



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

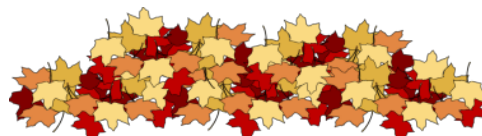
Well, the rain and cold have arrived and some days the weather has been a bit of a challenge; nevertheless, things are moving rapidly towards Christmas. As we prepare for the Christmas Concert, carols are filling the air and you begin to realize that the school year is moving at a very quick pace. Our intramural soccer is coming to the end of a very successful session and various classes attended field trips to the Bird Sanctuary, Golden Ears Park, Bell Irving Hatchery, bowling, and skating.

As I visited classrooms this month, it was noted that teachers were busy working with students as they prepared for the Three Way Conferences. The teachers are very excited about this reporting method for it is believed that by having a meaningful discussion together about your child's progress, areas of improvement, and goals, then your child's learning will not only be more meaningful, but also will be better supported. Please feel free to provide any feedback to your child's teacher (or to me) regarding this reporting process.

Lastly, thank you for supporting the various school fundraisers. We appreciate your generosity and community spirit. We would also like to thank our PAC for their leadership and organization regarding these and many other events. Parental involvement is so important to the success of any school and we value both your input and incredible efforts that make Yennadon a very special school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



### Upcoming Events

#### **December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

Wed., Dec. 5

Thurs., Dec. 6

Fri., Dec. 7

#### **Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mon., Dec. 10

Tues., Dec. 11

Wed., Dec. 12

Thurs., Dec. 13

Fri., Dec. 14

Mon., Dec. 17

Tues., Dec. 18

Wed., Dec. 19

#### **Christmas Hamper Drive – *donations requested***

9:00 am Monthly Assembly

**11:30 am EARLY DISMISSAL for Conferences**

**Three Way Conferences**

*\*students attend with parents at scheduled time*

#### **Student Voice Coins for Kids Drive**

2:20 PAC Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser PICK UP (Kitchen Window)

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8:00 – 8:30 am Coffee/Muffins Meet & Greet (Main and Annex Gyms)

7:30 pm PAC Meeting (Library)

Pizza Hot Lunch Day (\$5 day of, no pre-orders)

Santa Grams – A & B Pods

#### **Christmas Concerts; 1:00 pm, 6:30 pm**

(Div. 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, and Choir)

Santa Grams – C & D Pods

#### **Christmas Concerts; 1:00 pm, 6:30 pm**

(Div. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26)

Santa Grams – E & F Pods

Thurs., Dec. 20  
Fri., Dec. 21  
**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Santa Grams – Annex  
**Last day of school before Christmas Break**  
**Christmas Break**  
**School reopens after Christmas Break**

### **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 in the gym. **Our next school assembly is on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.**



### **Yennadon Three Way Conferences – December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

Yennadon follows the Three Way Conferencing model for reporting. This model of reporting involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. If you have not had a chance to visit the district website and learn about our student inclusive reporting, please do so at [www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca) and click the PARENTS tab and then Reporting and Assessment. Here you will find that there are questions and answers, videos, report/conference templates, and other information. **Remember that we also dismiss early at 11:30 am on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for conferences.**

### **Christmas Concert Information**

We welcome everyone to join us in December for our annual Christmas Concerts. Similar to last year, we are holding an afternoon concert (**1:00pm**) and an evening concert (**6:30pm**) on both **Tuesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**. The Tuesday program includes: MacQuarrie, Wilson, Rosenau, Funk, McIntosh, Williams, Baldassi, Holland, Bodman, Sinow, Williamson, Linde, Paton and the Choir. The Wednesday program includes: Bouey, Loutet, Miller, Kossaber-Graham, Francis, Jakeway, Thorburn, Fitkall, Buttwerworth, Ross, Robertson, Kocurek/Hirsig, and Ludeman. We hope you can join us!



### **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Mrs. Rosenau, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Doyle, and Mrs. Escueta along with their students sponsored this year's Remembrance Day assembly in November. This event is used by our teachers to discuss the many contributions made by the Canadian military around the world and over many years. This year's ceremony was exceptional. The demonstration of respect from our students towards those who fought for our freedom was truly inspiring. Every parent should be extremely proud of the respectful behaviour demonstrated in a very important assembly.



### Lost and Found

We will be cleaning out our lost and found box. These items will be displayed in the hallway for students and parents to look at. Please take anything that is yours before **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, as we send everything away after that time. If you don't claim items, they will certainly be put to use in needy parts of the community; however, these clothes do belong to you, so it is good to have them for your own use.

