



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #5

January 23, 2020

### Principal's Message

*Welcome back! We hope all Yennadon families had a great Christmas break and on behalf of the staff we would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe New Year! We are looking forward to our second half of the school year.*

*Many thanks go out to our staff for their hard work and effort within our school everyday. Staff members are continually giving of themselves by helping and supporting each other and your children. Yennadon is a truly wonderful community!*

*Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal*



### Upcoming Events

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| February 4 – 19        | Grade 8 Registration District-Wide (Parent Portal)  |
| February 5 – 12        | Kindergarten General Registration (Parent Portal)   |
| Wed., Feb. 5           | <b>Global School Play Day!</b><br><b>9:00 am Assembly</b>   |
| Thurs., Feb. 6         | Whistler Skiing/Snowboarding Field Trip – all day   |
| Fri., Feb. 7           | 8:45 am Skating at Planet Ice for Divisions 2, 4, 17, and 23  |
| Mon., Feb. 10          | Division 16 field trip to The ACT to watch a performance – afternoon  |
| Tues., Feb. 11         | Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – apples<br><b>7:30 pm PAC Meeting (Library)</b>   |
| Wed., Feb. 12          | 8:45 am Skating at Planet Ice for Divisions 9 and 18<br>12:30 – 2:00 pm Student Voice for Grade 6/7 Leadership Students           |
| <b>Thurs., Feb. 13</b> | <b>School Based Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)</b>  |
| <b>Fri., Feb. 14</b>   | <b>Altered Calendar – School Closed</b>   |
| <b>Mon., Feb. 17</b>   | <b>Family Day Holiday – School Closed</b>   |
| Wed., Feb. 19          | School-wide Multiage Group Rotations  |
| Fri., Feb. 21          | <b>Pizza Hot Lunch Day</b> (\$5 day of, no pre-orders)<br>Divisions 1 – 6 Tubing field trip at Seymour – all day                  |
| Mon., Feb. 24          | Mindful Monday Pod Activities   |
| Wed., Feb. 27          | <b>Pink Shirt Day!</b><br>Kindergarten Late Registration begins (Parent Portal)   |
| Fri., Feb. 28          | <b>Jump Rope for Heart</b><br><b>Subway Hot Lunch Day</b> (per-order required)<br><b>7:00 pm PAC BINGO Night Fundraiser</b> (Gym) |



## 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, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.**

## Jump Rope for Heart

Our annual Jump Rope event is set for **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Once again, all students at Yennadon will spend approximately 20 minutes with their classmates rotating through a variety of skipping activities.

Pledge packages will be sent home in the beginning of February.

Prior to the skipping event, participants can secure pledges for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students receive thank-you prizes based on the pledges they collect individually. This is optional, and we suggest pledges be secured from family and friends. For safety reasons, we do not suggest students go door to door. Any donation will be greatly appreciated; donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt. We request that cheques be made payable to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. and Yukon. Please print the information on the pledge sheet and have your child return the pledge envelope and donations to the school on or before February 28<sup>th</sup>. You may also **fundraise online** at [www.jumpropeforheart.ca](http://www.jumpropeforheart.ca) . **Tax receipts are issued electronically for online donations of any amount.** When you register online and raise the \$5 minimum pledge, you receive an exclusive Jump Rope for Heart skipping rope as a thank you prize.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school for more information or visit their web site. Please remember students should plan to bring water bottles for this event!

Thank you in advance for your support and helping to make February a heart healthy month!

## Report Cards and Three Way Conferences

Our next **Early Dismissal for conferences is Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** and our **Three Way Conferences are on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars.



## Yennadon Basketball Teams

A huge thank you to our basketball coaches – Mr. Miller, Mrs. Kocurek, Mrs. Sinow, and Mrs. Funk for coaching our boys' and girls' basketball teams! We appreciate the extra time and effort they are volunteering to the Grade 6/7 students. We wish our four teams a successful and fun-filled season! **Go Eagles!**

## Yennadon Cyberschool

There will be an information meeting on **Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m.** for parents/guardians of current Grade 5 and 6 students interested in placing their child in the (2020-2021) **Yennadon Cyberschool program**. The meeting will be in B Pod, Room 1059. This meeting is for parents who are unfamiliar with the Cyberschool model. **Online registration begins on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 pm.** The registration link will be sent out through the Parent Portal. A link to the registration site will also be available on the school website shortly after 7pm, if you have an issue with the portal. There will be a limited number of spots available for new Cyberstudents. **All registrations are date and time stamped and are looked at in the order they are received.** Within a week you will receive notification on the portal that your registration has been received. Further information about acceptance to the program will come out in June 2019.

