



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### **Principal's Message**

*This is a very interesting time of year, with so many events happening. The pace of the days moves very quickly - even more than usual it seems. The month of June will be gone before we all know it, and we will then be into a well-deserved Summer Break.*

*As well as all of the events and learning still to happen this year, we also need to begin planning for next year. We have already received tentative staffing allocations, and we hope to keep all of our staff for the 2019—2020 school year.*

***As it is time to start organizing for the new school year, it is with some sadness that we have learned that Mrs. Rosenau, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Lobel, and Mrs. Leonard are retiring. This is bittersweet for these staff members because on the one hand they have genuinely enjoyed their time as teachers and Education Assistants, while on the other hand, life is about embracing change - as we always try to teach our students. We have genuinely appreciated their dedication to Yennadon during their tenure, and wish them all the best in their upcoming retirement.***

***In addition, Ms. Loutet is returning to the classroom in September. She worked tirelessly and collaboratively with our students, teachers, and parents and clearly demonstrated her leadership abilities in our school community. It was a pleasure to work with Ms. Loutet as part of the Yennadon administration team. In September, Mrs. Jennifer Walker – currently a Literacy Helping Teacher in SD42, is joining us as our new Vice-Principal. She brings a wealth of pedagogical and leadership experience to our school community. I look forward to working with Mrs. Walker as part of the administration team here at Yennadon Elementary School.***

*Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal*



## Upcoming Events

Fri., May 31	All Library books due Creative Pack School Supply Orders DUE 12:45 pm Yennadon Talent Show (Gym)	
Mon., June 3	Library closed for book circulation Grade 6 Immunizations (Round 2)	
Tues., June 4	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – tomatoes	
Wed., June 5	<b>9:00 am Monthly Assembly</b> (Gym) 10:30 am Division 10's Young Entrepreneur Fair (Gym)	
Thurs., June 6	District Grade 4 and 5 Track & Field Meet (MRSS)	
Fri., June 7	District Grade 6 and 7 Track & Field Meet (MRSS) <b>6:00 pm PAC Movie Night</b> (Gym)	
Mon., June 10	10:45 – 11:45 am Multiage Group Rotations	
Wed., June 12	<b>1:45 – 2:45 pm Parent/Volunteer Appreciation Tea</b> (Gym)	
Thurs., June 13	<b>7:30 pm PAC Meeting</b> (Library)	
Fri., June 14	<b>12:20 pm Pizza Hot Lunch Day</b> (\$5 day of, no pre-orders)	
Sun., June 16	<i>Happy Father's Day!</i>	
Mon., June 17	Kindergarten field trip to Belcarra – all day 8:40 – 9:10 am Mindful Monday Pod Activities	
Tues., June 18	<b>5:30 – 6:30 pm Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony</b> (Gym) 6:30 – 8:00 pm Grade 7 Dinner and Activities (Gym) – students only	
Wed., June 19	9:00 am – 12:00 noon Primary Fun Day (Div. 13 (3s), 14 – 26) Div. 7 (5s), 8 – 12, 13 (4s) field trip to Cultus Lake Water Slides	
Thurs., June 20	<b>9:00 am Final Assembly</b> (Gym)	
Fri., June 21	National Indigenous Day 1:00 pm Air Band (Gym) – Divisions 1 to 7	
June 24 – 26	Div. 1 – 6, Div. 7 (6s) to Rockridge Camp (Princeton)	
Mon., June 24	Division 7 to Centennial Pool – all day	
Wed., June 26	<b>Last day of School for Students</b> <b>12:00 noon Dismissal;</b> Report Cards Available 1:00 pm Div. 1 – 7 Campers Return; pick-up required	
Thurs., June 27	Year-End Administrative Day Schools Close for Summer Vacation	

## Monthly School Assembly

Each month our school has an assembly usually on the first Wednesday. 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, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.**

## Library News

All library books are **due back by Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. The Library will close on this day, and will reopen in September. Please return ALL books and pay for lost books. If you are having any problems with overdue books, please email or phone Mrs. White. Thanks to all of our library parents who have been helping out this year. We have circulated many, many books and could not run the library without all of your help.



## **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.



## **Yennadon Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

Our last PAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the school library. At this Annual General Meeting, our PAC plans to hold elections for next year's executive positions, so we ask that you please plan to attend. Nominations can be made for any of the executive positions at any time up until the vote.

