



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to another great year at Yennadon Elementary. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are rested and ready for lots of learning and fun. Although this has been a challenging time, we are happy to welcome everyone back into school. We look forward to working with our families to provide a safe, successful and enriching return to school.

We have some new staff at Yennadon this year, as follows:

Mr. Friesen is teaching Grade 5/6

Ms. Maria Hollander is teaching with Mrs. Funk in Gr. 4/5

Mrs. Amy Fitzpatrick is teaching Support

Mrs. Shalyn Owen is teaching Support

Ms. Lauren Hough is teaching Support and Prep

Mrs. Kim Edwards has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Jennie Hayes has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Gayle Rausch has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Pam Bagnall is back again as our Youth Care Worker

Mrs. Lisa Birkett is teaching with Mrs. Linde and Mrs. Paton in Kindergarten

We feel fortunate to have these new staff members with us this year! As well as welcoming our returning students, we want to welcome the many new students who have joined us from other schools. They will soon learn how amazing Yennadon Elementary is!

Mrs. Walker and I are thrilled to be your administration team again this year. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to an exciting year with the Yennadon community. Thank you for your continued support as we work together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Wed., Sept. 23 Individual Student Photo Day

Mon., Sept. 28 District Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students

Wed., Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day – *Every child matters!*

Yennadon School Schedule

8:25 am	Warning Bell
8:30 am	Classes Begin
10:05 – 10:20	Recess GROUP A
10:20 – 10:35	Recess GROUP B
11:50 – 12:30	Outside Lunch GROUP A
12:15 – 12:30	Eating Lunch GROUP B (no bell at 12:15)
12:30 – 12:45	Eating Lunch GROUP A (no bell at 12:45)
12:30 – 1:10	Outside Lunch GROUP B
2:20 pm	Classes Dismissed

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Cohorts / Learning Groups

Our school is divided into cohorts to reduce the number of people that students and staff are in contact with. At Yennadon, the cohorts/learning groups are the class group, plus the staff assigned to that class. Elementary students in a learning group do not need to stay two metres apart but should limit personal contact. Classrooms are configured to allow for distance between students and adults as needed. Teachers are supervising handwashing prior to and after recess and lunch and are also supervising eating during instructional time. Please see the schedule for hand washing below.

Hand Hygiene

Thoroughly washing hands with soap and water is the best protection against illness. Therefore, staff and students will be washing their hands a lot throughout the day. Below are the guidelines from the BC Centre for Disease Control regarding hand hygiene.

When Students Should Perform Hand Hygiene:	When Staff Should Perform Hand Hygiene:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When they arrive at school.• Before and after any breaks (e.g., recess, lunch).• Before and after eating and drinking (excluding drinks kept at a student's desk or locker).• Before and after using an indoor learning space used by multiple cohorts (e.g. the gym, music room, science lab, etc.).• After using the toilet.• After sneezing or coughing into hands.• Whenever hands are visibly dirty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When they arrive at school.• Before and after any breaks (e.g. recess, lunch).• Before and after eating and drinking.• Before and after handling food or assisting students with eating.• Before and after giving medication to a student or self.• After using the toilet.• After contact with body fluids (i.e., runny noses, spit, vomit, blood).• After cleaning tasks.• After removing gloves.• After handling garbage.• Whenever hands are visibly dirty.

DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

All parents, guardians, and/or caregivers MUST conduct a Daily Health Assessment of their child(ren) before sending them to school. Keep this checklist in a well-frequented area (like your kitchen) and incorporate the assessment into your morning routine before leaving for school.

1. Symptoms of Illness	Does your child have any of the following symptoms? Please circle ONE for each line.
Fever	YES NO
Chills	YES NO
Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES NO
Shortness of breath	YES NO
Sore throat	YES NO
Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES NO
Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES NO
Headache	YES NO
Fatigue	YES NO
Diarrhea	YES NO
Loss of appetite	YES NO
Nausea and vomiting	YES NO
Muscle aches	YES NO
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES NO
Diaphoresis, confusion	YES NO
Abdominal pain	YES NO
Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES NO

2. International Travel Have you or anyone in your household returned from recent outside Canada in the last 14 days? YES NO

3. Confirmed Contact Are you or anyone in your household in public health confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19? YES NO

IMPORTANT! If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child MUST NOT come to school.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool (https://bit.ly/34p2t0e) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19. Please regularly check BCCDC's Symptoms of COVID-19 to ensure the form is up to date.

If any of your children are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health care provider for further assessment. This includes B. 1.1, as a primary care provider, has a suspension or return guidelines.

Report ID# 9 - PHE Worksheet - School District No. 42

Student Daily Health Check

Due to COVID-19, parents/guardians need to perform a daily health assessment for their child (ren). Students who show any symptoms of illness must not attend school. Please click on the following link to use the [district-provided checklist](#) before sending your child(ren) to school. In addition, our school has this check list posted at the front entrance. Students who develop symptoms of illness while at school will be moved into an isolated waiting room while they wait comfortably to be picked up. Students and staff are practicing frequent handwashing and in addition we have alcohol-based hand sanitizing stations. There has been enhanced cleaning throughout the school and cleaning and checking of our ventilation systems.

