

Welcome to Harry Sayers Elementary School!

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s) and Student(s),

We are thrilled to welcome you to Harry Sayers Elementary School! As you embark on this exciting journey with us, we want to ensure that your transition is smooth and enjoyable. Enclosed in this welcome package, you will find everything you need to know to get started on the right foot.

Our Vision: To provide all students with the opportunity to develop their full potential as individuals and as members of society.

Our Mission Statement: The mission of the Harry Sayers community is to inspire in students a love of learning, a quest for knowledge and respect for themselves and others.

Our Motto: Reach for the Stars

Our Guiding Stars:

1. **Respect:** Harry Sayers students will show respect for themselves, for others, for belongings, and for the environment.
2. **Effort:** Harry Sayers students will set goals and work to give their best to complete tasks with excellence and enthusiasm.
3. **Attitude:** Harry Sayers students will show a positive attitude as they work and play together each day.
4. **Cooperation:** Harry Sayers students will work together to make our school a safe and happy place to learn and grow.
5. **Honesty:** Harry Sayers students will be open, trustworthy and truthful in all that they do each day.

To see our full Code of Conduct, please visit:

<https://harrysayers.abbschools.ca/ourschool/codeofconduct/harrysayers>

BELL SCHEDULE:

8:37 – Welcome Bell

8:40 – Instructional Time

10:43 – Recess

11:05 – Instructional Time

12:25 – Lunch (Eating Period)

12:40 – Lunch (Play Period)

1:05 – Instructional Time

2:34 - Dismissal

OFFICE HOURS:

The office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Closed on statutory holidays.

STAFF CONTACT LIST:**Principal:**

Ryan Colbert

The Principal can be reached by phone at (604) 852-9665, or via email at ryan.colbert@abbyschools.ca.

Vice-Principal:

Andrea Hoeving

The Vice-Principal can be reached by phone at (604) 852-9665, or via email at andrea.hoeving@abbyschools.ca.

Administrative Assistant:

Renea Thorsen (M-F); Martene Turra (T)

The Administrative Assistant can be reached by phone at (604) 852-9665, or via email at harrysayers@abbyschools.ca.

Teachers / Support Staff:

Please visit our website at <https://harrysayers.abbyschools.ca/contact/staff/harrysayers> to see the full list of Teachers and Support Staff.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council):

harrysayerspac@gmail.com

DRESS CODE:

- Navy blue dress pants / jumper or skirt for girls / dress short in appropriate weather
- White polo shirt or dress shirt or white blouse.
- Navy blue sweatshirt and/or navy vest
- Navy or white socks

Hats and outside shoes are to be removed upon entering the building. Coats and outside footwear are to be neatly stored in the areas provided in the classrooms.



Gym strip consists of a plain red t-shirt and navy shorts. This gym strip is required for all students in grades 4 to 5.

Inside shoes need to be non-marking running shoes. Your child needs to be able to put them on all by themselves. No shoes with laces if your child cannot do them without help.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR:

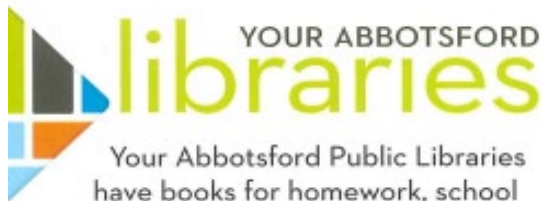
Please visit <https://harrysayers.abbyschools.ca/events/calendar> to see the full list of events.

PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION:

Please visit <https://www.fvrl.bc.ca> to learn about Events, Services, Digital Content, and much more that our Public Libraries offer!



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Your Abbotsford Public Libraries have books for homework, school projects, and fun reading. We have DVDs, CDs and lots more! Borrow for free with your library card – it's free too! Phone one of the libraries to find



out what you need to bring with you to get a library card.



ABBOTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

33355 Bevan Avenue | 604-853-1753
Mon-Thu 10-9 | Fri-Sat 10-5 | Sun 1-5

CLEARBROOK LIBRARY

32320 George Ferguson Way | 604-859-7814
Mon-Thu 10-9 | Fri-Sun 10-5

MOUNT LEHMAN LIBRARY

5875 Mt. Lehman Road 604-856-4988
Tue-Fri 1:30-5:30



Read. Learn. Play. | www.fvrl.ca

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES WITH SAFE ARRIVAL:

Report student absences online

The Abbotsford School District utilizes an automated student attendance management system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger®, the company that hosts our parent notification system.

