



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### **Principal's Message**

What a fantastic start to the 2018/2019 school year we have had. Students have been in their classes now for three weeks and routines are being set and the learning is well under way. This year our staff is very excited to again provide another excellent learning experience for your children. We also plan to continue to promote the importance of social responsibility and build upon our Five Points of Courage – respect, fairness, compassion, honesty, and responsibility.

A new school year sometimes instills both excitement and anxiety in many of us. Talking to your children about their feelings helps them to understand these emotions are common. Reassuring your children and staying calm can help them to transition smoothly into their new classes. Remember, your own perspective can also inform how your child will view school. Give your child time to settle into their new classroom, make new friends, and adjust to a new teacher. Asking them to share the positive parts of their day can help them to feel content about going to school.

Over the course of the school year we will be practicing our emergency procedures, such as fire drills. It is a great follow up at home to remind your child that in an emergency, including practice drills, it is imperative that they pay attention to their classroom teacher and follow their direction. As the year progresses we will also be practicing earthquake drills and lockdown drills.

Mrs. Hickey and I feel honoured and privileged to work with such a wonderful and warm school community. We look forward to working together to help make your child's experience a positive one. Throughout the year please stay in touch with your teacher, our staff, and visit the school website: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/yennadon> for additional information, and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



### **Upcoming Events (September)**

Wed., Sept. 26	Individual Student Photos
Thurs., Sept. 27	Orange Shirt Day at Yennadon – <i>Every child matters!</i>
Fri., Sept. 28	10:30 am Assembly followed by Terry Fox Run
Sept. 28 – Oct. 3	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)



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Thurs., Sept. 27	Orange Shirt Day at Yennadon – <i>Every child matters!</i>
Fri., Sept. 28	10:30 am Assembly followed by Terry Fox Run
Sept. 28 – Oct. 3	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
Wed., Oct. 3	9:00 am Monthly Assembly
Thurs., Oct. 4	Divisions 20 & 22 field trip to Taves Farm, 10am – 2pm Division 2 field trip to The ACT Art Gallery – morning
Fri., Oct. 5	<i>World Teachers' Day!</i>
Oct. 8 – 12	Fire Prevention Week
<b>Mon., Oct. 8</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
Thurs., Oct. 11	First Cyber Thursday
Mon., Oct. 15	Divisions 3 & 5 field trip to Stave Falls Power House
Thurs., Oct. 18	Shake Out BC – Earthquake Drill
<b>Fri., Oct. 19</b>	<b>Provincial Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students</b>
Mon., Oct. 22	Grade 6 Immunizations (Stage)
Tues., Oct. 23	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – carrots SD42 Intermediate Cross Country – Alouette Lake Beach
Wed., Oct. 24	Individual Photo Retakes – morning (Stage) SD42 Primary Cross Country – Albion Sports Complex/Field
Mon., Oct. 29	Mindful Monday!
Tues., Oct. 30	Kindergarten Dental Screening
Wed., Oct. 31	Happy Halloween!



## Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' Story* ([www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html](http://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html)) of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. The goal is to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

**Yennadon is commemorating Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.** We encourage all staff and students to wear orange on Thursday.

For more information, check out [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org).

## Terry Fox Run

This year, our Terry Fox event takes place on **Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will send pledge sheets home with students. Tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more will be issued from the Terry Fox Foundation. Pledges/donations will be accepted at the school until October 5<sup>th</sup>. **We are encouraging Yennadon students to bring in a Toonie for Terry as a donation towards cancer research.**



## **Individual Student Photos and Retakes**

Individual student photographs for each child occurred on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Colour proofs of your child's photos will be sent home for you to view. From those proofs, you may order your desired portrait packages as outlined on the order form which you will receive. If your child was absent on photo day, then **Photo Retakes are in the morning on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.**



## **School Assemblies**

Each month our school has an assembly usually on the first Wednesday at 9:00 am. The purpose of these assemblies is to build school pride, celebrate student successes, and ensure we maintain clear communication and expectations with the students. Parents are always welcome to join us for assemblies. **Our next school assembly is on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.** We look forward to seeing you there!



## **Yennadon Running Club**

We have started up our running club which is open to all students. The runs usually occur right after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mrs. Sinow will accompany student runners each day, and will slowly increase the distance as we get closer to the district cross country events.