Pack It In & Pack It Out Schoolwide

This year, our students will 'pack in' all their food for snacks and lunch and 'pack out' all the food scraps and waste. There will be no food sharing permitted. Students can use blue bins or garbage cans when disposing of used tissues. Please remind your children to bring their lunch waste and snacks back home with them to recycle, compost, or throw away. Many students are already familiar with the phrase, usually applied to visiting a park or hiking.

Individual Student Photos

Individual student photographs for each child are scheduled for **Wednesday, September 23rd**. Their new Photos2Home program offers paper-free, online photo viewing and ordering that is fully customizable. Approximately 7 – 10 days after Photo Day, we will distribute the order envelopes we receive from Mountain West Studios. There is a unique 8-digit code on the envelope in in order to access their ordering site. You can read about our photographer's COVID protocols and procedures on their website at [Mountain West COVID-19 Protocols](#). If your child is absent on photo day, then **Photo Retakes are in the morning on Wednesday, October 28th**.



Parent Portal

We remind all parents to sign-up for a parent portal account as this will be our main form of communication and our main form of making payments to the school (online payments by Visa or MasterCard). It is the district's goal to become cashless and paperless. **As in the past, newsletters will be available to parents only via the Parent Portal or our school Website.**

If you haven't already done so, please **complete all the consent forms** on the parent portal as soon as possible. These policies are legal documents and are therefore extremely important. These policies include such things as Student Emergency Release, Student Use of Google Drive Services, as well as the Walking Field Trip Permission Form and Internet Use Permission. Failure to complete these forms may hinder your child's activity in the classroom. Please access each form in order to give permission or not provide permission for each child in your family at Yennadon Elementary. If you need assistance, please feel free to call the office.

Student Planners

Please remember that Student Planners are a required school supply item for our Grade 2 – 5 students. **The cost for this year's planner is \$5.00.** Students may bring cash or cheque payment for their planner to their classroom teacher. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Yennadon Elementary. **However, we encourage you to use the "Parent Portal" which accepts MasterCard and Visa.**



Student planners are a valuable tool for staying organized and for communication between teachers and parents. We encourage parents to check their child's planner (or communication book) nightly to make sure schoolwork is completed and important information is received in a timely manner.

Student Verification Forms

Toward the end of the month, you will receive a copy of your child's official registration form. Please take the time to carefully check the form, make any changes, and sign it. Once completed, please have your child return the form to their teacher. It is imperative that the school receives this form back for every student as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Leaving School Grounds at Recess and Lunch

For safety and security reasons children may not leave the school grounds during the school day unless they are accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Students who go home for lunch must provide their teacher and the Office with a note from their parent/guardian.

Visitors

For the time being, parents are required to stay outside the school building. If you need to contact someone at the school, please use email and, if required, set up an appointment. Entry into the school building by individuals other than staff and students is restricted. Visitor and parent entry into the school will require authorization by office staff following COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

West Coast Recess

During the last few years, we have debated on the line between letting students stay inside on rainy days and sending them outside to run around. Unless we are experiencing extreme weather, we plan to continue to send students outside at recess. For this reason, students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather, and it is a good idea to have an extra set of clothing at school. At lunchtime, if the weather is extreme, we may allow our students to stay inside.



Medical Intervention Forms

If your child has any health care needs that require support at school, including the administration of any medications, medical forms must be completed. Please complete a fillable "Medical Intervention" form that is available by contacting the school office. Please note that students may not be in possession of any medication at school unless specifically authorized by the Principal. Staff may not administer medication to students unless the required form is completed and signed by a parent. The school cannot assist with any medical intervention unless the appropriate forms are completed. Please contact the school as soon as possible to complete a form. Medical documentation needs to be completed each September. This procedure complies with the policy regarding the health care needs of children at school. If there are any questions, please contact the school. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



School Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for an elementary school. The school district is committed to providing students with learning environments that are safe, responsive and inclusive. The district recognizes that decisions about dress reflect individual expression of identity, socio-cultural norms, and that they are personal.

Students may attend school and school-related functions in dress of their choice provided that their choices:

- Conform with established health and safety requirements for the intended activity;
- Do not represent or promote weapons, gang culture, and controlled substances, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol or tobacco;
- Use respectful language;
- Do not depict or promote violence, racism, sexism or discrimination; and are not intimidating to others.



Staff may use their discretion if they believe an article of clothing is not appropriate for an elementary school. Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress guidelines when necessary. If any person dresses in an inappropriate manner, the student should be advised personally and discretely and given an opportunity to meet school district guidelines.

Our school dress code motto is, *"Not too short, not too tight, something nice that fits just right."*

Student Allergies

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In several classes, we have sent letters that indicate that there is a student(s) with serious allergies. At Yennadon, one type of allergy we see is to a variety of nuts. We appreciate your help as we try to keep Yennadon Elementary as safe as possible for these students. Although we cannot guarantee that Yennadon is "Nut Free", we do our best to be as sensitive to these health risks as possible and to do what we can to minimize the threat of exposure to anything that might be harmful to a student.