With SafeArrival, you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App

Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account.

Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

2. SafeArrival Website

Using the SafeArrival website, go to: <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account.

Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

3. Toll-Free Number

Call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

For more information regarding SafeArrival, please visit <https://www.abbysschools.ca/safe-arrival>

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE:

From the Abbotsford School District Website:

The Abbotsford School District now uses *SchoolCashOnline* for all schools. With *SchoolCashOnline*, parents have the convenient and secure option of paying for school items using their credit card online, 24/7. You can pay for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. It will save you time too!

Please visit <https://www.abbyschools.ca/parents-students/SchoolCashOnline> for more information and troubleshooting resources.

SchoolCashOnline

Step-by-step sheet for parents/guardians

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

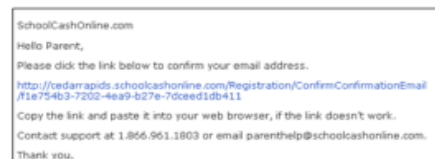
- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter,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

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐ 

School Name: 

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](#))

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.

Note: all information is stored on a confidential basis on a server in Canada.



Steps to register for munch lunch/ਲੰਚਾ ਮੰਚ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਪੰਜੀਕਰਨ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ:

1. Please type in search bar / ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਖੋਜ ਪੱਟ/ਸਰੂ ਬਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਲਿੰਕ ਨੂੰ ਟਾਈਪ ਕਰੋ:

<https://munchlunch.com/schools/harrysayers> or [Harry Sayers Elementary \(munchlunch.com\)](https://munchlunch.com/schools/harrysayers)

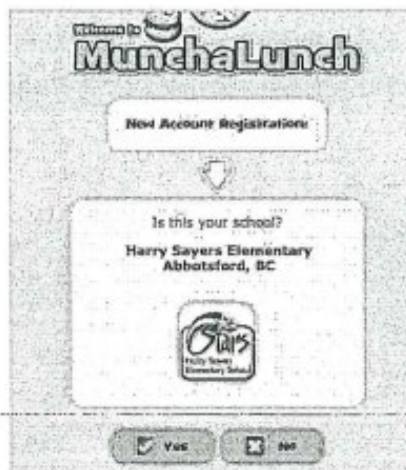
2. You will see this on your screen / ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਕਰੀਨ 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖੋਗੇ:



3. Then click on "Register Here" / ਫਿਰ "Register Here" 'ਤੇ ਕਲਿੱਕ ਕਰੋ



4. Once you clicked on "Register Here", then you will see below on screen / ਇੱਕ ਵਾਰ ਜਦ ਤੁਸੀਂ "Register Here" 'ਤੇ ਕਲਿੱਕ ਕਰ ਲੈਂਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸਕਰੀਨ ਦੇਖੋਗੇ:





5. Then click on "Yes" / ਫੈਰ "Yes" 'ਤੇ ਕਲਿੱਕ ਕਰੋ



6. You see the below screen, once you clicked on "Yes"/ ਇੱਕ ਵਾਰ ਜਦ ਤੁਸੀਂ "Yes" 'ਤੇ ਕਲਿੱਕ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸਕ੍ਰੀਨ ਦੇਖੋਗੇ

