



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

What a fantastic start to the 2019/2020 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. Walker 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. 25	Individual Student Photos
Fri., Sept. 27	10:15 am Assembly followed by Terry Fox Run
Mon., Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day – <i>Every child matters!</i>
Sept. 27 – Oct. 2	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)



Upcoming Events (October)

Oct. 1 – 8	Grade 6/7 HUB Bicycle Safety Program
Tues., Oct. 1	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – pears
Wed., Oct. 2	9:00 am Monthly Assembly Division 15 field trip to Laity Pumpkin Patch – afternoon
Thurs., Oct. 3	PAC Neufeld Farms Fundraiser Orders DUE
Fri., Oct. 4	<i>World Teachers' Day!</i>
Oct. 7 – 11	Fire Prevention Week
Tues., Oct. 8	7:30 pm PAC Meeting (Library)
Wed., Oct. 9	Divisions 2 & 6 field trip to Watershed at Alco Park – all day
Thurs., Oct. 10	First Cyber Thursday Vesey Bulb Fundraiser Orders DUE Grade 6/7 Cookie/Pie Fundraiser DELIVERY
Fri., Oct. 11	Division 19 field trip to Laity Pumpkin Patch – morning
Mon., Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
Tues., Oct. 15	Division 1 field trip to The ACT Art Gallery – morning
Wed., Oct. 16	Multiage Group Rotations
Thurs., Oct. 17	Shake Out BC – Earthquake Drill 2:00 pm PAC Neufeld Farms Fundraiser DELIVERY
Fri., Oct. 18	Pizza Hot Lunch Day 6:00 pm Family Movie Night (Gym)
Mon., Oct. 21	Federal Elections in the Yennadon Gym – all day Mindful Monday Activities
Tues., Oct. 22	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – apples Divisions 17, 21, 22, 23 field trip to Willowview Farm
Wed., Oct. 23	SD42 Intermediate Cross Country – Alouette Lake Beach Individual Photo Retakes – morning (Stage) SD42 Primary Cross Country – Albion Sports Complex/Field
Thurs., Oct. 24	8:30 – 10:30 am Skating at Planet Ice
Fri., Oct. 25	Provincial Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Sun., Oct. 27	4:00 pm Yennadon Choir at The ACT (Halloween Howl – Tickets \$15)
Thurs., 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) 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 Monday, September 30th. We encourage all staff and students to wear orange on Monday.

For more information, check out www.orangeshirtday.org.

Terry Fox Run

This year, our Terry Fox event takes place on **Friday, September 27th**. 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 4th. **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 25th. 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 23rd**.



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 2nd 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 participating classes 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 2019/2020 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.

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 behaviour 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:

<u>Respect</u>	Valuing others, Being Courteous
<u>Fairness</u>	Not favoring one over the other; observing the rules
<u>Compassion</u>	Helping others and being kind
<u>Honesty</u>	Being truthful and acting with integrity
<u>Responsibility</u>	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.

Screenagers Documentary

Highland Park Elementary is hosting the screening of the documentary Screenagers on **October 8th at 6:30pm**. The movie is free, but tickets are required.

Here is the link to get tickets:

<https://www.eventcombo.com/e/screenagers-film-presented-by-highland-park-elementary-schoo-36028>

Location: Highland Park Elementary, 18961 Advent Rd., Pitt Meadows
Time: 6:30 pm

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. For inquiries about the Yennadon Active Kids Club program, please email Lara McCreedy at lmccreedy@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 128th 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/>





2019 – 2020 Yennadon School Calendar

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 3, 2019
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning 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 (district-based)</i>	<i>Friday, November 8, 2019</i>
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11, 2019
<i>11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences</i>	<i>Thursday, November 28, 2019</i>
<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 (school-based)</i>	<i>Friday, January 24, 2020</i>
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Thursday, February 13, 2020</i>
Schools Not in Session	Friday, February 14, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
<i>11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences</i>	<i>Thursday, March 5, 2020</i>
<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 (district-based / convention)</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.

The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon



How has the curriculum been redesigned & how does this benefit student learning?

