



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #4

December 13, 2019

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 6th, 2020!

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Dec. 23 – Jan. 3

Mon., Jan. 6

January 8 – 14

Tues., Jan. 14

Wed., Jan. 15

Jan. 15 – Feb. 21

Fri., Jan. 17

Mon., Jan. 20

January 22 – 27

Wed., Jan. 22

Thurs., Jan. 23

Fri., Jan. 24

Mon., Jan. 27

Jan. 28 – Feb. 12

Christmas Break

School Reopens after Christmas Break

Kindergarten Sibling Registration

8:45 am Skating at Planet Ice for Divisions 16 and 26

7:30 pm PAC Meeting (Library)

9:00 am Assembly

Grade 4 & 7 Middle Years Development Instrument Timeframe

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

6:00 pm Family Movie Night (Gym)

Mindful Monday Activities

Kindergarten Choice Registration

8:45 am Skating at Planet Ice for Divisions 1, 8, 22, and 25

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

Author Visit/Presentation – David Bouchard – morning

School Based Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

School-wide Multiage Group Rotations

Extra Hot Lunch – Subway (pre-order required)

Kindergarten General Registration



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 at **1:00pm** and an evening concert at **6:00pm** on both **Tuesday, Dec. 17th** and **Wednesday, Dec. 18th**. 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.

There is also a bake sale and 50/50 tickets on sale before each concert. (There is no intermission this year). 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. Our theme this year is 'Around the World at Christmas Time'. 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 5:00 pm and the gym doors open at 5:30 pm. Students must remain with their parents/guardians until the teachers open their classroom doors at 5:45 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 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.**

Student Absences and Late Arrivals

Please call the school (604-463-8871) to let us know if your child will be late or absent from school. Please leave a message on the answering machine if staff is not able to take your call. If your child is absent and we haven't received a call from you, our Office Staff will make an effort to contact you to confirm that your child is safe. Students who arrive late for school (i.e. are not present in their homeroom classroom when the teacher takes attendance at 8:35 am and 12:35 pm) must report to the office to identify themselves and collect a Welcome Pass, which in turn must be presented to the homeroom teacher.



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.



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 5th** and our full day for **Three Way Conferences are on Friday, March 6th**. 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 2020 – 2021

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 2020/21 school year will open January 8, 2020.

STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM

Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2020 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 2020-21 Kindergarten Registration brochure.



Kindergarten Registration Categories

Sibling: January 8 – 14, 2020

Choice: January 22 – 27, 2020

General: February 5 – 12, 2020

Late: February 26 – June 21, 2020

All registration phases open at 12:00 noon online. Any child who turns 5 years old in 2020 (born in 2015) is eligible to register for the 2020/21 school year.



Grade 8 Registration for 2020 – 2021

1. All Grade 8 registration for the 2020-21 school year will be done online through the Parent Portal. **Registration will open at 12:00 noon February 4, 2020.**

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 19, 2020.**

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 19th 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 27, 2020.



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

Be Sure to Take Advantage of Education Savings Opportunities

Education Savings Week was from Nov. 18 to 22, 2019.

Almost 80% of job openings in British Columbia over the next decade will require some form of post-secondary education.

Families can open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and the Government of British Columbia will deposit \$1,200 into the RESP for their children. No additional money is needed to receive the \$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant. Families can ask their local financial institution if they are one of the 56 official promoters of the grant and are urged to not be part of the 40% who leave this grant unclaimed.

The grant allows parents and families who may not be able to currently afford to put money aside to start a RESP. Studies indicate that children with RESPs are more likely to pursue higher education. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, college or university.

Applications are open to eligible children between six and nine years old. Eligibility deadlines:

- Children born in 2010 have until the day before their ninth birthday to apply.
- Children born in 2011 have until their ninth birthday in 2020 to apply.
- Children born in 2012 have until their ninth birthday in 2021 to apply.
- Children born in 2013 have until their ninth birthday in 2022 to apply.
- Children born in 2014 can start applying on their sixth birthday.

The Government of Canada also offers eligible families with modest incomes up to \$2,000 for each child's RESP from the Canada Learning Bond. As well, the Canada Education Savings Grant matches RESP contributions up to a maximum of \$7,200 per child. More information can be found at: www.Canada.ca/education-savings

Learn More: B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant: <https://www.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!

 **Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District 42 International Program**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
International Education
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District
20575 Thorne Ave., Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 9A6, Canada
604-466-6555
<https://inted.sd42.ca/homestay>

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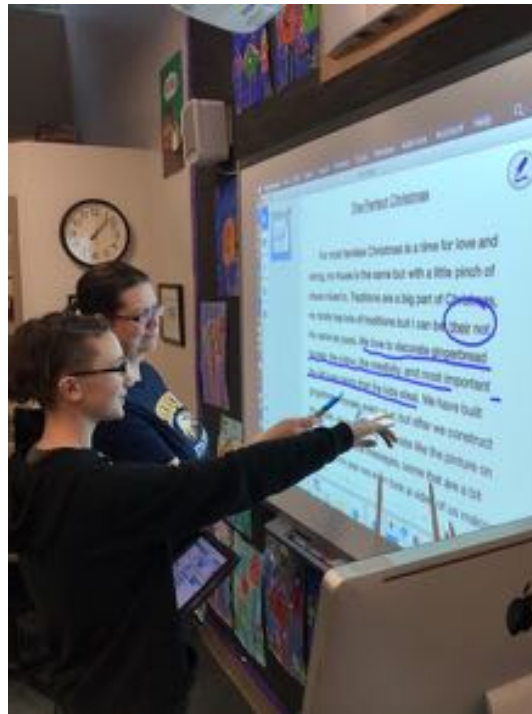
The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

What is the importance of formative assessment in the classroom?

There are two types of classroom assessment. Summative assessment provides information about student progress for reporting purposes. Formative assessment provides feedback that supports student achievement and moves student learning forward. Clear goals with timely feedback inform students of where they are and what their next steps need to be. Formative assessment is given through written or verbal feedback and does not involve grading. When students are encouraged to act on teacher feedback, they begin to take ownership of their learning. As teachers work to build community and encourage students to take risks with their learning, they understand that mistakes should be embraced as opportunities to become proficient learners. In this way, teaching and learning become cyclical, each informing the other to promote independent and lifelong learning.

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

Coming in January: Critical Thinking.



This photo shows a teacher and student from Division 3 working together on editing and revising an essay as part of the writing process.



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!

