



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Telephone: 604-463-8871 Fax: 604-463-0228

Principal: Mrs. L. Lawrance Vice-Principal: Mrs. J. Walker

Website: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/yennadon>

Newsletter #9

May 25, 2020

Principal's Message

The district continues to plan for the start of Stage 3 of BC's Restart Plan that will offer you the choice of bringing your child(ren) back to class on a part-time basis starting June 1st. For Kindergarten to Grade 5, this means 2 days per week at school and for Grades 6 & 7 this means 1 day a week at school; all students continue to be supplemented with some remote instruction. For families who decide not to send their children to class, those students continue with some remote instruction until the end of the 2019/20 school year. The goal is to return to full-time classes in September 2020, provided it is safe to do so.

This week, all parents will receive an update from Superintendent Sylvia Russell on the district's plans for a part-time return to in-class instruction. Then, we will provide you with an update on attendance schedules and procedures specific to our school.

The month of June will be gone before we all know it, and we will then be into a well-deserved Summer Break. We have already received tentative staffing allocations, and we hope to keep all of our staff for the 2020—2021 school year.

We thank you for your patience and your resilience during this challenging time. We sincerely look forward to welcoming some of our students back to school, even if it is only on a part-time basis.

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

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

Fri., May 29	School Start Student Supply Orders DUE
June 1 – 25	Voluntary in-class instruction resumes on a part-time basis *more information to follow
Sun., June 21	Happy Father's Day! National Indigenous Day
Wed., June 24	Last day of School for Students Report Cards Available on Parent Portal
Thurs., June 25	Year-End Administrative Day Schools Close for Summer Vacation
Tues., June 30	Anonymous Student Learning e-Survey access closes



Library News

A **box** will be located outside the front doors of the school from **8:30 am – 2:30 pm on specified days in order for school library books to be returned. This is for dropping off books only.** In order to help abide by physical distancing regulations, we have set up a schedule for each grade level to return books to the school. We have set aside one day per grade level to help spread out the returns. If someone is already at the drop off, please wait until it is safe and until you can stay 2m apart. Of course, if you have multiple children at the school, you can drop off all your children's books at one time.

School Library Book Drop-off Days

Grade 7: Monday, May 25

Grade 6: Tuesday, May 26

Grade 5: Wednesday, May 27

Grade 4: Thursday, May 28

Grade 3: Friday, May 29

Grade 2: Monday, June 1

Grade 1: Tuesday, June 2



If these days do not work for you, please contact Mrs. White at candace_kibbins@sd42.ca to schedule a different day.

Thanks to all of our library parents who have been helping out this year. We have circulated many, many books and could not run the library without all of your help.

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/>



Thank You to our Parent Volunteers

I know we say "thank you" a lot, but sometimes it seems we just can't say it often enough. Some of the many areas our parents help out include: hot lunches, fundraisers, PAC, Christmas concert, track and field, volleyball, basketball, driving for field trips, working in the library, decorating bulletin boards, helping in classrooms with a wide variety of activities, helping with Grade 7 events... and probably lots more that I am not remembering at this moment.



This list at least gives you an idea of how much our parent community provides to the school. We truly could not be as good as we are, nor could we do all that we do, without your help. You are an amazing group, and your presence at Yennadon is always appreciated. On behalf of myself, the staff at Yennadon, your children, and everyone else's children, I would like to thank you for all that you contribute to our school. Yennadon is a great school, and it is the people who attend – students, staff, and parents – who make it such a great place to be!

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.

Yennadon Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our last PAC Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 9th at 7:30 pm via Zoom**. At this Annual General Meeting, our PAC plans to hold elections for next year's executive positions, so we ask that you please plan to attend this video-conference. As per Bylaws Section 6, all Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive positions will conclude on June 30, 2020, and all executive positions for the 2020-21 school year will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). In addition, as per Bylaws Section 11.3, the 2020-21 budget will be presented for approval at the AGM.

Even if you do not want to get involved as part of the executive, it is still good to attend these meetings. They are a good chance for you to find out more about what is happening at our school, or to ask questions about things that might be happening. The more people who attend, the better, so please try to participate on June 9th.

Lastly, a huge thank you to this year's PAC Executive! We accomplished a lot this year. Way to go, Yennadon!

RSVP is required via munchalunch.com or email yennadonpac@gmail.com by Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 5PM in order to receive the Zoom/video-conference information.



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.



2020 – 2021 School Calendar

Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for next year's school and district calendar. It summarizes all of the district and provincial non-instructional days, all school holidays, and our Student Led Conference days.



Guidelines for Transferring Schools

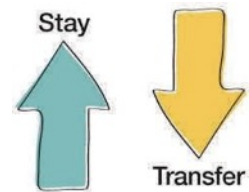
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- 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

Ministry of Education Student Learning Surveys

MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 4 AND 7 STUDENTS

If you have students in Grade 4 or 7, you should have received an email outlining this year's Student Learning Survey. This year students must **complete all surveys on-line at home**, so we ask you to please take 30 minutes of your time to help your child fill this out. The information sent home includes an individual 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.

The more students who complete these surveys, the higher quality of feedback we will receive. Your child's input is appreciated!