We look forward to meeting with you on Tues., March 10<sup>th</sup>!

## Outdoor Days

We try to get our students outside on a regular basis throughout the year. Staff and parents feel this is a healthy choice for students, and the simple fact is that many students prefer to be outside during recess and lunch. For this reason, please help your children learn to dress appropriately to be outside during our Lower Mainland Winter / Spring weather. Some of you are sending extra socks and pants, which has proven to be a helpful thing for your children. As well, please remind your child(ren) that our fields can get quite slippery and muddy during rainy times. We are reminding students that, if they get too dirty outside, they can be quite uncomfortable in class for the rest of the day. As their clothes dry, the dirt drops to the floor, which can also create a higher risk of slipping or losing control while running in the gym.



## 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 by 6:15 a.m.



**News 1130 AM    CKNW - 980 AM    CBC - 690 AM    Global TV news**

As well, you can check the school district website ([www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)) and district social media feeds for updates: **SD42 Twitter feed @sd42news** and **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.

## Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021

School District #42 is again using “online only” registration system through the Parent Portal for Kindergarten 2020-21. The timelines for registration at Yennadon are as follows:

**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.

All Kindergarten Registrations require a “Portal” account! After registering online, parents will receive an email from SD42 telling them that their application has been received. Once SD42 has assigned students to their specific schools, parents will receive a second email asking them to bring in their supporting documents to the school at which they are assigned. This email will have a specific window for supporting documents to be received by the school. ***Please note that if documentation is not received by the given date, the child will be unassigned to any school.***



## 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.



## 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 round-about entrance 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.



## Grade 8 Registration for 2020-2021

There are no Grade 7 Information Nights prior to registration. Each high school will host an information session for incoming students once registration is complete.

To provide an optimal learning environment for all students, the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District must manage enrolment across all schools, ensuring that enrolment numbers match building capacity. Due to increasing enrolment in recent years, the majority of students are assigned to their catchment school. All our high schools meet the needs of all learners.

### Important Registration Dates:

- **Online registration opens Tues., February 4<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 noon (you must have a Parent Portal account)
- **Online registration closes Wed., February 19<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 noon (on the Parent Portal)
- Families will be notified of placement before Spring Break

### Upcoming Specialized Information Sessions:

January 22 at 7:00 pm – Gr. 7 Parent Evening sponsored by DPAC, at Thomas Haney  
January 28 at 7:00 pm – Learning Services Parent Information Night (for parents of students with support needs), at Thomas Haney Secondary; registration required

### Transfer Dates:

March 1 (approximately) – Families advised of school placements

March 5 – Transfer requests due; transfers will be considered by catchment, sibling, and other circumstances (all by lottery); the transfer form is completed at the assigned high school

May – Review of all transfer requests

\*See the [Grade 8 Registration Information Procedures](#)

\*See the district website for more information <http://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>



### Grade 7s Visit to the High Schools:

Wed., May 27 for most of the school day



### Dogs on School Grounds

This is a continuing dilemma. **Please remember to keep your dogs at the edge of the school grounds and on a leash at all times. Most important, please remember to pick up after your dog. Sometimes we are left with quite a mess on our field. Many adults and children are either allergic to dogs or uncomfortable when dogs are present.** Let's work together to ensure the safety and comfort of all the adults and children on our school grounds throughout the day, especially before and after school. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

## Guidelines for Transferring Schools

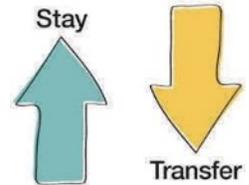
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- 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 usually do not 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:

[https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2020\\_21.pdf](https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2020_21.pdf)

## Telephone Numbers

It would be greatly appreciated if parents would please let the office know (604-463-8871) if you have changed your emergency contact numbers, if you have changed work and have a new telephone number, or if for some reason your home number has changed. We often attempt to contact an emergency number and discover that the number is no longer in service.

The telephone numbers you provide are the numbers that we have on file and call if we need to reach you for any reason. When your child is hurt, sick, or has not shown up for school, our first call is to your home and then to a work/cell number. If we cannot contact you at either location, then we attempt to call your emergency numbers. If we can't reach you or your emergency contact, and your child is hurt, we must then act without your knowledge. Thank you for your help in keeping us up to date with your current information.



### Please Call the Office

We have noticed a large increase in the volume of phone calls the office is making each morning with respect to daily attendance of students. We would just like to remind people again of the importance of phoning absences or lates into the school. When your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please remember to contact the office at (604) 463-8871. An answering machine is available 24 hours a day for your convenience. **If we do not hear from you, we will attempt to contact you or your emergency contacts until we receive confirmation.**

Thanks for your help!