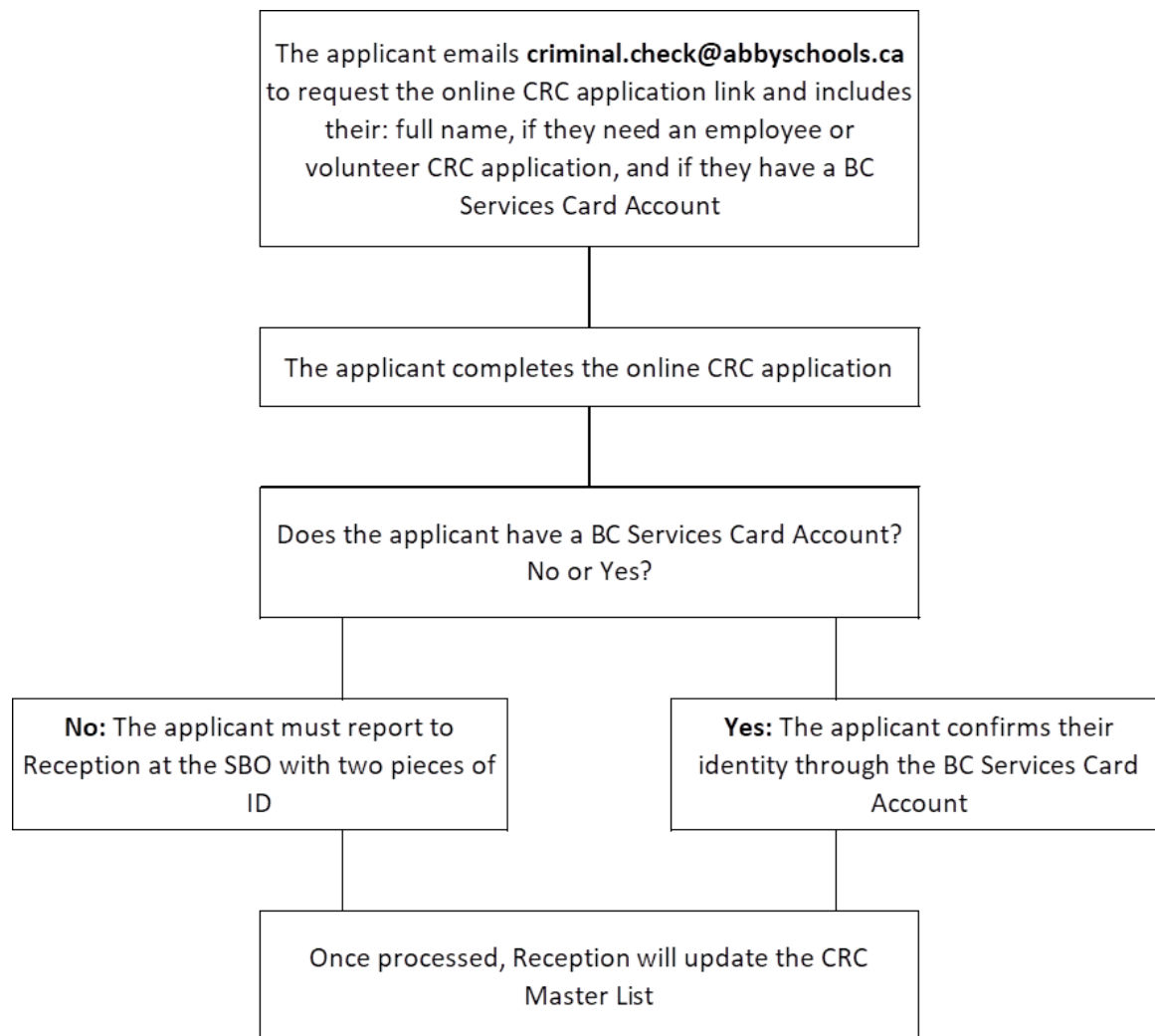
Please enter your name (not your child's name) and your email address and a password/
ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਸਕ੍ਰੀਨ 'ਤੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ (ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਨਹੀਂ) ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਈਮੇਲ ਪਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਇੱਕ
ਪਾਸਵਰਡ ਦਾਖਲ ਕਰੋ

*** Please do not hesitate to contact us at 604.852.9665 if you have any questions or concerns / ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਵਾਲਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਸ਼ੰਕਿਆਂ ਹੋਣ ਤੇ 604.852. 9665 'ਤੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਨਾ ਝਿਜਕੋ ।**

VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION:

If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom, helping on field trips, or in our school for special events, you must obtain criminal record check clearance (see process below).

The Ministry of Justice regulations require any volunteer who comes near or works around children to complete a criminal record check, regardless of the time spent working near or around them. This requirement involves a Criminal Record Search, valid for 5 years, which includes a Vulnerable Sector Search.