Even if you do not want to get involved as part of the executive, it is still good to attend these meetings. They are a good chance for you to find out more about what is happening at our school, or to ask questions about things that might be happening. Some people think they will be "forced" to volunteer for things if they attend a meeting, but that is not the case. The more people who attend, the better, so please try to attend on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, a huge thank you to this year's PAC Executive! We accomplished a lot this year. Way to go, Yennadon!



## **Intermediate Track & Field**

The District Track and Field event will be held at Maple Ridge Secondary School again this year. We are in the process of finalizing the Track & Field team.

All children who are eligible to participate in events have received permission forms and a practice schedule will be posted on the portal.

**Meet days: MRSS Gr. 4/5 Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
MRSS Gr. 6/7 Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Please be aware that parking bylaws will be strictly enforced in the vicinity of Maple Ridge Secondary School during this year's Elementary Track and Field Meet on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Vehicles will be towed if parked illegally. Please carpool or be prepared to park several blocks away. Peak traffic times will be from 7:45 to 9:30 am.

### **Thank You to our Parent Volunteers**

I know we say "thank you" a lot, but sometimes it seems we just can't say it often enough.



Some of the many areas our parents help out include: hot lunches, fundraisers, PAC, Christmas concert, track and field, volleyball, basketball, driving for field trips, working in the library, decorating bulletin boards, helping in classrooms with a wide variety of activities, helping with Grade 7 events... and probably lots more that I am not remembering at this moment.

This list at least gives you an idea of how much our parent community provides to the school. We truly could not be as good as we are; nor could we do all that we do, without your help. You are an amazing group, and your presence at Yennadon is always appreciated. On behalf of myself, the staff at Yennadon, your children, and everyone else's children, I would like to thank you for all that you contribute to our school. Yennadon is a great school, and it is the people who attend – students, staff, and parents – who make it such a great place to be!

Our **volunteer/parent tea** is scheduled from **1:45 – 2:45 pm on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Gym. This is just a small token of our appreciation to thank you for helping to create another successful school year. Watch for your invitation if you have not received it already.

### **Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found is overflowing once again. All lost and found items will be on display in the hallway by the office during the second week of June **until Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. After June 14<sup>th</sup>, any unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to charity. Please come by the school and take a look! You may be surprised by what you find!



### **Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony**

Our **Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 pm** in our school gymnasium. This is a special occasion for parents to celebrate their child's completion of elementary school. **After the ceremony, the students remain for dinner, dessert, and some planned activities. Student pick up is at 8:00 pm.**

A reminder that our Grade 7 class is quite large and our gym space is limited, so to be fair each grade 7 student is permitted to invite two parents/guardians to attend the event. Families with two sets of parents are permitted to invite four parents/guardians.

We look forward to seeing you on June 18<sup>th</sup>!



### **Last Day of School and Year End Assembly**

The last day of school for students is **Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**. Final report cards will be available electronically through the Parent Portal later that afternoon and a couple of classes will send home paper copies at the end of the day. **Dismissal is at 12:00 noon.** This year, we are having our **final year-end assembly on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.** Parents are always welcome to join us!

## 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.



## School Dress Code



As the warmer weather becomes more the norm, 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.

Clothing that is too revealing does not need to be worn to school, and teachers may ask students to “cover up” in some situations.

As well, please take some care with the type of footwear your children bring to school. Although light shoes and sandals are appropriate for classroom wear, they are not safe to wear outside if your child plans to run or climb on the playground. These types of footwear are not designed to protect students’ feet during activities involving quick movement, and foot or ankle injuries may result. As a safety precaution, please ask your child to bring outside runners to school for P.E. and for recess/lunch activities. For safety reasons, we do reserve the right to ask your children to not participate in outdoor activities if they are not wearing appropriate footwear. Our school dress code motto is, *“Not too short, not too tight, something nice that fits just right.”*

## 2019 – 2020 School Calendar

Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for next year’s school district calendar. It summarizes all of the district and provincial non-instructional days, all school holidays, and our Three Way Conference days.



## Drop Off and Pick Up Reminder

We are seeing some instances of parents parking in our fire lane and leaving their vehicles unattended while they come into the school. This is a violation of the fire code, and is viewed quite seriously by the Fire Department. One of the reasons our lot has remained open to cars in the morning for drop off and at the end of the day for pick up is our assurance that cars will not be left unattended in the fire lane at any time during the day. We ask for your cooperation in following this request in the morning and after school.

## Yennadon Running Club

The **last day for our Running Club is Wed., May 29<sup>th</sup>**. A huge thank you to Mrs. Sinow for sponsoring this group throughout the year!



