



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

We are coming to the end of our second term and time is going too quickly, it seems. Our staff and students have been working hard since their return after the Christmas break, and have accomplished a lot of learning! Along the way, we have also managed to have a lot of fun! Who would have guessed that it would snow in February? On behalf of everyone at Yennadon, I want to say "thanks!" for all of your support. We rely on help from our many parents and appreciate everything you do to help make this a great school.

We are in the final chapter of Term 2, with teachers and students wrapping up projects and completing various assessment tasks. Even though there are still two weeks left until Spring Break, the time will fly past. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Spring Break, and we will be ready to start the excitement of the final term as soon as we return!

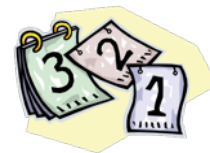
Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Wed., Feb. 26	Pink Shirt Day! Kindergarten Late Registration Opens
Fri., Feb. 28	Jump Rope for Heart Subway Hot Lunch Day (per-order required) 7:00 pm BINGO Night Fundraiser (Gym)
March 2 – 12	Lost & Found Items DISPLAYED in the main hallway
Tues., Feb. 3	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – cucumbers Division 21 Field Trip to The Maple Ridge Art Gallery – afternoon
Wed., Mar. 4	9:00 am Assembly (Monthly Theme: Play and Create)
Thurs., Mar. 5	11:30 am EARLY DISMISSAL for Conferences
Fri., Mar. 6	THREE WAY CONFERENCES
Sat., Mar. 7	<i>Daylight Savings Time (clocks spring ahead one hour)</i>
Mon., Mar. 9	Subway Hot Lunch Day (per-order required)
Tues., Mar. 10	8:30 am Grade 4 & 5 Reading Link Challenge (Gym) 6:30 pm Yennadon Cyberschool Parent Information Meeting (B Pod) 7:30 pm PAC Meeting (Library)
Wed., Mar. 11	7:00 pm Yennadon Cyberschool Online Registration OPENS
Fri., Mar. 13	<i>Pyjama/Spirit Wear Day!</i> Last day of school before Spring Break
March 16 – 27	SPRING BREAK





Mon., Mar. 30	School reopens after Spring Break 8:35 am Mindful Monday Pod Activities
Tues., Mar. 31	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – tomatoes
Mon., Apr. 6	1:00 pm Multiage Group Rotations
Wed., Apr. 8	9:00 am Assembly (Monthly Theme: Ride the Waves of Change)
Fri., Apr. 10	Good Friday – No School
Sun., Apr. 12	Happy Easter!
Mon., Apr. 13	Easter Monday – No School
Tues., Apr. 14	7:30 pm PAC Meeting (Library)
Fri., Apr. 17	12:20 pm Pizza Hot Lunch Day (\$5 day of, no pre-orders)

Jump Rope for Heart

Our annual Jump Rope event is set for **Friday, February 28th**. Once again, all students at Yennadon will spend approximately 20 minutes with their classmates rotating through a variety of skipping activities. Pledge packages were 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 March 6th. You may also **fundraise online** at 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 website. 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 5th at 11:30 am** and our **Three Way Conferences** are on **Friday, March 6th**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not scheduled a conference date and time.

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, March 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.**



Yennadon Running Club

We plan to start up our running club in April, when we return from Spring Break. Please watch for a notice announcing the schedule, which is still to be determined. Mrs. Sinow will accompany student runners each day, and will slowly increase the distance as we get closer to the district Track and Field event in June.

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 2020.

We look forward to meeting with you on Tues., March 10th!

Outdoor Days

We are trying to get our students outside on a greater number of days 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. Please send extra socks and pants; this 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. Also, as their clothes dry the dirt drops to the floor which can erode the surface and can create a higher risk of slipping or losing control while running in the gym.



Yennadon is on Twitter!

For quick reminders and updates, follow us on Twitter @YennadonSD42.





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) and district social media feeds for updates: **SD42 Twitter feed** [@sd42news](https://twitter.com/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.

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.



Guidelines for Transferring Schools

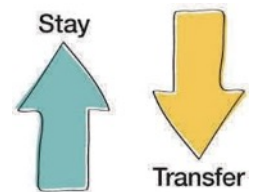
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- 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



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.