## **Student Verification Forms**

By now, you should have received a copy of your child's official registration form. Please take the time to **carefully check the form, make any changes, and sign it.** We must have these forms on file in the office in the case of an emergency. Please make sure all emergency contacts are individuals who would be readily available, if needed. Also, please remember to provide email addresses, cell phone numbers, and work numbers. Ensure your child's health care number is on the form. If any of the information on the family information forms changes throughout the year, please remember to contact the office. It is essential that we have accurate contact information on file at all times. Once completed, **please have your child return the form to their teacher.** It is imperative that the school receives this form back for every student as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **Mindful Mondays!**

Many students have difficulty making a quick transition from home to school and as a result, are not yet ready to learn when they walk in the door. Creating a safe, secure, and supportive school community where every student feels a sense of belonging and where every student is valued without conditions is critically important to our staff. Our plan is for staff and students in each pod to interact with each other once a month on a Monday morning. This will provide all the adults and students in our building time to get to know more about each other. We have purchased a variety of toys/games and expect to see student growth in oral language skills, social responsibility, leadership skills, interpersonal connections, and a sense of belonging.

## **Parent Portal Consent Forms – Important**

Several years ago, the student Internet Acceptable Use Policy was moved exclusively to the Parent Portal. This change enables the district to track parent/guardian consent, and to honour parent/guardian requests with respect to Internet access for their child. **Please ensure that you have completed the 2018/2019 SD42 Consent Forms on the portal.** There are several important permission forms to complete: Personal Information Consent, Outside Media Release, Student Emergency Release Form, Yearbook Consent, Walking Field Trip, Student Use of Google Drive Services, Student Use of Microsoft Office 365 Services and Information Technology & Communication Systems – Appropriate Use Policy. Please read through each form in order to give permission or not provide permission for each child in your family at Yennadon Elementary.

## **Student Accident Insurance**

Sometimes students are injured at school and most of the time these injuries are minor scrapes and bruises, but occasionally the injuries are more serious. Most often the cost of any medical treatment is covered by BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) or a parent or guardian's group plan. However sometimes, as is the case of many dental injuries, there is little or no coverage. Student Accident Insurance, available to parents through the school at the beginning of the school year, will pick up many of these costs if parents have applied for the insurance and paid the minimal premium. Student Accident Insurance forms are available from the Office. For more information please check out the Kids Plus Accident Insurance website at [www.kidsplus.ca](http://www.kidsplus.ca)

## **West Coast Recess**

During the last few years, we have debated on the line between letting students stay inside on rainy days and sending them outside to run around. Unless we are experiencing extreme weather, we plan to continue to send students outside at recess. For this reason, students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather and it is a good idea to have an extra set of clothing at school. At lunchtime, if the weather is extreme, we may allow our students to stay inside.



## **BC Fruit and Vegetable Program**



Yennadon Elementary is fortunate to once again participate in the BC Agriculture Classroom's Fruit and Vegetable Program. This means that approximately once a month (sometimes twice), a fresh fruit or vegetable is delivered to your child's classroom for each student to sample. The purpose is to encourage students to try new fruits and vegetables and to increase consumption of fresh produce.

**If you would like your child to participate, you don't need to do anything!** If you do NOT want your child to participate, please email your child's teacher who will relay the message to the Office.

## **Student Expectations**

Yennadon Elementary has long been perceived by educators, parents, and students as having high standards with respect to expectations of students. In our efforts as a staff to maintain the positive culture of our school, we ask all parents to review our expectations with your children. We expect students to conform to these high standards of behavior when they are at school, on the way to and from school, and while attending any school function or field trip. Students are also expected to demonstrate high standards of work habits, arrive at school and class on time, be prepared with the necessary supplies and materials, and complete all in-school and homework assignments.

Our students are expected to be cooperative, responsible and do the best they can at all times. To this end, **The Five Points of Courage** is our school code of conduct that has been developed to guide student behavior.

At Yennadon, we have five key values that define the characteristics of courage and social responsibility:

<b><u>Respect</u></b>	Valuing others, Being Courteous
<b><u>Fairness</u></b>	Not favoring one over the other; observing the rules
<b><u>Compassion</u></b>	Helping others and being kind
<b><u>Honesty</u></b>	Being truthful and acting with integrity
<b><u>Responsibility</u></b>	Doing the right thing; being dependable, all fortified with the Courage to act in these ways.