## Yennadon Spring Cross Country

Congratulations to the Yennadon cross country runners and special thanks to Mrs. Sinow for sponsoring our Running Club. **Special recognition to the Grade 7 Girls Team for placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall, the Grade 5 Girls Team for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, the Grade 4 Girls Team for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, and the Grade 4 Boys Team for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.** Congratulations to all participants and a special mention to the various ribbon winners:

### Grade 1 Girls

Elaira Kelleher – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica D'Onofrio
Cassidy Wood – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jillian Keetley
Peyton Dickey – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lyla Lynch
Lily Hayter – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lynaiyah Baerg
Cierra Gri	Olivia Boudreau
Bird Shek	Olivia Sugden
Emma Waugh	Chloe Salmon
Fiona Kane	

### Grade 1 Boys

Tye Reisig – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jadon Poulin – 25 <sup>th</sup>
Brantley Wiens



### Grade 2 Girls

Addison Desjarlais – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kaden Jost – 12 <sup>th</sup>
Hailey Davis – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Hume – 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Rya Benson – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Darek Graham
Kenzie Wedd	Jace Dion
Noelle Woodhall	Casey Andrews
Sophie Routledge	Lucas Thorne
Ashleigh Rope	Ryan Drozda
Claire Woodhall	

### Grade 2 Boys

### Grade 3 Girls

Makayla Desjarlais – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah Heron – 20 <sup>th</sup>
Brooklyn Reisig	Blaydan Burke – 25 <sup>th</sup>
Emma Ng	David Bocsa
Gabrielle Plamondon	Jack Owen
Wynn Shek	Kaleb Orr

### Grade 3 Boys



Grade 4 Girls

Megan McCarron – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Denroche – 8 <sup>th</sup>
Kennedy Dalrymple – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Baerg – 9 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Bastien – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bode Lynch – 18 <sup>th</sup>
Megan Teolis – 32 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Patterson – 20 <sup>th</sup>
	Kolby Davis – 21 <sup>st</sup>
	John Daughton – 31 <sup>st</sup>

Grade 4 BoysGrade 5 Girls

CeCe Brown – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Jovanovic – 14 <sup>th</sup>
Preston Sigouin – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lucas Bembem – 17 <sup>th</sup>
Elyse Miller – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Robbie Orr – 38 <sup>th</sup>
Ayla Wade – 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Sienna Topley – 21 <sup>st</sup>	

Grade 5 BoysGrade 6 Girls

Brooke Rutledge – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Troy Teolis – 10 <sup>th</sup>
Brooke Wade – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sean Na – 15 <sup>th</sup>
	James Gaita – 27 <sup>th</sup>
	Harry Lee – 30 <sup>th</sup>

Grade 6 BoysGrade 7 Girls

Katrin Rytir – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Sargent – 9 <sup>th</sup>
Madison McCarron – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Kimberly Sinow – 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Ellie Wardrope – 6 <sup>th</sup>	
Sheridan Sinow – 7 <sup>th</sup>	

Grade 7 Boys

Many thanks to the following staff members who either attended the Cross Country events or helped organize the runners: Mrs. Jakeway, Mrs. Rosenau, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Urban, Mrs. Bouey, Mrs. Baerg, Ms. Loutet, Mrs. Sinow, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Linde, Mrs. Butterworth, and Mrs. Robertson. We couldn't have done it without you!



## **Self-Regulation and Play**

'Self-regulation' is a term that describes a child's ability to control and direct his or her own feelings, thoughts and actions. It can be as simple as a child waiting a turn while playing a game or as complex as a child controlling his or her feelings when frustrated and angry. We know that good self-regulation skills are very important for a child's social and emotional development. As well, self-regulation is increasingly being seen as a good predictor of a child's academic success.

Researchers have found that self-regulation helps children succeed not only in school but also in later life. The children who have good self-regulation skills have better relationships with their teachers, are more liked by their classmates, and do better academically. Parents and teachers are critically important guides and models for children as they learn how to control themselves.

At home and in the classroom, providing organization, consistency, and structure seem to be important predictors of children's self-regulation. For preschoolers and kindergarten children, the essential opportunities are for more complex directions, clear sets of rules, age-appropriate responsibilities, understandable consequences of their actions, and again, positive role models. For primary-grade children, opportunities for complex problem-solving strategies, individual choices, support for individual effort, and experiences with positive, trusting, and respectful adults are the supports needed for developing self-regulation.

