



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

*It is hard to believe that we only have two months left in the school year. This is an extremely busy time as we tend to 'fit in' so many events. It is incredible to note the number of extra programs that are offered to our students at Yennadon Elementary. Unless you are immersed in the day-to-day operations of the school, it is difficult to understand the amount of extra activity that takes place concurrent with and outside of the regular classroom curriculum.*

*At Yennadon, we have a hard working, dedicated staff and parent group who not only work in classrooms to support student learning, but also put a lot of effort into extra curricular activities for our students. Our students are very fortunate to be in a vibrant and active learning environment and we thank each and every one of you who give that 'little extra' to make Yennadon an exciting place to learn!*

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



### Upcoming Events

<b>Mon., April 29</b>	<b>District Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students</b>
<b>Tues., April 30</b>	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – cucumbers Anonymous Student Learning e-Survey access closes
<b>May 1 – 17</b>	SD42 Summer Learning Registration opens
<b>Wed., May 1</b>	<b>KidSport Jersey Day</b> – <i>please donate a toonie</i> <b>9:00 am Monthly Assembly</b> 7:00 pm PAC Paint Night Fundraiser
<b>May 3 – 8</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> (Library)
<b>Thurs., May 9</b>	<b>7:30 pm Last PAC Meeting – AGM</b> (Library)
<b>Fri., May 10</b>	<b>12:20 pm Pizza Hot Lunch Day</b> (\$5 day of, no pre-orders)
<b>Sun., May 12</b>	<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>
<b>Mon., May 13</b>	Multiage Group Rotations
<b>Tues., May 14</b>	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – peppers 11:00 am <u>Kindergarten</u> Early Dismissal 12:00 – 2:00 pm Welcome to Kindergarten (Annex) – <i>new Ks and parents</i> SD42 Grade 4 & 5 Public Speaking Forum (Riverside Centre) SD42 Intermediate Cross Country (Alouette Lake Beach)
<b>Wed., May 15</b>	<b>Class and Panorama Photos</b> SD42 Grade 6 & 7 Public Speaking Forum (Riverside Centre) SD42 Primary Cross Country (Albion Sports Complex)
<b>Mon., May 20</b>	<b>Victoria Day Holiday – No School</b>



<b>Tues., May 21</b>	<b>School Based Non-Instructional Day</b> – No School for Students
Fri., May 24	Class Placement Parent Input DUE (forms available on school website)
	<b>12:20 pm Extra Hot Lunch Day</b> (pre-order required)
May 27 – 31	Bike/Wheel to School Week
Mon., May 27	8:40 – 9:10 am Mindful Monday Pod Activities
Wed., May 29	Grade 7 Full Day High School Visit
Fri., May 31	Creative Pack School Supply Orders DUE
	12:45 pm Yennadon Talent Show

### **Yennadon Scholastic Book Fair**

Yennadon is holding its **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** from **May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>**. The fair is open from **8:30 am - 3:30 pm Friday, Monday, Tuesday** and **8:30 am – 1:00 pm on Wednesday**. Come and check out the excellent selection of books for everyone at the Book Fair! We are always looking for volunteers, so if you are able to help then please use the Sign Up link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44afac2da7f58-2016>



### **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, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.**

### **Spring Cross Country**

Just a reminder, spring cross country permission forms were handed out last week. If your child needs a form, please ask your teacher.

**Parents/Guardians are responsible for transporting their child(ren) to and from these events. All students who participate in cross country must have a parent/guardian at the event the entire time. Students cannot be dropped off and picked up later.**

**Permission forms must be handed in to your classroom teacher by Friday, May 3.**



#### **Dates / Locations:**

Intermediate (Grades 4-7) Tuesday, May 14 at Alouette Lake Beach, Golden Ears Park

Primary (Grades 1-3) Wednesday, May 15 at Albion Sports Complex

### **Yennadon Public Speaking Forum**

Congratulations to all of our Intermediate students who are participating in our school's public speaking presentations. From these speakers, we will select four students to represent Yennadon at the District Public Speaking Forum. These speakers participate, along with representatives from every other elementary school, in a speaking showcase.

## **New Kindergarten Students – Classroom Visits**

The Kindergarten Team has scheduled a **mandatory classroom visit on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm at the Annex for next year's Kindergarten parents to attend, along with their child.** Please come and have some fun in Kindergarten! **One important adult** such as mom, dad, auntie or grandpa **must attend with each child.** You will meet the Kindergarten teachers, play some games, listen to a story, and we will take your picture too. We look forward to welcoming you to Kindergarten at Yennadon!

## **Kindergarten**



### **Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found was cleared out prior to Spring Break and is getting full again. Please check again for any of your child's missing items. We would like to donate all unclaimed items to charity.