Email criminal.check@abbyschools.ca to complete the online application.

Reminder for Volunteers

Volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults are required to complete a CRC as per the Criminal Records Review Act. The CRC must be completed through the Abbotsford School District, who is registered with the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP). If a volunteer provides a Police/RCMP check, they will be required to complete a new one through us and the CRRPs online system.

The **Volunteer Master List** is updated as per our regular process. If the volunteer's status is pending, their CRC has not been processed, and they are not permitted to volunteer. The CRC process turnaround is two to three weeks.

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Additional Information

- For more information about the online Criminal Record Review Program, click [HERE](#)
- To access the Criminal Records Review Program Applicant Guide, click [HERE](#)
- To learn how to setup the BC Services, click [HERE](#)

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Join us once a month at our PAC meetings (dates can be found on our website, in our newsletter, and on our school roadside sign).

- Find us on Facebook! Search "Harry Sayers Elementary PAC" (Private Group)

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

ARCHWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES:

From the Archway Website:

Registered in 1969, Archway Community Services is a non-profit, multi-service, multi-funded community based social service agency.

The agency was previously known as Abbotsford Community Services from 1995 until 2019 when we changed our name to be more inclusive to the communities we serve outside of Abbotsford.

Each year thousands come through our doors looking for help through one or more of our 90+ programs.

- From newborn babies to seniors – we help people of all ages.
- From people escaping violence, to people struggling with addictions – we help people in crisis.
- From newcomers in Canada to people with diverse disabilities – we help people feel like they belong.

Contact Information:

Email: Hello@Archway.ca

Phone: 604.859.7681

Fax: 604.859.6334

Hours: Monday — Friday, 8:30 AM — 4:30 PM

Visit <https://archway.ca> to see a full list of Programs that Archway offers, Events, and more.

BC211:

BC211 is a nonprofit organization that specializes in providing free information and referral regarding community, government and social services in BC. Call 2-1-1 or visit <https://uwbc.ca/helpline-services/> to learn more.

811:

By calling 8-1-1, you can speak to a health services navigator, who can help you find health information and services; or connect you directly with a registered nurse, a registered dietitian, a qualified exercise professional, or a pharmacist. For more information go to the HealthLink BC website at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/more/about-healthlink-bc/about-8-1-1>

ABBOTSFORD EARLY YEARS:

Abbotsford Early Years is designed to connect parents, caregivers and service providers in Abbotsford with tools and resources to support families of young children. Please visit <https://www.abbyearlyyears.com> to view the variety of resources, tools and services.

ABBOTSFORD RESOURCE GUIDE:

The Abbotsford Resource Guide provides a list of community resources for individuals aged 0-25. Please visit <https://www.abbotsfordchildand youth.ca/basic-needs-resources> to see the list of resources.

FAMILY DOCTOR:

If you are looking for a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner, you will now need to register with the Health Connect Registry. Join the waitlist at <https://www.adofp.ca/looking-for-a-doctor/>

URGENT AND PRIMARY CARE:

The UPCC provides timely, non-emergency care for patients in the Abbotsford area.

Address: #100 – 2692 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford.

Phone: (604) 870-3325

Monday - Friday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

WALK IN CLINICS:

Visit medimap.ca for a list of Abbotsford walk-in clinics and their current wait times.

FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**Abbotsford Recreation Centre:**

Information from Google Maps:

The ARC has ice skating, swimming, dedicated preschool, youth, and senior activity centers, a fitness center, and much more. Visit <https://www.abbotsford.ca/prc-facilities-hours> for more information.

Address: 2499 McMillan Rd, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7S5

Hours: Sunday – Saturday – 5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Matsqui Recreation Centre:

Information from Google Maps:

The MRC has ice skating, swimming, a fitness center, and much more. Visit <https://www.abbotsford.ca/prc-facilities-hours> for more information.

Address: 3106 Clearbrook Rd, Abbotsford, BC V2T 4B9

Sunday – 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday – Saturday – 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Castle Fun Park:

Information from Google Maps:

An amusement park with kid-friendly rides, go-karting & bowling, plus over 200 arcade games.