### School Closures

On rare occasions schools may be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Public announcements affecting closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of announcing emergency closures prior to the opening of schools, the radio stations listed below will be contacted by the district office. The announcements will be made between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.

**News 1130 AM      CKNW - 980 AM      CBC - 690 AM      Global TV news**

As well, you can check the school district website and district social media feeds for updates:

[www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)      **SD42 Twitter feed** ([@sd42news](https://twitter.com/sd42news))      **SD42 Facebook feed**

When schools are closed, we cannot make calls home to let you know; nor, can we answer all the phone calls to ask if school is open.



### Yennadon School is an Allergy Sensitive Zone

We think we have been doing quite well in terms of being sensitive to our students with severe nut allergies. We have asked that students not bring foods containing nut products, if possible, and teachers have been sensitive about not having students eat food with nut products in the classroom. Thanks for your cooperation as we continue to promote an awareness of our severe nut allergies. As we move into the Christmas season, with parties being planned and more treats being brought to school, it is especially important to be careful about the types of food that are sent (remember not to send snacks or treats that contain nut products). This will help us provide a safe environment for all of our students. As always, we want to thank you for your support of this program at Yennadon.

### We Scared Hunger!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Funk, and the We Team for their hard work organizing and counting the food donations during October. Pod B was the winner this year. However, the entire community is winners because we donated approximately **1050 non-perishable food items** to the Friends in Need Food Bank in Maple Ridge. It was an amazing effort and will be very well received by those in our community who are in need. We certainly opened up our hearts and our pantry cupboards. Way to go, Yennadon!



**WE  
SCARE  
HUNGER**



*No one should have to go hungry.*  
For a kid struggling with hunger, one meal could make the difference between having the energy to succeed in school and facing a test, or between staying healthy and getting sick. Let's work together and build a food bank for our local food bank to make sure everyone in our community can stand up to hunger.  
Learn more at [WE.org/wearehunger](http://WE.org/wearehunger)

### **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 parking lot 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.

### **Dressing for the Fall Weather**

**We spend all of our recess and lunch time outside and** with the cooler temperatures and rainy weather upon us, we ask that you ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. If your child has a tendency to get wet and muddy during recess/lunch activities, we suggest that you send an extra set of clothing each day to avoid having to bring dry clothes to the school when such accidents occur. Also, as the rains seem to be increasing, please consider having your child wear boots to school and to bring a dry pair of inside shoes to change into.



### **Intramural Soccer**

Many thanks go to the teachers and students who have been working and playing so hard to ensure our Grade 4 and 5 intramural soccer league is such a success. Special thanks go to Mrs. Bouey for supervising and to the students for organizing all the teams. It has been great to see our staff and students playing together at lunchtime. Our intramural program had eight teams participating in round robin style tournament play. Aside from such a high participation rate, this type of sports program promotes lots of school spirit! Congratulations to The Falcons who are the gold medal winners!







### **WE Team Initiatives**

The We Team is selling **Santa Grams** during the last week of December before Christmas Break. Our fundraiser is to raise money for our adopted village in Kenya, Africa. Stay tuned for more details and information.

The We Team is also selling Christmas Rafiki bracelets as another fundraiser for Me to We. The money helps Kenyan mamas earn a living and provides school supplies for children in WE villages overseas. The bracelets cost \$12. More information to follow.

### **Kindergarten Registration and Registration for c'usqunela Elementary**

Registration for **Kindergarten** and **c'usqunela Elementary** begins **January 2019**. Find out about the online registration process for both below:

**c'usqunela Elementary – Registration for kindergarten to Grade 7 opens January 7**  
c'usqunela Elementary registration is open to students who will be in Kindergarten through to Grade 7 in September 2019 who want to register in this new school, located at 24093 – 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Maple Ridge. c'usqunela Elementary is scheduled to open for the 2019/20 school year.

Visit <http://elementary.sd42.ca/cusqunela> for details about the registration process and for associated timelines for c'usqunela Elementary registration.

### **Kindergarten Registration – Registrations begin January 21**

Kindergarten registration for the 2019/20 school year is open to children who are **5 years old on or before December 31, 2019**. Visit the district website for detailed information on the five phases (c'usqunela Elementary registration, sibling registration, choice registration, general registration, late registration), registration timelines, and other important information:

<http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>



### **Registration Phases:**

**JAN 7-31: c'usqunela Elementary Registration:** Open to students who will be in Kindergarten through to Grade 7 in September 2019 and want to register for this new school.

**JAN 21-25: Sibling Registration.** Open for siblings of students already attending the desired elementary school (currently in grades K-6).

**FEB 1-4: Choice Registration.** Open for all students who want to participate in any one of SD42's unique program offerings (e.g. Environmental School, French Immersion, Montessori).

