



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this unique time. We have been working hard to prepare meaningful and manageable learning opportunities for all of our students while ensuring the health and safety of our school community.

For some of our staff, the shift to a virtual classroom will not be new; for many, however, the rapid change to a new format of instruction may be more challenging. Thankfully we have a school ethos of collaboration and support that is the very cornerstone of our values. Our instructional staff are forming teams, supporting each other, and investigating the power of remote instruction. At the same time, we recognize the uniqueness of each individual and will work to ensure that we provide diverse learning opportunities for students who may not be able to engage meaningfully in the virtual space.

I know that our staff have thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with your children. We continue to focus on care, compassion, community, communication, and connection. We are in this together! Take care and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Please consider all upcoming assemblies/field trips/performances cancelled or postponed at this time.

Sun., May 10	Happy Mother's Day!
Mon., May 18	Victoria Day Holiday – No School
Tues., May 19	District Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students
Fri., May 22	Class Placement Parent Input DUE (forms available on school website)
Fri., May 29	School Start Student Supply Orders DUE
Tues., June 30	Anonymous Student Learning e-Survey access closes



Staying in Touch!

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



For Yennadon PAC updates follow @yennpac on Twitter @yennadonpac on Instagram and the Yennadon PAC Website at www.yennadonpac.weebly.com

For up-to-date COVID-19 Information relating to School District 42 visit:



<https://www.sd42.ca/information-community-coronavirus/>

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions



SD42 has a collection of frequently asked questions on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/faq/>.

The district has already received many questions from students, parents/guardians and staff, and have been adding the answers to the growing list on this page. The search feature on this page allows you to sort through the existing questions/answers. You can also submit any question(s) not on the list and the district will post the answer(s) within 24-48 hours.

Schools Grounds Closed

Please remember that all SD42 school grounds are closed to the public until further notice. This closure includes all fields, sports courts, and playgrounds.



Moving?



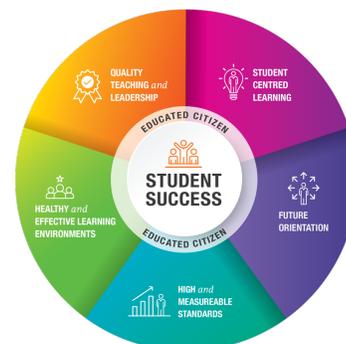
If you know you will not be attending Yennadon Elementary next year, we would appreciate it if you let us know via email at yenn_reception@sd42.ca. During the next couple of months, we will be working very hard to accommodate all of the requests to transfer to Yennadon, and it is very helpful to our planning if we know who will or will not be attending next year. Thanks for your help with this request.

Ministry of Education Student Learning Surveys

MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 4 AND 7 STUDENTS

If you have a student in Grade 4 or 7, we sent home a portal message outlining this year's Student Learning Survey for parents. This year, we must complete all surveys online, so we would ask you to please take 15 minutes of your time to fill this out. To complete the survey, go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm and in the **Parents**

section under **Direct Access – 'no logon number required'** select our **District**, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, select our **School**, Yennadon, and select your **Language** of choice, then click **Log On**. If, at any time, you have questions please do not hesitate to call us. The more parents who complete these surveys, the higher quality of feedback we will receive. Your input is appreciated! **All surveys must be completed online by June 30th**. As well as completing this survey, please feel free to contact us anytime with questions or feedback.



Guidelines for Transferring Schools

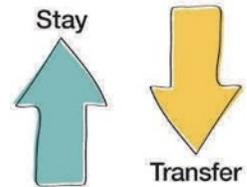
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- Transfer to Yennadon from another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows
- Transfer out of Yennadon to another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows

To request a transfer simply call the school and ask for a **Student Transfer Request Form**. You will be emailed a form to be completed and emailed back to the school. (A signature will be requested once schools re-open for general access). 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-WEB.pdf

Healthy Habits for Kids

Healthy habits, including healthy eating, regular physical activity and being smoke free begin at home and continue throughout life. At a young age, children learn to make decisions and begin to make more choices of their own. They are developing habits and attitudes they may carry with them for the rest of their lives. Peer pressure influences children and youth of all ages and is particularly strong in the early teen years.

In the meantime, you, as a parent, play an important role in helping your children stay healthy. You may want to:

- Encourage your children to eat three well-balanced meals by selecting food outlined in Canada's Food Guide, ample vegetables and fruit is particularly important
- Offer them water and lower-fat milk (1% or 2%) instead of pop and other sugary drinks
- Serve healthier options like fresh fruit, veggie sticks and low-fat yogurt for after school snacks
- Encourage free outdoor play and limit their screen time
- Make both your indoor and outdoor family activities free from secondhand smoke
- Encourage your children to choose activities they love – any activity - dancing, basketball, hockey, soccer, swimming or rollerblading
- Schedule active family outings like hiking, swimming or biking

Set a good example yourself by eating healthfully and being physically active on a regular basis and by being smoke free.

Eat Well... Be Active... Live Tobacco Free!



Class Composition for 2020/2021

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths, and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, **you may submit input to the principal in writing using the form on the school website or by sending an email to lisa_lawrance@sd42.ca by May 22, 2020.** *Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.*



PAC Window Heart Art

Many of you have covered your windows at home with beautiful hearts. We would like to share this love and support at our school. We are asking students to create some heart art and drop it off at Yennadon Elementary School on weekdays between 9am to 3pm. A box will be left out front of the main school doors to collect your art. Then, Mrs. Lawrance and Mrs. Walker will happily hang your hearts for display.



It might be stormy now, but rain doesn't last forever. We miss you!

Check out our staff video message to all of our families!
<https://elementary.sd42.ca/yennadon/yennadon-message/>