## **Intermediate Track & Field**

As done in previous years, the Intermediate teachers have planned a Track and Field unit for all Grade 4-7 students. The lessons will take place during school time during the month of May. Some additional practice times may be scheduled during May. The lessons and practice allow staff to identify appropriate students for participation in the District Track Meet in June. If needed, extra weekly practices will be posted in classrooms, the bulletin board by the gym, and the Parent Portal.



### **Moving?**

If you know you will not be attending Yennadon Elementary next year, we would appreciate it if you let us know. During the next couple of months, we will be working very hard to accommodate all of the requests to transfer to Yennadon, and it is very helpful to our planning if we know who will or will not be attending next year. Thanks for your help with this request.



## **School Safety Reminders**

For safety reasons skate boards, scooters, and bicycles must be walked on school property during the busy 8:00 am to 3:00 pm period on school days. Students who choose to ride their bike to school are strongly advised to bring a lock and properly secure their bike to the rack.



### **Yennadon is on Twitter!**

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

## **Guidelines for Transferring Schools**

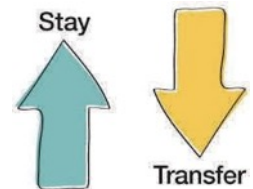
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- Transfer to Yennadon from another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows
- Transfer out of Yennadon to another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows

Parents need to go to their current school to request a **student transfer form**. The current school will keep this form. There will be a series of three meetings to decide on transfer requests in the months of April, June, and August. Once decisions have been made at these meetings, parents will be phoned to let them know. Families who move into a school catchment need to go to that school to register. If they are hoping to attend a different school, they can indicate this on their registration form.

In general, acceptance criteria for prioritizing new registrations are:

- Students who live in catchment
- Students who live out of catchment with siblings already in the school
- Out of catchment without siblings
- Out of District with siblings
- Out of District without siblings



At **Yennadon**, we generally can **only take students who live in our catchment**. Sometimes, we can take students who live out of catchment, but who already have siblings in our school. Given how full we are, we do not usually accept students from out of catchment if they do not have siblings in our school. As always, if you have questions, please give us a call!

Please refer to the Student Transfer Guidelines for more detailed information:

[http://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2019\\_20.pdf](http://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2019_20.pdf)

## **Warmer Weather Attire and Safe Shoes**

As the warmer weather becomes more the norm (hopefully), our thoughts are starting to turn to Spring and Summer clothing. Please remember our dress code, in which we ask students to wear appropriate clothing to school.

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for an elementary school. The school district is committed to providing students with learning environments that are safe, responsive and inclusive. The district recognizes that decisions about dress reflect individual expression of identity, socio-cultural norms, and that they are personal.

Students may attend school and school-related functions in dress of their choice provided that their choices:

- Conform with established health and safety requirements for the intended activity;
- Do not represent or promote weapons and controlled substances, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol or tobacco;
- Use respectful language;
- Do not depict or promote violence, racism, sexism or discrimination; and
- Are not intimidating to others.

Staff may use their discretion if they believe an article of clothing is not appropriate for an elementary school. Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress guidelines when necessary. If any person dresses in an inappropriate manner, the student should be advised personally and discretely and given an opportunity to meet school district guidelines.

Our school dress code motto is, *“Not too short, not too tight, something nice that fits just right.”*



## Healthy Habits for Kids

Healthy habits, including healthy eating, regular physical activity and being smoke free begin at home and continue throughout life. At a young age, children learn to make decisions and begin to make more choices of their own. They are developing habits and attitudes they may carry with them for the rest of their lives. Peer pressure influences children and youth of all ages and is particularly strong in the early teen years.

In the meantime, you, as a parent, play an important role in helping your children stay healthy. You may want to:

- Encourage your children to eat three well-balanced meals by selecting food outlined in Canada's Food Guide, ample vegetables and fruit is particularly important
- Offer them water and lower-fat milk (1% or 2%) instead of pop and other sugary drinks
- Serve healthier options like fresh fruit, veggie sticks and low-fat yogurt for after school snacks
- Encourage free outdoor play and limit their screen time
- Make both your indoor and outdoor family activities free from secondhand smoke
- Encourage your children to choose activities they love – any activity - dancing, basketball, hockey, soccer, swimming or rollerblading
- Schedule active family outings like hiking, swimming or biking

Set a good example yourself by eating healthfully and being physically active on a regular basis and by being smoke free.

**Eat Well... Be Active... Live Tobacco Free!**

## Class Composition for 2019/2020

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths, and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, **you may submit input to the principal in writing using the form on the school website (or pick up a form at the office) by May 24, 2019.** *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*



## **Elementary Summer Learning**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION (via Parent Portal) will be OPEN from May 1 to May 17, 2019.**

Visit the SD42 website at <http://www.sd42.ca/program/summer-learning/> for more information.

