



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

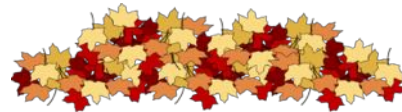
Well, the rain and cold have arrived and some days the weather has been a bit of a challenge; nevertheless, things are moving rapidly towards Christmas. As we prepare for the Christmas Concert, carols are filling the air and you begin to realize that the school year is moving at a very quick pace. Our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

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

Tues., Dec. 3

Wed., Dec. 4

Thurs., Dec. 5

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Mon., Dec. 9

Tues., Dec. 10

Wed., Dec. 11

Thurs., Dec. 12

Fri., Dec. 13

Tues., Dec. 17

Wed., Dec. 18

Fri., Dec. 20

**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Tweens and Teens Christmas Gift Drive** (WE Team sponsored)

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

2:00 – 6:00 pm Poinsettia Fundraiser PICK UP (Gym)

9:00 am Monthly Assembly

Photos with 'Student' Santa – Annex (\$1 per picture)

**Student Voice Coins for Kids Drive**

Photos with 'Student' Santa – A & B Pods (\$1 per picture)

Photos with 'Student' Santa – C & D Pods (\$1 per picture)

7:30 pm PAC Meeting (Library)

Photos with 'Student' Santa – E & F Pods (\$1 per picture)

Photos with 'Student' Santa – anyone who missed (\$1 per picture)

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

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

(Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, Choir)

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

(Divisions 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 27, Choir)

**Last day of school before Christmas Break**

**Christmas Break**

**School reopens after Christmas Break**

## Remembrance Day Assembly

Mrs. Matthew, Ms. Leblanc, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Escueta, and Captain Koenig, along with many 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.



## Yennadon Three Way Conferences – November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<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, November 28<sup>th</sup> for conferences.**



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.**

## 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 (**6:00pm**) on both **Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

The **Tuesday program** includes: Bouey, MacQuarrie, Wilson, Matthew, Funk, Jakeway, Baldassi, Holland, Francis, Williamson, Ross, Butterworth, Linde, Paton, and the Choir.

The **Wednesday program** includes: Loutet, Miller, Kossaber-Graham, Thorburn, McIntosh, Yip, Williams, Bodman, Sinow, Leblanc, Robertson, Kocurek/Hirsig, and Ludeman, and the Choir.



We hope you can join us!



### 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 13<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)**      **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. White and the We Team for their hard work organizing and counting the food donations during October. Pod F was the winner this year. However, the entire community is winners because we donated approximately **1400 lbs of 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  
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*It's not about how to go hungry.*  
The Friends in Need Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides food and other essential items to people in need. We are proud to be a part of the community that supports this important work.

## 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.



## Grade 4 and 5 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 six 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 Timmy Tums who are the gold medal winners! They won 1-0 in the final shootout of the season. Lead by captain Sam Denroche, were team members Maddox Chau, Kolby Davis, Dominic Mario, David Bocsa, Ella Turin, Brennen Mario, Jaianna Costello, Nicolas Melo, Logan Hinder, and Montadir Al-Mohamed.

## **WE Team Initiatives**

The WE Team and Yennadon are giving back to our community with Yennadon's **Tweens and Teens Christmas Gift Drive!** It will be from **November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you are able, please donate a new, unwrapped item to our Tweens and Teens Gift Drive that will benefit Maple Ridge Christmas Hamper Society. Please send your items to the office collection box.

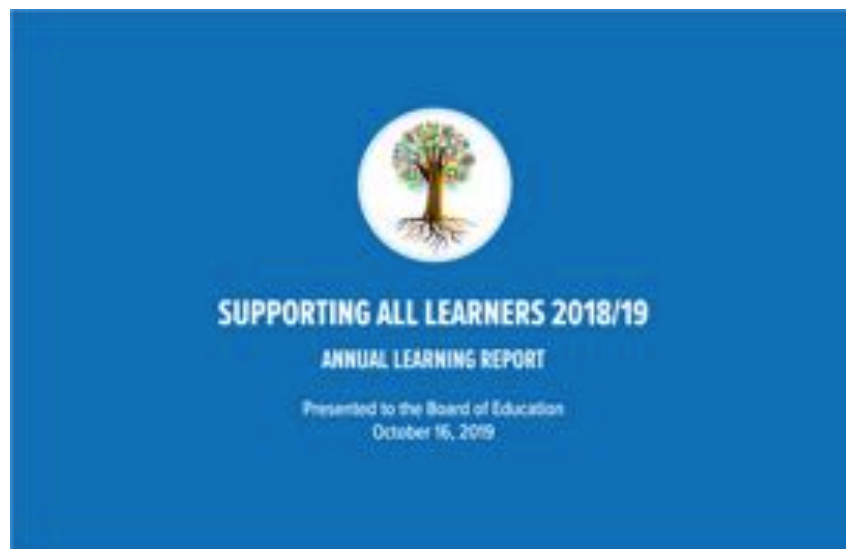
The WE Team is bringing back **Photos with 'Santa'**. Our fundraiser is to raise money for our adopted village in Kenya, Africa. A student volunteer will be our 'Santa' for students to get a picture with. **Each picture costs \$1.00.** If your child wants to be in more than one photo, for example with a friend or friends, please ensure they have \$1.00 for each picture they have taken. Pictures will be taken at recess and lunch by pod, beginning on December 5<sup>th</sup> with the Annex. A and B pod will be Dec. 9, C and D on Dec. 10, E and F on Dec. 11, and any students that missed their day will be on Dec. 12. Picture pickup will be a day during the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **From Sylvia Russell, Superintendent of Schools: Supporting All Learners 2018/19**

I am very pleased to present to you our *Supporting All Learners* annual learning report. As a school district, we rely upon the learning priorities of each school, as set out in school growth plans, to drive board-funded learning supports and structures. We now have several years of investment and focus on the four following areas identified in school growth plans: social and emotional learning, literacy, learning and assessment, and secondary innovation.

Our sustained focus on and work in these four key areas of learning have resulted in inclusionary teaching practices, new assessment tools and practices, workshops, professional development, the addition of helping teachers, new programs, and support from educational researchers. As you will see in your review of the report, the investment is beginning to reap significant and positive results for our students.

You can read the *Supporting All Learners 2018/19* report online at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2018-2019-Supporting-All-Learners-web.pdf>



# The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

## *What role does social awareness and responsibility play in the education of children?*

When teachers provide opportunities within our classrooms and community to develop social awareness and responsibility, students gain the skills they need to become compassionate citizens. Building relationships, contributing to society, caring for the environment, resolving problems, and valuing diversity are facets of social emotional learning that exemplify a thriving child. Embedded within the social awareness and responsibility competency is the First Peoples' belief that we have commonalities with all people in our community, and a strong connection and responsibility to the land. When students advocate for themselves, others, and the environment, they develop a strong sense of self.

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

Coming in December – Formative Assessment.



The Kindergarten students are learning to be safe and responsible citizens with Dan from WildSafe BC, learning to listen to one another and share ideas or concerns in a Talking Circle, and learning about the importance of the cedar tree to our local environment and its importance to our local Indigenous people.



### **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.

**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 **two lift tickets at each of the 125+ participating ski areas across Canada for just \$29.99**. 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 125 ski areas across Canada, including ski areas in British Columbia, Alberta, 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 2009 or 2010). 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!