Self-Regulation and Play

'Self-regulation' is a term that describes a child's ability to control and direct his or her own feelings, thoughts and actions. It can be as simple as a child waiting a turn while playing a game or as complex as a child controlling his or her feelings when frustrated and angry. We know that good self-regulation skills are very important for a child's social and emotional development. As well, self-regulation is increasingly being seen as a good predictor of a child's academic success.

Researchers have found that self-regulation helps children succeed not only in school but also in later life. The children who have good self-regulation skills have better relationships with their teachers, are more liked by their classmates, and do better academically. Parents and teachers are critically important guides and models for children as they learn how to control themselves.

At home and in the classroom, providing organization, consistency, and structure seem to be important predictors of children's self-regulation. For preschoolers and kindergarten children, the essential opportunities are for more complex directions, clear sets of rules, age-appropriate responsibilities, understandable consequences of their actions, and again, positive role models. For primary-grade children, opportunities for complex problem-solving strategies, individual choices, support for individual effort, and experiences with positive, trusting, and respectful adults are the supports needed for developing self-regulation.

The good news for parents and educators is that easy ways to help children develop self-regulation skills may be as close as the local playground. Researchers suggest that classic games where children must follow directions and wait to take turns may be particularly suited for the development of self-regulation. Games such as Red Light Green Light, Simon Says, Hide and Seek and even role-playing are excellent ways to develop self-regulation. Simple games can be more than mere child's play when it comes to helping children develop valuable skills that will serve them well both in school and later in life.



Front 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 8:30am to 2:30pm. 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.



Virtual After-School Programs



SKIN CARE 101 (GR. 6-7)

How much do you know about your skin? Have you ever wondered the best ways to take care of it, or why do you get breakouts? Join our online skin class with instructor Jean Fett for a free, live, interactive session on skin care. Learn preventative measures and develop lifelong healthy skin-care habits. This program is great for both boys and girls and is offered to Grade 6/7 students in the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District. Parents and older siblings are welcome to join!

When: May 22, 2020

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (may add additional time for questions at the end)

Where: Zoom

Who: SD42 students in Grade 6 or 7

Cost: FREE

Instructor: Jean Fett earned a diploma in Beauty and Film from New Image College and now works as a makeup artist.

Facilitator of event: Shay Hudson

For registration: Contact Shay Hudson, SD42 Child and Family Connect Worker, at shaylene_hudson@sd42.ca or 604.910.5790

KARATE (ALL AGES)

Our traditional Shotokan Karate classes are taught by Amy Shaw of Pitt Meadows Shotokan Karate. Amy has been facilitating

a class for the past few years through our After-School programming at Pitt Meadows Elementary. During the school closures, she has offered to open her classes up to anyone who would like to participate from home. Shotokan Karate is designed to teach self-defense, build self-confidence, stimulate a sense of well-being and provide a greater sense of self-awareness when faced with difficult and trying situations.

When: Monday – Thursday

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Zoom

Who: SD42 students, siblings and parents

For registration: If you would like to participate, please contact Amy at 604.314.5852 or theninjalady@gmail.com. <http://pittmeadowskarate.com/>

RED FOX (GR. K-7)

Red Fox is going virtual! Join us online as we share workouts, circus acts, cooking, and much more. Red Fox's Active Play program gives kids the chance to be healthy and have fun.

For registration: Contact Shay Hudson, SD42 Child and Family Connect Worker, at shaylene_hudson@sd42.ca or 604.910.5790

CODING WITH LEFT! (GR. 3-7)

Left is a Maple Ridge-based tech company with some amazing people working on cool internet products. Giving back to the community is one of Left's core values, and they love sharing their knowledge and skills with students. Due to Covid-19, Left has decided to take its regular After-School Program offered through SD42 and make it virtual for all students to access right at home! Left will be publishing 1 lesson per week over the coming six weeks that cover the fundamentals of coding, with help from our friends at code.org. Check out the first lesson on the Coding with Left website at <https://www.left.io/about-left/left-does-right/for-the-next-generation/coding-with-left/>

—For more information about our after-school programs, please contact Drea Owen, district community school coordinator, at 604.346.9815 or drea_owen@sd42.ca



2020 – 2021 Yennadon School Calendar

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Monday, September 28, 2020</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 23, 2020</i>
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Thursday, November 12, 2020</i>
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, November 26, 2020
<i>Student Led Conferences – No School for Students</i>	<i>Friday, November 27, 2020</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, December 18, 2020
Winter break	Monday, December 21, 2020 to Friday, January 1, 2021
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 4, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Monday, January 25, 2021</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 16, 2021</i>
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, March 4, 2021
<i>Student Led Conferences – No School for Students</i>	<i>Friday, March 5, 2021</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, March 12, 2021
Spring break	Monday, March 15, 2021 to Friday, March 19, 2021
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 22, 2021 to Friday, March 26, 2021</i>
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 29, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 12, 2021</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2021
Last day for students	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
Year-end administrative day	Wednesday, June 30, 2021
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Thursday, July 1, 2021

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:20pm. 295 instructional minutes per day; 179 days of instruction.
Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per *School Act* and *Calendar Regulation*:
853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten. 878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7.