The good news for parents and educators is that easy ways to help children develop self-regulation skills may be as close as the local playground. Researchers suggest that classic games where children must follow directions and wait to take turns may be particularly suited for the development of self-regulation. Games such as Red Light Green Light, Simon Says, Hide and Seek and even role-playing are excellent ways to develop self-regulation. Simple games can be more than mere child's play when it comes to helping children develop valuable skills that will serve them well both in school and later in life.



## **Elementary School Day Schedule 2019 – 2020**

Please be advised that the school day schedule at all SD42 elementary schools will be adjusted slightly commencing September, 2019 to facilitate scheduling of teacher preparation time which will increase to 110 minutes/week for full time teachers. The total instructional minutes per school day will remain unchanged at 295 minutes. Commencing Sept., 2019 the daily schedule at all elementary schools will be as follows:



**8:30 am – School Start**

**10:20 to 10:35 am – Recess Break**

**11:50 am to 12:30 pm – Lunch Break**

**2:20 – Dismissal**

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At Yennadon, we will continue to play first, eat second during the lunch break.



# The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

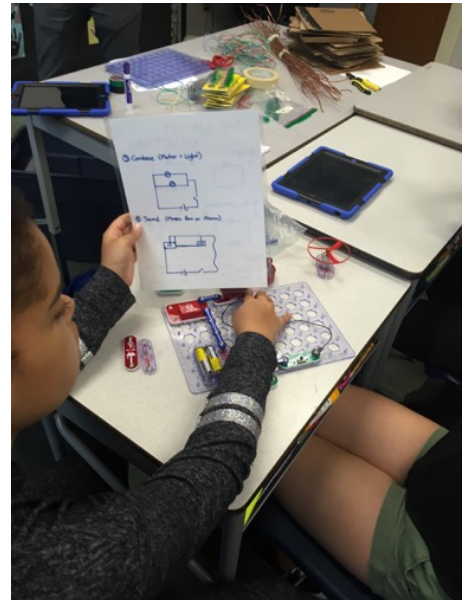
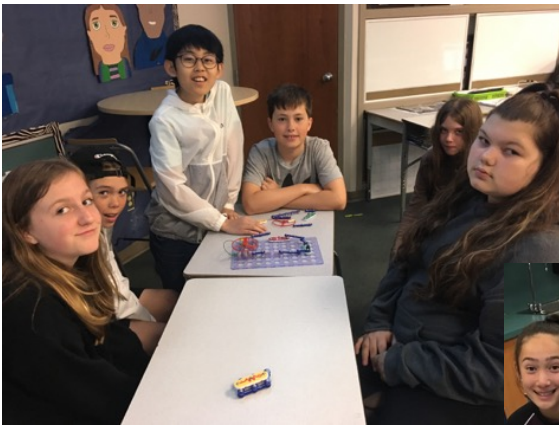
## INQUIRY LEARNING

**I**nquiry Learning is a process where students investigate and explore answers to questions. Inquiry questions provide a focus for learning the curricular content, encourage students to develop important skills when answering questions, and make learning more meaningful and relevant.

Inquiry questions provide a framework for teachers to more easily meet the needs of each student while allowing students to be more engaged in the content they are learning.

For more information about the new curriculum, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/new-curriculum>.

**Coming in June – How do we assess and celebrate learning?**



Groups of intermediate students in Division 4 were given an inquiry task during their Science Electricity workshop. They used cooperative learning to work together to build complete circuits. Each circuit had different components which served various purposes; students used inquiry to discover different ways to make their circuits work.



### 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.



## 2019 – 2020 Yennadon School Calendar

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Monday, September 23, 2019</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 25, 2019</i>
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Friday, November 8, 2019</i>
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, November 28, 2019
<i>Student Led Conferences – No School for Students</i>	<i>Friday, November 29, 2019</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, December 20, 2019
Winter break	Monday, December 23, 2019 to Friday, January 3, 2020
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 6, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Friday, January 24, 2020</i>
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Thursday, February 13, 2020</i>
Schools Not in Session	Friday, February 14, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, March 5, 2020
<i>Student Led Conferences – No School for Students</i>	<i>Friday, March 6, 2020</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, March 13, 2020
Spring break	Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, March 20, 2020
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 23, 2020 to Friday, March 27, 2020</i>
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 30, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day</i>	<i>Tuesday, May 19, 2020</i>
Last day for students	Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Year-end administrative day	Thursday, June 25, 2020
Schools close for Summer vacation	Friday, June 26, 2020

**ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE:** 8:30am to 2:20pm. 295 instructional minutes per day. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

**Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per School Act and Calendar Regulation:**

853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten.

1. 878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7.