



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

The holiday season is upon us. Santa is on his way and the students, along with the staff are ready for a very well deserved break. It is a perfect time to reflect and be grateful for our families and friends and the many benefits we have living in our great country. The past months have been very busy and the month of December has been an especially busy one.

I would like to finish off this term by saying THANK YOU to all of you (students, staff, and parents) for your hard work, and for your contributions to Yennadon.

On behalf of all of us at Yennadon Elementary, I want to wish you and your families all the best this Christmas break. We will all look forward to an exciting and adventurous New Year, and will see you back at school on Monday, January 7th, 2019!

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Dec. 24 – Jan. 4

January 7 – 31

Mon., Jan. 7

Thurs., Jan. 10

Fri., Jan. 11

Mon., Jan. 14

Jan. 15 – Feb. 15

Wed., Jan. 16

Fri., Jan. 18

Jan. 21 – 25

Wed., Jan. 23

Fri., Jan. 25

Mon., Jan. 28

Tues., Jan. 29

Christmas Break

c'usquela Elementary Registration (K – 7)

School Reopens after Christmas Break

7:30 pm PAC Meeting (Library)

Divisions 1, 2, 4, and 6 field trip to HR MacMillan Space Centre

8:45 am Skating at Planet Ice for Divisions 12, 13, 14, and 21

School-wide Multiage Group Rotations

Grade 4 & 7 Middle Years Development Instrument Timeframe

9:00 am Assembly

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

Kindergarten Sibling Registration

8:45 am Skating at Planet Ice for Divisions 1, 7, 24, and 25

12:30 – 2:00 pm Student Voice for Grade 6/7 Leadership Students

Curriculum Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

Mindful Monday Pod Activities

Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – kiwi



Christmas Concerts



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. 18th and Wednesday, Dec. 19th**. 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.

There is also a bake sale and 50/50 tickets on sale before and during the intermission at each concert. All money goes to support our PAC. We expect close to 1000 people attending these shows! Many thanks go to all the staff, students, and parents who are working so hard to make this year's concerts such a great success. We hope you can join us!

Please note a few reminders that will help ensure everyone enjoys the show:

- Please turn off cell phones
- Please be respectful of people around you when videoing/photographing your child(ren)
- Please stay for the entire concert
- Please clean up after yourself (take your empty coffee cups with you)
- For the daytime concert, the gym doors open at 12:30 pm
- For the evening concert, the front doors open at 5:30 pm and the gym doors open at 6:00 pm

We also want to thank all of you in advance for your generous donations. Yennadon once again is sponsoring families in our community for Christmas, and also donating tween and teen gifts to the Christmas Bureau. Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of others this Christmas!

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, January 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.**

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

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.



Community Service – Juice Box/Pop Can/Water Bottle Recycling



We want to thank Ms. Loutet and her students for volunteering each week to collect juice boxes, pop cans, and water bottles from the pods for recycling. These students have done a great job and their contributions to our school are very much appreciated! Thank you!

Report Cards and Three Way Conferences

Yennadon is following the Three Way Conferencing model for reporting. This model involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. We would like to thank you for your support as we continue to implement this reporting process. We have received feedback from many parents who have been very happy with the new way to report on student progress.



Our next **Early Dismissal for conferences is Thursday, March 7th** and our full day for **Three Way Conferences are on Friday, March 8th**. Please mark your calendars.

Parent Portal SD42 Consent Forms Reminder

We remind all parents to sign-up for a parent portal account as this is our main form of communication and our main form of making payments to the school (online payments by Visa or MasterCard). It is the district's goal to become cashless and paperless. **All newsletters are available to parents only via the Portal or our Website.**

If you haven't already done so, please **complete all the consent forms** on the parent portal as soon as possible. These policies are legal documents and are therefore extremely important. These policies include such things as Student Use of Google Drive Services and Microsoft Office 365, as well as the Walking Field Trip Permission Form and Internet Use Permission. Failure to complete these forms may hinder your child's activity in the classroom. Please access each form in order to give permission or not provide permission for each child in your family at Yennadon Elementary. If you need assistance, please feel free to pop by the office anytime.

Head Lice

This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair. To prevent head lice among children at school, we ask that you remind your child not to share personal items such as combs and brushes. We also ask that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. We have some information about "head lice" on our school website and you can also contact the Public Health Nurse at 476-7000 with any questions you may have.



Kindergarten Registration Process 2019 – 2020

Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home.

Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. **Complete steps 1-4 before registration** to save time.

STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

You must open an *SD42 Parent Portal* account to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration

STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE

Review the registration categories (**SIBLING**, **CHOICE**, **GENERAL**) to find your registration period. Dates are posted on the school district website. Registration for the 2019/20 school year will open January 21, 2019.

STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM

Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2019 at <http://parents.sd42.ca>)

STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the *Acceptance Criteria*. Review these online.

STEP 5: REGISTER

Register your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must bring supporting documents to that school.

For more information visit <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration>. You can download the 2019-20 Kindergarten Registration brochure.



Kindergarten Registration Categories

Sibling: January 21-25, 2019

Choice: February 1-4, 2019

General: February 12-19, 2019

Late: February 27 – June 26, 2019

All registration phases open at 12:00 noon online. Any child who turns 5 years old in 2019 (born in 2014) is eligible to register for the 2019/20 school year.



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 at 12:00 noon February 5, 2019.**

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 use the school locator tool at <http://www.sd42.ca/school-locator/> to check your secondary 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 the address you register on the portal does not match what is on file, proof of change of address will be required. Tenant Rental agreements are not accepted as proof of address.

2. 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.

3. All Grade 8 online registration must be **completed by 12:00 noon on February 20, 2019.**

4. Parents will be notified by email before Spring Break as to where their child is assigned.

5. **Movement between schools (i.e. families changing their minds) after the February 20th 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.

There are no Grade 7 Information Nights prior to registration. Each school will host an information session for incoming students once registration is complete.

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



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the Staff at
Yennadon
Elementary!**

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!

The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

CAREER EDUCATION *A lifelong journey*

A person's career is considered their journey through life, and career education encourages students to pursue this journey in personal, meaningful and goal-oriented ways. Educated citizens in today's ever-changing world are open to multiple career-life possibilities for the future and are flexible and able to adapt to emerging opportunities that fit their overarching values and aspirations.

The **career education** curriculum is designed to help students from kindergarten to Grade 12 learn how to effectively manage their life journey towards several possible preferred futures. Through purposeful career-life development, students learn to recognize their evolving interests and strengths, refine their learning goals, and apply this self-knowledge to the exploration of career-life possibilities. Career-life development is a lifelong process of self-discovery, growth in competence, and learning from experiences in educational, work-related, and personal life contexts.

Coming in January – Numeracy.



Grade 2 students learning about coding during Science Alive workshops from Simon Fraser University students. These workshops provide hands on, interactive discovery sparking interest and dispelling stereotypes in science, engineering, and technology.



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.