident: Parent's Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian Passport, Canadian Citizenship Card or Permanent Resident Card (*we require a copy of both sides of the PR Card*). *If neither parent is a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident, please register with the International Department at the School Board Office.*
- ☐ Document proving current address containing the name and address of the parent/legal guardian: Utility bill; Mortgage document; Property sale agreement; Property tax notice/assessment; Rental or Lease agreement.
- ☐ Plus one of the following containing the name and address of the parent/legal guardian: Child tax statement; Government Notice of Assessment; Current year T4; Government document (eg. MSP bill).
- ☐ Legal documents (if applicable): Custody agreements, No contact orders, etc.
- ☐ Any other documents (if applicable): Autism diagnosis, Speech/Language/Hearing assessments, etc.

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- ☐ Verify address is in our catchment: _____
- ☐ Received Student ID, Parent ID, & 2 Proof of Address'
- ☐ Enter Student in MyEd (Pre-reg)
- ☐ Create file, file tabs, and labels
- ☐ Print Student Verification form and add to Emergency Contact binder

Notes: _____

AP 336-1 School Registration Form

A child may only be registered in one school in the Abbotsford School District. In the case of a family registering with multiple children please use one form per child.

Catchment School _____

Requested Out-of-Catchment or District Program/Placed School _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Gender Identity M=male, F=female, X=nonbinary _____

Legal Last Name _____ Legal First Name _____

Usual Last Name _____ Preferred First Name _____

Legal Middle Name _____ ☐ No Middle Name

Birth Date _____ (DD/Month/YYYY e.g. 24 May 2005)

Grade _____ Proof of Age ☐ Birth Certificate ☐ Passport ☐ Citizenship Paper

Home Phone _____

ADDRESS INFORMATION

Street Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Proof of Residence Provided ☐ Yes ☐ No (*see below)

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

* In order for a child to be registered in an Abbotsford school, proof of address must be shown by presenting one of the following legal documents: Mortgage Document, Rental or Lease Agreement, Property Sale Agreement, Property Tax Notice, Home Insurance, Utility Bill. In addition, one or more of the following documents containing the name and address of the parent/guardian is required: Government Document ie. MSP bill, Child Tax Credit, Income Tax Assessment, Vehicle Insurance, most recent T4.

The principal of a school may request a properly sworn Statutory Declaration from the enrolling parent or legal guardian attesting that the student's principal place of residence is the place indicated in this application. Applicants should note that making a false statutory declaration may constitute the criminal offense of perjury, contrary to Section 131 of the Canadian Criminal Code.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Previous School _____

City & Province _____

Date left previous school _____ Expected start date _____

FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION ONLY
 Attended Preschool ☐ Yes ☐ No Attended Daycare ☐ Yes ☐ No Attended StrongStart ☐ Yes ☐ No

Previous School _____ City/Prov. _____

BUSSING (does not apply for District Programs)
 Is bussing needed ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please request a school district transportation form.
INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY INFORMATION ☐ Yes ☐ No **If yes,**
☐ Inuit ☐ Metis ☐ First Nation Non-Status ☐ First Nation Status on Reserve ☐ First Nation Status off Reserve

Band Name _____ Band Number _____

PROGRAM
☐ French Immersion ☐ ELL ☐ Special Education ☐ *Designation ☐ *My child has an IEP

☐ *Was in an Alternate Program (title) _____
SUPPORT NEEDS
 Does this student require additional supports for social and emotional needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

 Does this student require additional supports? ☐ Yes ☐ No

 If yes, ☐ Behaviour intervention plan ☐ Safety plan

**This information will only be used to initiate a dialogue between the family and the school with the aim of better supporting the student and the family with a goal of successful transition to the school district.*

IMMIGRATION/CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Country of Birth _____ Language at Home _____

 Canadian Citizen ☐ Child ☐ Parent • Permanent Resident/Landed Immigrant ☐ Child ☐ Parent

 Refugee ☐ Child ☐ Parent • International Student (funding not eligible) ☐ Child ☐ Parent

 Student Visa ☐ Child ☐ Parent • Employment Authorization ☐ Child ☐ Parent
PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. Last Name _____ First Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

 Living with Student ☐ Yes ☐ No Same Address as Student ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Work Phone _____ Ext. _____ Email _____

Employed at _____

2. Last Name _____ First Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

 Living with Student ☐ Yes ☐ No Same Address as Student ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Work Phone _____ Ext. _____ Email _____

Employed at _____

Are there any legal documents in force re: custody/guardianship/access? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you provided a copy of these legal documents to the school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments/details re submitted court order _____

*Please note that court orders cannot be followed or acted upon by the school unless a copy has been formally submitted to the school.