Mark your calendars! The *Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District (SD42)* is once again offering a summer learning opportunity for elementary aged students (Grades K-6) currently attending our schools.

### **Primary Focus Grades K-3 blended classes**

Literacy, Numeracy, PE, Science, Fine Arts, and Technology

### **Intermediate Focus Grades 4-6 (blended)**

Literacy, Numeracy, PE, Science, Fine Arts, Technology, Leadership

**Registration opens– May 1 to May 17, 2019 [see Parent Portal](#)**

#### **Program information at a glance:**

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| ➤ Locations: East Zone – Yennadon Elem<br>Central Zone – Alouette Elem | West Zone: Edith McDermott Elem<br>French Imm: Laity View Elem |
| ➤ Dates: July 3 to July 19, 2019                                       |  |
| ➤ Times: 9:00am to 12:00pm   |  |
| ➤ Attendance is mandatory for these programs                           |  |

**Cost: \$50.00** (\$20 project fee + \$30 refundable placeholder fee upon program completion)

**International Student Program Fee: \$400.00**

*(Cancellation policy - \$30.00 placeholder fee refundable prior to July 3, 2019)*

#### **CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY:**

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| ➤ <b>May 1 to May 31</b>   | Full refund \$50.00 (\$30.00 placeholder + \$20 take home project)                        |
| ➤ <b>June 1 to June 28</b> | Partial refund \$30.00 (\$20 take home project fee retained – project supplies purchased) |
| ➤ <b>July 3 to July 19</b> | No refund – program not completed – all fees retained                                     |

**The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District is offering three summer learning programs for all current Grade 7 students. Grade 7 students can choose ONE of the following three program options:**

- **\*Program 1:** Robotics; Woodworking; Metal Shop (rotation)
- **Program 2:** Theatre Sports
- **Program 3:** Coding & Video Game Design

These programs will offer students an opportunity to build transferable life skills that will benefit them with their transition to high school and beyond.

**Registration opens– May 1 to May 17, 2019 [see Parent Portal](#)**

#### **Program information at a glance:**

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| ➤ Location: Thomas Haney Secondary School    |
| ➤ Date: Wednesday July 3 – July 16, 2019     |
| ➤ Times: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily            |
| ➤ Attendance is mandatory for these programs |

**Cost: \$30 refundable placeholder fee (\*Program 1 only - add \$30 for a take home project non-refundable)**

**International Student Program Fee: \$400.00** (Plus \$30 if choosing Program 1)

*(Cancellation policy - \$30.00 placeholder fee refundable prior to July 3, 2019)*

## **Summer Learning Day Camps**

The Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District in partnership with Pitt Meadows Parks & Recreation and Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture is offering **afternoon day camps for students registered in summer school**. These camps will run primarily outdoors and will focus on physical activity, movement, play and games. This additional program will run from July 3 – 19 on a weekly basis.

Online registration will open on June 3, 2019 – please visit the appropriate website links:

Maple Ridge Parks & Rec: <http://www.mapleridge.ca/1484/Registration>

Pitt Meadows Parks & Rec: <http://www.pittfitandfun.ca>



## **Thrive Empowerment Solutions: Spring 2019 Programs for Girls Aged 7 – 12**

### GLOW (Girls Leading Others Wisely)

Ages 8 – 12

Tuesday afternoons, April 23 – June 11, Maple Ridge Secondary 3:30 - 5:15 pm

### Sole Girls Spring Sessions

Ages 8 – 12

Wednesday afternoons, April 24 – June 19, Alouette Elementary 3:30 - 5:15 pm

Thursday afternoons, April 25 – June 20, Osprey Village 4:00 - 5:45 pm

Thursday evenings, April 25 – June 20, Osprey Village 6:15 - 8:00 pm

### Adventures in Wisdom

Ages 7 – 9 (4 weeks)

Dates, Times, Locations coming soon!

For more information, go to [www.thrivesolutions.org/programs](http://www.thrivesolutions.org/programs)



Register your 8 - 12 year old daughter in a Sole Girls or GLOW program & we'll donate \$25 to your PAC

**Use code PAC25 at registration & name your school in comments**

**Offer available until April 17th**



# The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

## PLACE-BASED LEARNING

**P**lace-based learning connects students to the landscape, heritage and cultures in their community. They explore their own community and environment through project-based learning and outdoor education. It makes learning relevant as they look at real-life problems and situations and figure out ways to be involved and to help. Spending time outside can help students build independence and confidence, and improve their mental health through hands-on learning. Outdoor learning also allows them to build problem-solving and teamwork skills. When students feel connected to a place, they are invested in the long-term well-being of their community and environment.

For more information about the new curriculum, visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

**Coming in May – Inquiry Learning.**



Students from Mrs. Williams' class during one of their walking field trips to Maple Ridge Park. Students were given the task to observe and document seasonal changes in our local environment.



### **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.