Students will be taught these key values through reinforcement modeling, direct teaching, assemblies and all aspects of the education process.

## **Student Absences and Late Arrivals**

**Please call the school (604-463-8871) to let us know if your child will be late or absent from school.** Please leave a message on the answering machine if staff is not able to take your call. If your child is absent and we haven't received a call from you, our Office Staff will make an effort to contact you to confirm that your child is safe. Students who arrive late for school (i.e. are not present in their homeroom classroom when the teacher takes attendance at 8:35 am and 12:45 pm) must report to the office to identify themselves and collect a Welcome Pass, which in turn must be presented to the homeroom teacher.



## **Yennadon is on Twitter!**

For quick reminders and updates, follow us on Twitter @YennadonSD42.





## **Active Kids Program at Yennadon**

The “Active Kids” after-school program is once again being held at Yennadon. Qualified Parks and Recreation staff plan supervised activities for children at school from 2:20 – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. If you would like more information about registration in this program, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 604-467-7422 or email [registration@mapleridge.ca](mailto:registration@mapleridge.ca)



## **Parking Reminders**

Parking at Yennadon is always a chore. Please remember that our parking lot is **closed to parents for parking during morning drop-off and after-school pick-up times**. Also, please do not park at the Annex or in the Black Sheep Pub lot as this space is reserved for their customers.



If you can, please try to park elsewhere and walk. The best parking places are the gravel area across from the gas station on 128<sup>th</sup> or down by Maple Ridge Park. If you choose to use the “drop off loop”, please do not stop on the inside of the loop. Also, it is best to pull to the right and forward as far as you can when dropping off/picking up. Please do not let your child off in the street and ask them to walk between cars. Finally, any areas where there is a yellow curb, you must remain in your vehicle.

We do appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for some of you, but ask for your patience and understanding with this practice. We have found our parking lot to be much safer for the students as a result.

## **SD42 Appeals Process**

In School District No. 42, we believe in working together to support our children. With input from parents, students, staff and community members, the district has developed guidelines intended to help prevent and/or resolve conflict.

Under Section 11 of the School Act, parents and students have the right to appeal decisions made by Board employees that “significantly affect the education, health or safety of a student.” An amendment to the School Act introduced in the spring of 2007 allows parents or students to appeal a decision of a Board of Education made under Section 11 to a Provincial Superintendent of Achievement. The Board has approved a new policy that is accompanied by a procedural bylaw that provides guiding principles for all steps of the appeal process. The link to the appeals process is now the second bullet under the parent tab on the district website and can also be accessed at <http://www.sd42.ca/appeal-process/>



## Yennadon Elementary School Calendar for 2018 – 2019

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
<i>Non-instructional day (curriculum implementation)</i>	<i>Monday, September 24, 2018</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 19, 2018</i>
<i>Non-instructional day (district)</i>	<i>Friday, November 9, 2018</i>
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 12, 2018
EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30 (term 1 reporting conferences)	Thursday, December 6, 2018
NO SCHOOL (term 1 reporting conferences – all day)	Friday, December 7, 2018
Schools close for break	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter break	Monday, December 24, 2018 to Friday, January 4, 2019
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 7, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day (curriculum implementation)</i>	<i>Friday, January 25, 2019</i>
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Thursday, February 14, 2019</i>
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Friday, February 15, 2019</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30 (term 2 reporting conferences)	Thursday, March 7, 2019
NO SCHOOL (term 2 reporting conferences all day)	Friday, March 8, 2019
Schools close for break	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring break	Monday, March 18, 2019 to Friday, March 22, 2019
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 25, 2019 to Friday, March 29, 2019</i>
Schools reopen after break	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day (district)</i>	<i>Monday, April 29, 2019</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, May 21, 2019</i>
Last day for students	Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Year-end administrative day	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Schools close for Summer vacation	Friday, June 28, 2019

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8:25	Warning Bell
8:30	Classes Begin
10:10	Recess Begins
10:25	Recess Ends
12:00	Lunch Bell (all children outside to play)
12:20	Bell to return to class and begin eating lunch
12:37	Clean up bell
12:40	Afternoon classes begin
2:20	Classes Dismissed

## Bell Schedule

# Yennadon PAC News



## Welcome Back.....

We hope that everyone had a great summer and that you are all settled back into the school routine. Our goal this year as a PAC is to raise and allocate money throughout the school to help our teachers and administration provide enhanced learning opportunities for our children. As a PAC, we plan many fun days throughout the year, which are always appreciated by the students, organize Hot Lunch each month, which accounts for a large part of our annual fundraising, and also have some great plans for other fundraising ventures on the docket, which will be fun for both children and adults alike!