The BC curriculum has been redesigned to support the changing world students are entering. The redesigned curriculum is student-centred and flexible, maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy skills, and includes Aboriginal perspectives.

Kindergarten to Grade 10 teachers are already using the new curriculum in all our schools. The redesigned curriculum for Grade 11 and 12 is being fully implemented this September.

So how and what will your child be learning? Each month in our school newsletter, we will highlight a key feature of the redesigned curriculum and share stories about how this feature is being implemented in your child's classroom. We will also tell you why these skills and abilities will help your child succeed

Below, you will find the first installment of our monthly feature on the redesigned curriculum.

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

The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

Why does collaboration have a prominent role in the redesigned curriculum?

The ability to work effectively with others has become a critically important skill for career and life success. “Coordinating with others” is listed as one of the 10 skills to thrive by the World Economic Forum.

The *Communication* core competency highlights the importance of effective collaboration by focusing on the development of students’ listening skills, students’ ability to engage in formal and informal conversation, and their ability to generate and share ideas. When students work together to accomplish goals in areas such as inquiry, problem-solving, and community projects, they incorporate information from multiple sources of knowledge, perspectives, and experiences. Students learn to appreciate different perspectives and also learn to build consensus. As a result, the creativity and quality of the solutions students propose are both enhanced.

The relational importance of learning for all students is also captured by the First Peoples’ Principles of Learning, which recognize that learning is a highly social process that builds relationships within the family and the community. Ultimately, this emphasis on relationship “reinforces a way of being in the world that helps shape our actions, as we think about how our actions affect those around us.”

—From: Chrona. J: <https://firstpeoplesprinciplesoflearning.wordpress.com/> 2019



Grade 2/3 students from Division 16 collaborated on this Lego Challenge.



Core Competencies: What are they and why are they in the new curriculum?

The new curriculum centres around the following three core competency areas: **communication**, **personal and social**, **thinking**. They are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Competencies are evident in every area of learning and in every grade, and come into play when students become actively engaged in their learning. During the school year, students will have an opportunity to self-assess their proficiencies in these core competencies.



THRIVE EMPOWERMENT SOLUTIONS

Fall 2019 Programs for Girls Aged 6 - 12



Sole Girls Fall Sessions

Release your inner awesome at Sole Girls! Learn to be fearless, build confidence, live healthy, make new friends, & goal set. Empowering games, mentorship & discussion plus weekly training to run a 5km fun run at the end!

Wednesdays, September 25 - November 20

Alouette Elementary School

Afternoons
3:30 - 5:15 pm

Evenings
6:15 - 8:00 pm

9 weeks
Ages 8 - 12





Adventures in Wisdom

Get active, meet new friends & discover how awesome you are! Story-telling & Interactive games & activities helps younger girls recognize & embrace their greatness. Girls learn to take control of their thoughts & feelings to help build positive relationships, develop confidence & discover their potential!

Tuesdays, October 15 - November 20

Golden Ears Winter Club (beside Planet Ice)

Afternoons, 4:00 - 5:15 pm

5 weeks
Ages 6-8



Golden Ears Park Charity Hike for Youth Wellness

Come and join us for a fun hike/walk to Viewpoint Beach in Golden Ears via the East Canyon Trail! The best part - it's by donation with all funds given to our Youth Wellness Centre! We'll enjoy the natural scenery along the way, and will spend 1+ hours at the beach enjoying games, activities and a scavenger hunt!

Pro-D Day - Monday, Sept 23rd 10 am - 1 pm **Ages 8 - 13**

COME JOIN OUR TRIBE!

REGISTER AT:

www.thrivesolutions.org/programs

604.477.7780



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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



Go Eng Girl

This free program invites girls from Grades 7 – 10 to explore the realm of engineering through a an array of creative and hands-on activities, developed and run by Simon Fraser University's very own Women in Engineering (WIB) student group!

When – Saturday, October 19th, 10am – 2pm

*Registration starts at 9:45am

Where – SE3P Building, 10285 University Drive
Surrey, BC

How – Register at www.sfu.ca/fas/outreach

For program information or any other inquiries, email fas_outreach@sfu.ca