Head Lice

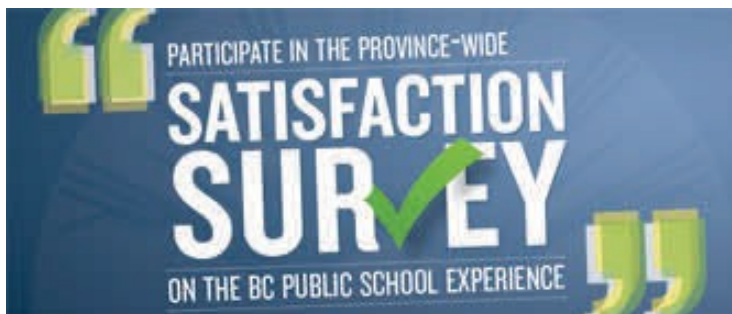


This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair. To prevent head lice among children at school, we ask that you remind your child not to share personal items such as combs and brushes. We also ask that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. We have 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. Finally, if you discover the presence of head lice on your child(ren) please contact the school office.

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!

Follow the Yennadon PAC on Social Media

Stay connected, get involved, and stay up to date on what is happening at Yennadon and with the PAC! Check out the Yennadon PAC's social media sites:

Website: yennadonpac.weebly.com

Twitter: @yennpac

Instagram: @yennadonPAC

Facebook: yennadon pac elementary



Cell Phones and Cameras at School

Please remember that we do not allow students to use personal cameras or cell phones at school during the day. If students do bring a camera or cell phone, they can only use it with a teacher's permission, and this will be given for supervised pictures or activities pertaining to school projects.

Cell phones should be turned-off and kept in a back-pack during the day. If students need to use a phone, they are asked to get a phone slip from their teacher and use a phone at the school office or in their teacher's classroom.



If we see students using personal cameras or cell phones during the school day, we do reserve the right to take the phone or camera and hold onto it until the end of the day. If a second situation occurs, we will hold onto the phone or camera until a parent comes by to pick it up.

Finally, please remember we cannot be responsible for lost cell phones or iPods. Students must be very careful to look after these items at all times. If they want, the office will hold onto them during the day for safety, and they can come by after school to pick their cell phone up. Thanks for your understanding and support of these expectations.



Tips for Getting to School on Time

The Night Before Stuff:

1) Pack lunches and fill water bottles. Doing it when it's late and you (or the children if they're able) are tired beats racing to do it when it's early and you or the children are tired.

2) Choosing outfits ahead of time is a great idea, of course. It also never hurts to have them pick a backup in case they are in a panic and have changed their mind when it's time to get dressed. That way, the potential ten-minute, "But I don't want to wear THAT today!" discussion can hopefully be tackled in two seconds with an, "Okay, here you go, then!" at-hand solution.

3) Check for any due library books, permission slips, homework to turn in, etc. and be sure they are all filed in the child's backpack.

4) Put the backpacks by the front door. You'd think they're too big to lose; you'd be wrong.

5) Have each child put their shoes on top of their backpack. Put a sock in each shoe.



Fraser Valley Regional Library (Maple Ridge) Spring Break Programs

Guest Storyteller: Stories on Wheels, Tuesday, Mar. 17, 10:30 am – 11:00 am

Drop-In Craft Program, Wednesday, Mar. 18, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Kids' Board Game Club, Wednesday, Mar. 18, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Springtime Tales Puppet Show, Thursday, Mar. 19, 10:30 – 11:00 am

Banana Piano with Makey-Makey for Tweens, Tuesday, Mar. 24, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Kids' Board Game Club, Wednesday, Mar. 25, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Science World on the Road, Thursday, Mar. 26, 10:30 – 11:15 am

Family Movie Afternoon, Thursday, Mar. 26, 3:30 – 5:30 pm



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)

You can report your child's absence online through the Parent Portal

HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL:

1. Log into your Parent Portal account (<https://parents.sd42.ca>) and click on the "Report Absence" tab in the main menu.
2. Select your linked child from the drop down menu. Your child's grade and division will automatically appear.
3. Select the days of absence and provide the school with a reason for the absence and any other information you feel is relevant.
4. Click on the "Submit" button. The system will send a notification email to the school, and will also send a confirmation email to the email address linked to your Parent Portal account.