**FEB 12-19: General Registration.** General registration for English school.

**FEB 27-June 26: Late Registration.** This phase is for parents who may have missed previous registration phases.

## **Grade 8 Registration for 2019-2020**

1. All Grade 8 registration for the 2019-20 school year will be done online through the Parent Portal. **Registration will open mid-February 2019.**
2. The registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address (not your elementary school). You can check the School District website <http://www.sd42.ca> for your catchment school. Please note that new development areas may not reflect accurate results of your catchment school. Please call and confirm with the school if necessary. If your catchment school is not your first choice, you will be given an opportunity to make other choices on the form.
3. Out-of-catchment registrations may be restricted by the limits of the school facility size and staffing. The district will accommodate **catchment registrations first** and then attempt to accommodate **sibling out of catchment registrations**; however, sibling placement cannot be guaranteed. Please refer to the acceptance criteria online.
4. All Grade 8 online registration must be completed by a specified date in March 2019.
5. Parents will be notified as soon as possible, usually after Spring Break, as to where their child is assigned.
6. **Movement between schools (i.e. families changing their minds) after the February deadline requires a transfer process**, as staffing for schools is established based upon registrations as of this date. Transfer forms for this are available at the secondary schools. Building space and available staffing limit this process. Grade 7 students and their parents wishing to transfer schools are entitled to complete a transfer form through the process outlined above. For grade 7s only, a review of transfer requests will be completed before the Grade 7 orientation in May.



*This year's Grade 7 all day event at secondary schools takes place on Wed., May 29, 2019.*

## **Maple Ridge Winter Fun Fair – Saturday, January 26th 11am-2pm**

Come and celebrate Maple Ridge Winter Fun Fair on Family Literacy Day at Maple Ridge Public Library! Join us for an action-packed day with Showstoppers Academy and a Family Dance Party. Meet local community groups to learn about the many amazing programs and services available in our community. There will be lots of fun family activities, popcorn, contests and prizes for all ages! Everyone is welcome!



# The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

## ***CURRICULAR COMPETENCIES: Fostering deeper and more transferable learning***

The **Curricular Competencies** are a combination of skills, strategies, processes and habits of mind that students develop over time. They reflect the “Do” in the Know-Do-Understand model of learning. Deeper learning is better achieved through “doing” than through passive listening or reading, and it immerses students in authentic tasks that connect learning to the real world.

Curricular Competencies are subject-specific, and they are linked to the curriculum-wide [Core Competencies](#). A focus on the development of competencies actively engages students in their learning, and helps them to become critical and creative thinkers.

**Coming in December – Career Education.**



Divisions 13 and 14 are baking apple crisp. They are making a product through modelling of others and using materials, tools, and technologies in a safe manner.



### ***Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand***

All areas of learning are based on a “**Know-Do-Understand**” model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. In this model, three elements work together to support deeper learning: **Content (Know)**, **Curricular Competencies (Do)**, and **Big Ideas (Understand)**. BC’s new curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.



**Make this holiday one the kids will not forget. Pick up a SnowPass for your 4th or 5th grader and get them skiing and snowboarding this season.**

Only a month until the Christmas break! Wondering what to do with the kids this holiday season to keep them busy? Well, worry no more! The Canadian Ski Council has the ticket, literally. The CSC's Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass provides children in grade 4 and 5 with three lift tickets at each of the 150+ participating ski areas across Canada for just \$29.95. That's enough skiing and snowboarding to keep them busy all winter long!

Skiing and snowboarding are two of Canada's hottest winter sports and millions of parents know that it's the best way to keep their little bundles of joy active and entertained during the winter.



With the holidays coming up, the Canadian Ski Council understands that budgets are tight. That's why for the past 20 years we have been dedicated to making it easy and affordable for all parents to get their kids started in skiing and snowboarding.

The Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass is a national program and can be used at over 150 ski areas across Canada, including ski areas in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Canada, and the Yukon. So no matter where you live, everyone can take advantage of this fantastic offer. To see a full list of participating ski areas, please visit <https://www.skicanada.org/>.

Registering your child for a SnowPass is easy and any child in grade 4 or 5 is eligible (or those born in 2008 or 2009). Just visit <https://www.skicanada.org/>, upload your child's picture and proof of age, enter your method of payment, and presto - your child's personalized SnowPass will be mailed directly to your home within days.

With all the snow that's falling on the mountains, it's never too soon to get your children outside on the slopes and take full advantage of the savings that the SnowPass program offers. So this holiday season, bundle up the kids and hit the slopes!

Grade 4 and 5 SnowPass information and applications are available online at <https://www.skicanada.org/>. Log on today and get them in time for this holiday season!