SIBLING INFORMATION (brothers/sisters including preschoolers in the same or a different school within the Abbotsford School District)

	Sibling 1	Sibling 2	Sibling 3
Last Name			
First Name			
Relationship			
School			
DOB			
Sex (Male/Female)			

CONTACT INFORMATION (other than parent/guardian)

1. Last Name _____ First Name _____

Relationship _____ Cell _____

Home _____ Work _____ Ext. _____

2. Last Name _____ First Name _____

Relationship _____ Cell _____

Home _____ Work _____ Ext. _____

OUT OF PROVINCE CONTACT INFORMATION (In case of Provincial disaster)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Relationship _____ Cell _____

Home _____ Work _____ Ext. _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Doctor Name _____ Phone _____

Care Card Number _____

Allergies and Conditions _____

Are any of these conditions life threatening? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, which? _____

Life Threatening Conditions/Medication or Treatment Required:

Condition _____ Treatment _____

(AP 327 – Medical Alert Conditions, AP 328 – Administration of Medication to Students, and AP 330 – Allergic Shock (Anaphylaxis). Copies are available at the school office or on the District website.

Name (printed) _____ Signature (parent/guardian) _____

STUDENT INFORMATION RELEASE

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protections of Privacy Act, Abbotsford School District requires consent to use personal information for purposes unrelated to educational programs. Please sign for each item below if you authorize disclosure as described.

1. GRADE 8-12 STUDENTS ONLY

All students participating in secondary athletics in Abbotsford need to be registered with BC School Sports. I authorize disclosure of my child's name, birthdate, current grade, year my child entered grade 8 and previous school to BC School Sports for registration purposes.

Signature _____

2. COMPUTER AND INTERNET USAGE AND ACCESS

Access to and participation in the global network (Internet) carries with it a responsibility for adherence to established guidelines for acceptable use, as per AP 334 – Online Communications and Digital Learning. Parents are responsible for ensuring that they fully understand the terms and conditions of the procedures for the safe use of the Internet. The procedure and parental consent form are available at the school office or on the District website. I will review this policy prior to signing my child's user agreement.

Signature _____

3. CANADA ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION (CASL) COMPLIANCE FORM

To ensure that you consent to receive electronic newsletters, school and community updates on matters from your children's school(s) and the school district, please complete the accompanying Canada Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) Compliance Form. (AP 336-2 Request for Email Address Consent)

4. PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO AND MEDIA CONSENT FORM

To give your consent to the Abbotsford School District to collect, use and publicly disclose your child's name, voice and/or image for purposes consistent with AP 324, please complete form AP 324-1 Photograph/Video and Media Consent Form.

Parents/Guardians: You can also register for School Cash Online, and have the convenient and secure option of paying for school items using a credit card online, 24/7. You can pay for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees and spirit wear. For online payments please register at <https://abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com> (it takes less than five minutes)

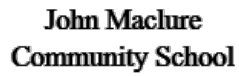
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Date Rec'd _____ Time Rec'd _____

Received By _____ Computer User Agreement Rec'd ☐ Yes ☐ No

School Entry Date _____ PEN _____ MyBCEd# _____

This personal information is being collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the School Act for the purposes of administering educational services. Questions about the collection of personal information may be directed to the Freedom of Information Coordinator, District Administration Office, 604-859-4891.



Please fill out this form with the most important **up to date** information you'd like to provide about your child/family. (Anything not mentioned on the other forms that you think our school should know.)

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

604-853-6450
johnmaclure@abbyschools.ca

Early Years' Survey 2024

1. What school are you registering at? _____
2. Did your child attend any early learning programs? If yes, please check which one(s).
 - ☐ Preschool
 - ☐ Licensed childcare
 - ☐ Family drop in programs
 - ☐ StrongStart
 - ☐ Other _____
3. If your child did not attend an early learning program, and you would have liked to, what were the barriers?
 - ☐ Financial
 - ☐ Location of programs
 - ☐ Times of programs
 - ☐ Transportation
 - ☐ Other _____
4. What type of early learning programs would you like to see in Abbotsford?
 - ☐ More StrongStart centers
 - ☐ Evening/weekend family drop in programs
 - ☐ Art programs
 - ☐ Parenting classes/information sessions
 - ☐ Nutrition/cooking classes
 - ☐ Low-cost preschool
 - ☐ Other _____
5. Do you have a family doctor currently?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

SchoolCashOnline

For safety and efficiency reasons, Abbotsford School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

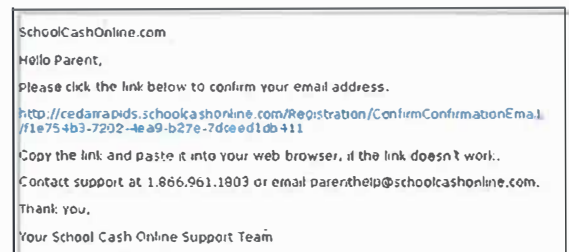
- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Find Student


School Information

School Board Name: **Abbotsford SD #34**

Looking for a student in a different school board?  