## Lates

Please remember that school starts promptly at 8:30 am. There is a warning bell at 8:25. Valuable instructions are given at the beginning of the day and the stage is set for the day's lessons. Furthermore, when children arrive late, it disrupts ongoing routines. At times, up to 10 percent of the students in our school are arriving late.



## Wheelhouse Information Night

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

*Alouette Elementary, 22155 Isaac Crescent, Maple Ridge*

The Wheelhouse is a program in which students in grades 6 and 7 are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Program highlights include:

- Weekly field study days where students learn outside the regular class setting;
- A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents, and community mentors;
- Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility; \_
- Wheelhouse students are also part of the school district 1-to-1 program, in which each student is assigned an iPad for the school year.

For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a *Wheelhouse* student, please visit *The Wheelhouse* online at <https://wheelhouse.sd42.ca/> .

Registration for The Wheelhouse opens online at noon on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2s2LEqG> .

## Late French Immersion Parent & Student Information Meeting

A Late French Immersion Program is an excellent opportunity for students who are looking for a challenge and who want to learn a second language.

Students who are currently in Grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2020 at Golden Ears Elementary School. This is a two-year elementary program that then continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

**A Late French Immersion information night takes place Thursday, January 30, 2020 at Golden Ears Elementary** (Library) from 7:00-8:00 pm. To learn more about Late French Immersion, visit <http://www.sd42.ca/french-immersion> .

For further information, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.465.5828 or [shelley\\_linton@sd42.ca](mailto:shelley_linton@sd42.ca)



**Late French Immersion online registration opens at noon on Thursday, February 6, 2020.** Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2QTmAuB> .

## **Ministry of Education Student Learning Surveys**

### **MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 4 AND 7 STUDENTS**

If you have students in Grade 4 or 7, they will soon bring home a letter outlining this year's Student Learning Survey for parents. This year, we must complete all surveys on-line, so we would ask you to please take 15 minutes of your time to fill this out. The letter we send home will include a password to sign on with, as well as directions to help you. If, at any time, you have questions please do not hesitate to call us. As well, we are more than willing to let you complete your Student Learning Survey using one of our school computers.



The more parents who complete these surveys, the higher quality of feedback we will receive. Your input is appreciated! As well as completing this survey, please feel free to come and see us anytime with questions or feedback!

## **Free Math Night for Parents – Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Nikki Lineham, a math specialist, is coming to our district to talk with parents. This Parent Math Night is designed to engage parents in learning about how and why math education is changing as well as to support parents in what they can do at home to help their children.

### **Parent Math Night**

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**All Kindergarten to Grade 10 parents are welcome**

**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Thomas Haney Secondary: Rotunda**



For more information about her presentation: <https://www.sd42.ca/upcoming-events/nikki-linehams-night/>

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parent-math-night-jan-28th-tickets-84649084691>

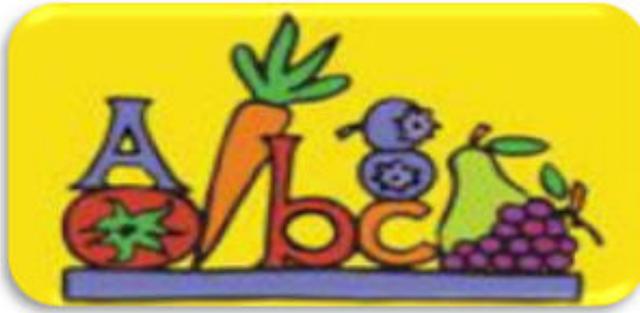
## **Winter Fun Fair – Family Literacy Day**

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Maple Ridge Public Library

Come and celebrate Family Literacy Day at Maple Ridge Public Library! Join us for an action-packed day with Showstoppers Academy and a Family Dance Party. Meet local community groups to learn about the many amazing programs and services available in our community. There will be lots of fun family activities, popcorn, contests and prizes for all ages! Everyone is welcome!



## 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.

## WITS Program

The WITS Program brings together schools, families, and communities to create responsive environments that help elementary school children deal with bullying and peer victimization.

**The WITS Program** teaches children in elementary school to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict. The WITS acronym - **W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out, and **S**eek help - provides a common language that children and the adults in their environments can use to talk about and respond to peer victimization. The WITS Program was created by educators for educators with an understanding that effective peer victimization prevention programs should enhance learning environments - not workloads. Program resources are designed to weave comfortably into the daily life of the learning environment.