Despite starting the year without a fully formed PAC, we have come out of the gate with 17 executive members (listed below) PLUS a Fundraising Coordinator, Jourdane Lal, and Hot Lunch Coordinator Eliana Pitaru. As a group, we would like to share the message that “many hands make light work” and we will be relying on your help as a parent body for many of our events. Please watch for messages on the portal and also consider “liking” our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/yennadon](http://www.facebook.com/yennadon)) to keep up-to-date with information about volunteering.

## Mark your Calendars...

October 4<sup>th</sup> - PAC Meeting 7:30pm (everyone welcome)

October 12<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Day (see next page for more info)

October 26<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Day

\*PAC Meetings will run on the second Thursday of each month (except February, which will be the first Thursday)

## Ongoing Fundraisers...

### Mabel's Labels

Mabel's Labels will donate 20% of sales to the Yennadon Elementary School. Visit the Mabel's Labels website at [www.MabelsLabels.com](http://www.MabelsLabels.com). Click on 'Support a Fundraiser'. Select 'Yennadon Elementary PAC' from the drop-down menu, and place your order.

### Save on Food Receipts

Bring in your Save On Foods receipts and drop them in the designated box on the counter just outside the office. For every \$10K collected they will provide us with a \$10 gift card.

For the most up to date Yennadon PAC

[www.facebook.com/Yennadon](http://www.facebook.com/Yennadon)



If you have any questions or comments  
please contact us at:

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### 2018/2019 Executive Members

*Chair:* Vanessa Clermont

*Vice-Chair:* Kimberly Sargent

*Secretary:* Carla McColeman

*Treasurer:* Craig Towers

*DPAC Rep:* Sarah Goudreau

*Past Co-Chairs:* Kellie Davis and Brianne Thorne

*Members at Large:* Tara Payne, Jill Hayter, Dana Nugent, Leina Wade, Alaina O'Byrne, Jennifer Ackerman, Amanda Woodhall, Madison Weins, Danielle Baudais, and Chevonne Woolley



## **A message from our Hot Lunch Coordinator...**

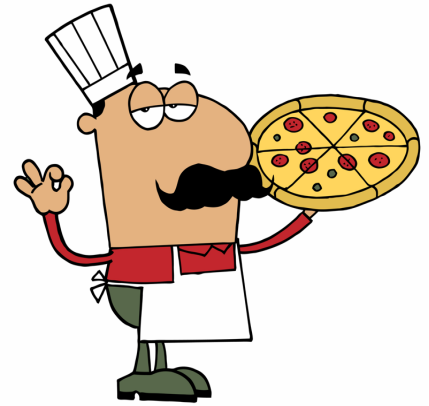
Now that all the students and teachers are settled into their new classes we are excited for our first Pizza Day of the year!

### **Friday, October 12th is Pizza Day!**

Our Pizza Days at Yennadon are always order/pay the day of and will be offered once or twice a month.

Bring in \$5 on Pizza Day and your child will receive:

- a slice of pizza
- a juice box
- 2 snacks



Additional slices of pizza can be purchased for \$2 a slice.

If your child has a food allergy we try to accommodate this as best we can. Please watch for a separate gluten/lactose information notice that will come out before each Pizza Day.

We are currently coordinating with our Fundraising Team to plan additional Hot Lunches, in addition to our monthly Pizza Day, so please watch for information about these days.

We are **ALWAYS** looking for volunteers to help out with Hot Lunch so please look for the sign-up link that will be sent through the portal and will also be posted on our Facebook page.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about Hot Lunch or want to get involved in helping out please contact us at:

[yennadonhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:yennadonhotlunch@gmail.com)

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Thanks for your support!  
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