Address: 36165 N Parallel Rd, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2K8

Hours: Sunday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Code Ninjas:

Information from their website & Google Maps:

We believe that Code Ninjas is unlike anything your child has experienced before... Your child will join like-minded students and together they will tackle fun and engaging problems - and have a great time!

Address: 2276 Clearbrook Rd Unit 101, Abbotsford, BC V2T 2X5

Sunday – Closed

Monday – Friday – 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Exit Abbotsford Escape Rooms:

Information from Google Maps:

Address: 31726 South Fraser Way A, Abbotsford, BC V2T 1T9

Sunday – 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday – Thursday – 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday – 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday – 12 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Play Abby Indoor Playground:

Information from Google Maps:

Address: 2043 Abbotsford Way #5, Abbotsford, BC V2S 6Y5

Sunday – 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Monday – Thursday – 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday – 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday – 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Project Climbing Centre Rock Climbing:

Information from Google Maps:

Address: 34100 South Fraser Way #3, Abbotsford, BC V2S 2C6

Sunday – 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Monday – Friday – 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday – 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Galaxy Bowl Ltd Bowling Alley:

Information from Google Maps:

Address: 32490 Simon Ave, Abbotsford, BC V2T 4J2

Sunday – 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday – 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday – 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday – 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday – 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday – 12 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Saturday – 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Eco Farm:

Information from their website & Google Maps:

Guided tours of the farm for walk-in guests every hour. See the farm animals and interact with them. Please visit <https://ecofarmbc.ca> for more information.

Address: 1356 Sumas Way, Abbotsford, BC V2S 8R1

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Sunday – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Birchwood Dairy Farm:

Information from their website & Google Maps:

Our farm has become a favourite destination for all ages. People from all over visit and enjoy the “ambience” of the country. They love to relax and enjoy the view of the mountains and surrounding fields and farms.

We are also a favourite stop for groups of school children, motorcyclists, antique cars, joggers, seniors, bus tours, and friends meeting for a coffee, lunch, or gourmet ice cream. Our petting area (seasonally from June to early September) is fun for adults and children alike. Please visit our observation room and watch the cows being milked daily from 3:30 pm to 5:00pm.

Our Farm is open to the public 7 days a week. We have a heated sitting area inside our little country kitchen and lots of picnic tables and lawn space during warmer months.

Address: 1154 Fadden Rd, Abbotsford, BC V3G 1T9

Sunday – 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday – Saturday – 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

From the Abbotsford School District Website:

In the event of an emergency, schools can be placed under one of four 'emergency actions' or statuses to ensure the security and safety of students and employees:

- Drop, Cover and Hold
- Evacuation
- Shelter in Place
- Lockdown

Reasons for such closures could include bomb threats, gas leaks, fire, smoke, power failure, extreme weather situations, earthquakes and other causes that may endanger students and staff. Our Emergency Procedures are put into place by either a school administrator (Principal, Vice-Principal, or if neither are available, the Teacher-in-Charge), Assistant Superintendent or the Superintendent. The Superintendent is responsible for all decisions relating to school closures. Information regarding each level of emergency status is listed in our Administrative Procedure 103 - Emergency Procedures. Procedures are practiced at each school multiple times through the year. In all scenarios, special considerations are to be taken by teachers and supervisors for the care and evacuation of students with special needs.

Notifications of emergency status will be circulated via:

- District/School Websites (www.abbyschools.ca);
- Our "Abby Schools" app, available for download from the iTunes Store or Google Play;
- X (@AbbotsfordSD), Facebook (@AbbotsfordSD) and Instagram (@AbbotsfordSD); and
- Email and/or Phone Call via SchoolMessenger.

Please visit <https://www.abbyschools.ca/schools/procedures/emergencies> to learn more about emergency procedures for the Abbotsford School District.

We hope that this welcome package provides you with all the information you need to start your journey at Harry Sayers Elementary School. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you every step of the way.

Once again, welcome to our school community! We look forward to getting to know you and your child and making this school year a memorable and successful one.

Sincerely,

Ryan Colbert

Principal

Harry Sayers Elementary School

31321 Blueridge Drive Abbotsford, BC V2T 6W2

604-852-9665 (School)

604-897-5682 (Cell)

ryan.colbert@abbyschools.ca