The staff is very confident about implementing this program in order to help students learn to solve problems peacefully. For more information visit <http://www.witsprogram.ca>

The WITS Program works in conjunction with our School Code of Conduct.

What do you do if someone is **BOTHERING** you?



**Use Your WITS!**



[www.witsprogram.ca](http://www.witsprogram.ca)



# READY, SET, LEARN

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR FAMILIES  
WITH CHILDREN AGES 3 OR 4

**READY, SET, LEARN (RSL)** is a FREE early learning program that welcomes children ages 3 and 4 to the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District and helps them get ready for success in school. The program offers play activities, story-time and crafts. Families also receive a package that includes a children's book and parent tips for supporting a child's learning and development.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENTS 2020

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RSL EVENTS AND OCCURS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. REGISTER AT <http://www.sd42.ca/rsl-registration>

DAVIE JONES  
EDITH McDERMOTT  
HIGHLAND PARK  
PITT MEADOWS ELEM.

ALOUETTE  
ERIC LANGTON  
GOLDEN EARS  
HARRY HOOGE  
KANAKA CREEK  
YENNADON

OPEN TO CHILDREN  
AGES 3 AND 4 IN  
ALL MAPLE RIDGE  
AND PITT MEADOWS  
NEIGHBOURHOODS

FAIRVIEW  
GLENWOOD  
HAMMOND  
LAITY VIEW  
MAPLE RIDGE ELEM.

ALBION  
ALEXANDER ROBINSON  
BLUE MOUNTAIN  
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WEBSTER'S CORNERS  
WHONNOCK

PITT MEADOWS

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**FEB 26, 2020**

HIGHLAND PARK  
ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE CENTRAL

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 15, 2020**

HARRY HOOGE  
ELEMENTARY

READY SET LEARN  
PARTNERSHIP EVENT

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**MAR 10, 2020**

THE ACT  
THEATRE

MAPLE RIDGE WEST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 17, 2020**

HAMMOND  
ELEMENTARY

MAPLE RIDGE EAST

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**APR 28, 2020**

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The following schools offer additional RSL events, called PALS. Please call the school to register:

**ALOUETTE** 604.463.8730: Dec 4, Jan 23, Feb 26 (3:00 - 4:00 pm)

**DAVIE JONES** 604.465.9908: Nov 14 (3:00 - 4:15 pm), Jan 23 (3:00 - 4:15 pm)

**KANAKA CREEK** 604.467.9050: Jan 31, Mar 6, May 22 (3:00 - 4:15 pm)

**PITT MEADOWS ELEMENTARY** 604.465.5828: Nov 5, Feb 4, Apr 7 (2:40 - 3:45 pm)

**KATZIE EARLY YEARS CENTRE - APALS** Torrie@katzie.ca: Jan 28, Mar 3, May 12 (5:00 - 6:30 pm)

**PRESENTED BY:**



**For Girls  
(Ages 8 - 12)**

*9 Awesome Weeks of  
Empowerment, Fitness & Fun!*

Find out what it means to release your inner awesome, make fabulous friends and build your confidence and self-esteem. We will play games, have dance parties, discuss mean girls and body image.

Each weekly session will end with fun physical fitness – running training to prepare for a 5 KM fun run at the end of the program!

*Choose your Program:*

Wed Afternoons 3:30 - 5:15 pm

**or**

Wed Evenings 6:15 - 8:00 pm

*Jan 22nd - Mar 18th*

@Alouette Elementary

only 10 spots per program available!  
register at [thrivesolutions.org/programs](http://thrivesolutions.org/programs)

**Come join our TRIBE! Check out all of our  
programs for girls & women at [www.thrivesolutions.org](http://www.thrivesolutions.org)**



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# The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

## *What is the role of critical and reflective thinking in the development of students?*

Critical and reflective thinking is a significant Core Competency that plays an essential role in the development of a child's reasoning skills across all subject areas from kindergarten to Grade 12. When a student analyzes a situation from different perspectives and identities, it widens their own experience and encourages them to question and investigate further. Teachers facilitate students as they develop their critical thinking skills to evolve and substantiate their ideas and are encouraged to act on feedback received by their teachers and peers to adjust and refine their thinking. These skills enable students to form conclusions that reflect research, experimentation, thoughtful discussions, and personal reflection. Critical thinking skills also play an integral part in the social, emotional development of a child as it encourages self-awareness and responsible decision-making.

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

**Coming in February: Personal Awareness and Responsibility.**



Intermediate students in Division 6 use their Critical and Reflective Thinking competency as they challenge their thoughts and assumptions while reading novels about global issues such as racism, refugees, the environment, poverty, and conflict.



### **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.