If you are reporting your child's absence through the Parent Portal, you do not need to call the school.



Current email subscription status for Parent Portal notifications: **Subscribed**

Announcements and Events

Form Name	Form Type	Start Date	End Date	Audience
Registration - Registration (2016-17) - All Day/Part		01-06-2016	01-10-2016	
Registration - Registration	Announcement	01-05-2016	02-12-2016	
Registration - Registration (Registration - All Day/Part)	Announcement	01-05-2016	01-12-2016	
Registration - Registration	Announcement	01-04-2016	01-15-2016	
Registration - Registration	Announcement	01-04-2016	01-29-2016	
Registration - Registration (Registration - All Day/Part)	Announcement	12-11-2015	01-29-2016	
Registration - Registration (Registration - All Day/Part)		06-01-2015	04-29-2016	

School Upcoming Forms

Form Name	Form Type	Start Date	End Date	Audience
Registration - Registration (Registration - All Day/Part)	School Fee	12-08-2015	01-08-2016	



Absence Report

Student Name: *

Grade:

Homeroom #:

First Day of Absence: *

Last Day of Absence: *

Absence * ☒ Illness/Medical ☐ Family Vacation ☐ Early Dismissal ☐ Late ☐ Other

Reason and/or time where applicable:

* Required Field

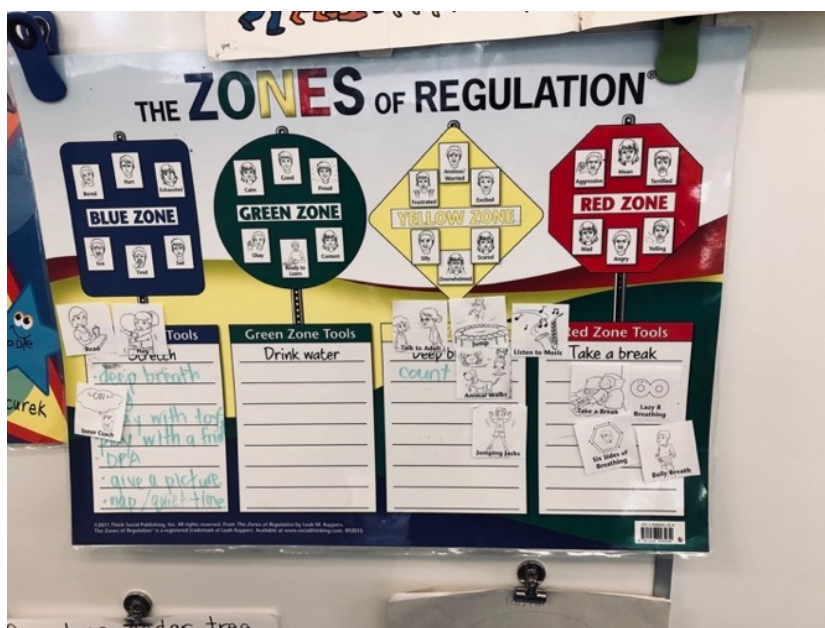
The Redesigned Curriculum at Yennadon

What is the importance of Personal Awareness and Responsibility to the development of healthy, resilient children and youth?

Students who develop personal awareness and responsibility make healthy connections between individual and social behaviour. Within our new curriculum, students are taught how to self-advocate so that they can express what supports they need to be successful in school. The ability to self-advocate develops confidence and self-worth so that children and youth have the courage to convey how they feel in constructive ways, ask questions, admit mistakes and commit to learning in all facets of life. An essential First Peoples' Principle of Learning states that learning takes patience and time. Helping students understand this principle leads to perseverance in challenging times and encourages resiliency. Teaching our students to be personally aware and responsible leads to the development of healthy, whole children and youth.

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

Coming in March: Creative Thinking.



Beginning in Kindergarten, students are encouraged to become aware of their emotional state and practice strategies to regulate themselves. Students learn to identify the way they are feeling and take action to help themselves feel calm, alert, and ready to learn.



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.