School Name: **John Maclure**

Student Information

Do you have the student number? 

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:

Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

Continue

(No students? [Click here](#))



Welcome to Kindergarten!

■ Public Health Information

You can consult a nurse at your local Public Health Unit 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Public Health nurses provide:

- Educational health and safety resources
- Immunizations, communicable disease control

■ Child With a Serious Medical Condition?

If your child could require emergency health care or medication at school, alert the school and complete a health plan with your school principal and your child's teacher every year. You can consult a Public Health nurse if needed.

■ Stay Healthy: Wash Your Hands!

Teach children to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds (singing 'Happy Birthday' twice) to stop spreading germs. Wash before eating, after using the bathroom, touching pets and playing outside. Visit Dobugsneeddrugs.org.

■ Immunization

Ensure your child's immunizations are up to date before kindergarten. Two free vaccines are recommended, at age 4 and up:

- Tdap-IPV: protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough (pertussis) and polio
- MMRV: protects against measles, mumps, rubella and chicken pox (varicella)

Book your child's immunization by calling your doctor, pharmacist (for children 5+) or Public Health Unit.

Report immunizations to your health unit. Call your unit or email reportimmunizations@fraserhealth.ca. Learn more at Fraserhealth.ca/immunizations.

■ BC Healthy Kids Program

The BC Healthy Kids Program helps low-income families with costs of basic dental care, prescription eyewear and hearing assistance for children. Children under 19 who receive Medical Services Plan (MSP) premium assistance are eligible. Call the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction at 1-866-866-0800.



■ Dental, Vision and Hearing

Kindergarten students receive dental, vision and hearing screening during school. These screenings don't replace exams by a health professional. Questions? Contact Public Health. Did you know:

- MSP provides coverage for annual eye exams for children up to age 18.
- Some children may qualify for free basic dental, eyeglass and hearing coverage from the BC Healthy Kids Program.
- UBC Dentistry offers free dental treatment for children up to 12 with financial barriers.

■ Head Lice

Head lice – brown wingless insects on the scalp – are common in school children. They are not associated with poor hygiene. They spread directly by head-to-head contact or indirectly through sharing of brushes or hats. Check your child's head regularly. If you find live lice, contact your school. They will send a notice home to remind other parents to check. For treatment advice, contact Public Health or visit Healthlinkbc.ca.

■ Healthlink BC

Health questions? Call 8-1-1 anytime 24/7 or visit Healthlinkbc.ca for free access to non-emergency health information and advice from a nurse, dietitian, pharmacist or exercise professional.

■ Healthy Eating for Healthy Living

Children who eat breakfast do better in school. Offer your child a healthy breakfast, lunch and snacks. Use an ice pack to keep cold foods cold and a heated thermos to keep hot foods hot. Children don't need juice, so pack a water bottle in their lunch. Trust your child to eat as much as they want and to stop when full. For kid-approved meal ideas, visit Fraserhealth.ca/childandyoung.



■ School Health Web Resource

Give your children and students the healthiest start at school! Visit Fraserhealth.ca/schoolhealth for clear health information aimed at students 5 to 18 years old, plus tips for parents and school staff.



■ Book a Public Health Immunization

Residents of Fraser East (Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz, Hope), call 604-702-4906. Other Fraser Health areas, call 604-476-7087. For other health issues, call numbers below.

■ Public Health Units in Your Community

Abbotsford (604) 864-3400	Agassiz (604) 793-7160	Burnaby (604) 918-7605	Chilliwack (604) 702-4900	Cloverdale, Surrey (604) 575-5100	Guildford, Surrey (604) 587-4750
Hope (604) 860-7630	Langley (604) 539-2900	Maple Ridge (604) 476-7000	Mission (604) 814-5500	New Westminster (604) 777-6740	Tri-Cities (604) 949-7200
Newton, Surrey (604) 592-2000	North Delta (604) 507-5400	North Surrey (604) 587-7900	South Delta (604) 952-3550	White Rock (604) 542-4000	