



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### **Principal's Message**

*This year has been an incredible test to our resilience. We have experienced COVID-19 on a global level and managed to adapt to our current environment both at school and in our community. School is not just a place for learning, but a focal point for the community to gather and work towards a common goal of building a better future for our children. The success of any school is measured by the sense of belonging and ownership that its students feel, and the involvement of its families. Our community of students, parents, staff, and neighbours excel in this regard, which makes our school incredibly special. Thank you for an excellent school year at Yennadon Elementary!*

*You will be receiving your child's final report card shortly and we hope that you will take the time to review the results with your child. Please celebrate the successes, discuss the areas of concern, and plan for continued growth.*

*We know that September and another school year will appear very quickly; thus, some preparation over the summer is highly recommended. Taking time to read with your child, visit the local library, or just going out to visit your community all offer wonderful opportunities for learning.*

*We would like to take a moment to thank our PAC for all their wonderful support this year. Without their hard work and dedication, we wouldn't have had an opportunity to take buses on field trips, purchase extra items for classrooms, and equip both buildings with water bottle filling stations/fountains! Parental involvement is so important to the success of any school and we value both your input and incredible efforts to make Yennadon a special school.*

*Unfortunately, the Grade Seven students and their parents were not able to celebrate with a Leaving Ceremony at the school to commemorate the transition from Grade 7 to Grade 8. This is a special time for our Grade Sevens and their families, and we wish them much success as they continue their education at secondary school.*

*On behalf of all the staff at Yennadon, we wish you a safe, happy, and relaxing summer! September will be here before you know it!*

*Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal*

### **Upcoming Events**

**Wed., June 24 Last Official day of School**

12:00 noon Dismissal (if on site)

**Thurs., June 25 Year-End Administrative Day; Schools Close**

**Mon., Sept. 7 Labour Day Holiday**

**Tues., Sept. 8 School Opens for Students**

\*Students return to their previous year's class on the first day

11:00 am Dismissal



## Last Day of School

The last official day of school for students is **Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**. Final report cards will either come home with students on their last day of in-class instruction or be sent electronically via the Parent Portal. **Dismissal is at 12:00 noon, if on site.**

## Staff Changes

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the following staff members who have served Yennadon so well. We will miss you. Good luck in your future endeavours.

- \* Mrs. Baerg
- \* Mrs. Goodman
- \* Ms. Louie
- \* Mrs. Orlandin
- \* Mrs. Sharp
- \* Mrs. Steffich
- \* Mrs. Zenker



## 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.



## School Opening Day for Students

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am** is the first day back for students going into Grades 1 through 7 for the 2020-2021 school year. On the first day back to school, students return to their previous classrooms. In classes where the existing teacher is no longer at our school, we will have another replacement. New students in Grades 1 to 7 need to report to the Library. Students come for



## **Back to School**

attendance, registration if necessary, and receive important information. **Dismissal is at 11:00am.** We need an accurate count for our enrollment, organization, and staffing. Please let us know if your child will not be present that day. For several reasons, we may not be able to organize students into "final" classes until Friday or even Monday. Many factors make it more challenging to fine tune class composition, and we may require extra time. During our first week back, if needed, grade teams will do activities and assessments with students. This will allow us to welcome students back, generate some good school spirit, and make stronger decisions about class composition. **New Kindergarten students will receive a letter of instruction via the parent portal regarding their first day of school.**



## **Final Term Reporting**

As we move to our final reporting term, you will notice some differences between our final term report and our previous (term 1 and term 2) reports. In our previous terms, students were involved in a “three way” conference with parents and teachers to celebrate their successes and establish goals for the next term. In this process, students showcased a portfolio of work, and engaged in conversations regarding their strengths and areas of improvement.

In our final term, there will be no formal conference. Instead, teachers will be sending home a one page final report. Teachers will report on Language Arts, Math, and other subject areas based on the BC Performance Standards. The BC Performance Standards describe and illustrate the levels of student performance in terms of prescribed learning outcomes using the following descriptors:

### **NOT YET WITHIN EXPECTATIONS**

- the work does not meet grade-level expectations
- there is little evidence of progress toward the relevant prescribed learning outcomes
- the situation needs intervention

### **MINIMALLY MEETS EXPECTATIONS**

- the work may be inconsistent, but meets grade-level expectations at a minimal level
- there is evidence of progress toward relevant prescribed learning outcomes
- the student requires support in some areas

### **FULLY MEETS EXPECTATIONS**

- the work meets grade-level expectations
- there is evidence that relevant prescribed learning outcomes have been accomplished

### **EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**

- the work exceeds grade-level expectations in significant ways
- the student may benefit from extra challenge

If you would like to further explore the Performance Standards in relation to your child’s grade level, you can find them on the ministry website: [https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/perf\\_stands/](https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/perf_stands/)

The final report is a requirement for each student’s permanent record. However, it should not necessarily be the focus of your conversations with your child. All children develop and acquire skills at different rates and have different areas of strengths. Please remember that it is important to focus on the successes and the growth that your child has had over the entire school year. As always, if you would like to discuss your child’s progress, please contact the classroom teacher.

## **Vandals Don’t Take a Summer Vacation**

With summer fast approaching and our thoughts turning to a relaxing, fun vacation, we need to keep in mind that vandals don’t take a summer vacation. Please remember to keep a watch over our school during the summer months and call the Vandalism Hot Line Office (604-466-4357) to report any suspicious activity that could lead to an act of vandalism. We all need to work together if we want to put an end to school vandalism.



## **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](http://www.yennadonpac.weebly.com)

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

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



### **School Office Summer Hours**



The school office will be open on Fri. June 26<sup>th</sup>, Mon. June 29<sup>th</sup>, Tues. June 30<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am to 2:00pm, and Fri. July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30am to 12:00 noon. The school will then close for summer maintenance/holidays and will re-open on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm and Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00 noon for registration and general inquiries. Please note that the office will be closed for lunch each day 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

### **FVRL Summer Reading Club 2020**

Explore our universe! Discover the great unknown this summer when you join FVRL's 2020 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone! Sign up starts June 12<sup>th</sup> and continues throughout the summer. Visit your favourite [FVRL location](http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer_reading_clubs.php) to join. Check out the fun at [http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer\\_reading\\_clubs.php](http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/summer_reading_clubs.php).



### **Summer Arts Learning Classes and Camps at the ACT**

This summer the ACT is offering a wide range of **in person** and **virtual learning programs** for children of all ages. Visit the **ACT website** at <https://theactmapleridge.org/arts-programs> for more details on camps, courses, dates, and age ranges.

**Registration online begins June 16<sup>th</sup>** at <https://www.mapleridge.ca/1484/Registration>

**Registration by phone begins June 18<sup>th</sup>:** 604-467-7422. There is no in person registration.

There are many wonderful summer educational opportunities at The ACT for students!

### **The Family Education & Support Centre**

#### **"I Am Awesome" Summer Day Camp**

The Family Education & Support Center is thrilled to present "I am Awesome". This course is designed to help young individuals with communication styles, triggers, "I" statements, looking at their special inner qualities, how to deal with stress and how to be a friend. The Centre believes that if young people today have the knowledge and skills to believe in themselves then their capabilities are endless.



Price: \$86                      Dates: TBA, check their website

Location: The Family Education and Support Centre; <https://www.familyed.bc.ca/>

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## 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.