Student Expectations

Yennadon Elementary has long been perceived by educators, parents, and students as having high standards with respect to expectations of students. In our efforts as a staff to maintain the positive culture of our school, we ask all parents to review our expectations with your children. We expect students to conform to these high standards of behavior when they are at school, on the way to and from school, and while attending any school function or field trip. Students are also expected to demonstrate high standards of work habits, arrive at school and class on time, be prepared with the necessary supplies and materials, and complete all in-school and homework assignments.

Our students are expected to be cooperative, responsible and do the best they can at all times. To this end, **The Five Points of Courage** is our school code of conduct that has been developed to guide student behavior.

At Yennadon, we have five key values that define the characteristics of courage and social responsibility:

<u>Respect</u>	Valuing others; being courteous
<u>Fairness</u>	Not favoring one over the other; observing the rules
<u>Compassion</u>	Helping others and being kind
<u>Honesty</u>	Being truthful and acting with integrity
<u>Responsibility</u>	Doing the right thing; being dependable, all fortified with the Courage to act in these ways.



Students will be taught these key values through reinforcement modeling, direct teaching, assemblies and all aspects of the education process.

Attendance/Reporting Absences

If your child is not attending due to illness or any other reason, please contact the school at 604-463-8871 or email yen_reception@sd42.ca to report the absence. Attendance will be taken by staff daily and we will follow up with parents on all absences not already reported to the school. Arriving late for school in our current context will be extremely challenging to manage; as such, we ask that you ensure your child arrives for the 8:30 am welcome by your child's teacher at their designated meeting location. **If your child does arrive late for school, you are to call the office at 604-463-8871 (or knock on the front door), and someone will let them in through the main front entrance doors.**



SD42 Appeals Process

In School District No. 42, we believe in working together to support our children. With input from parents, students, staff and community members, the district has developed guidelines intended to help prevent and/or resolve conflict.

Under Section 11 of the School Act, parents and students have the right to appeal decisions made by Board employees that "significantly affect the education, health or safety of a student." An amendment to the School Act introduced in the spring of 2007 allows parents or students to appeal a decision of a Board of Education made under Section 11 to a Provincial Superintendent of Achievement. The Board has approved a new policy that is accompanied by a procedural bylaw that provides guiding principles for all steps of the appeal process. The link to the appeals process is now the second bullet under the parent tab on the district website and can also be accessed at <http://www.sd42.ca/appeal-process/>

Yennadon 2020-2021 Parent Advisory Council

President – Craig Towers

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You can follow the PAC on:

Twitter - @yennpac

Instagram - yennadonPAC

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Community Fundraisers:

Mabels Labels

We earn 20% commission on EVERY order placed through Mabels Labels. All you have to do is click on "Support a Fundraiser", enter Yennadon Elementary PAC in the search menu and then place your order as usual! It doesn't cost extra for you and we receive a nice bonus!

Save On Foods Till Tape Program

Do you shop at Save On Foods? If so, bring us your receipts! Save On Foods will donate \$20 in Save On gift cards to our PAC for every \$10,000 bundle of receipts from their store we submit.

A change to this program from previous years to note, **ONLY Receipts from the East Store Location #935 at 22703 Lougheed Hwy** is now offering this program. They will not accept receipts from any other locations. The Till Tape Program is not a company program, but a community building program supporting local non-profit organizations and schools. Receipts can be left in the PAC box located in the front office.

Cobs Bread

Simply mention our school during your transaction at Westridge Cobs Bread bakery when you make any purchase. They will donate 5% of every purchase to our school PAC.

Parking Reminders

Parking at Yennadon is always a chore. Please remember that **both the main building and Annex parking lots are closed to parents for parking during morning drop-off and after-school pick-up times**. Also, please do not park at the Black Sheep Pub parking lot as this space is reserved for their customers.



If you can, please try to park elsewhere and walk. The best parking places are the gravel area across from the gas station on 128th or down by Maple Ridge Park. If you choose to use the "drop off loop" at the main building, please do not stop on the inside of the loop. Also, it is best to pull to the right and forward as far as you can when dropping off/picking up. Please do not let your child off in the street and ask them to walk between cars. Finally, any areas where there is a yellow curb, you must remain in your vehicle.

We do appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for some of you but ask for your patience and understanding with this practice. We have found our parking lot to be much safer for the students as a result.

Hospital Homebound Support

Do you have a child who is ill or injured and unable to attend school?

School District No. 42 provides support to students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. The Hospital Homebound teacher works with elementary and secondary students who have not been allocated support teacher time through a special needs designation at their school. Students may be absent due to a non-contagious illness or they may be recovering from surgery or an injury. Instruction is provided in Ridge-Meadows Hospital or in the student's home.



How does Hospital Homebound support work?

The Hospital Homebound teacher provides direct instruction and support to students, with the goal of helping them return to class with as little interruption to their education as possible. The teacher also helps students maintain connections with the people and programs at their school. While receiving Hospital Homebound support, students continue to be registered at their school and in their classes. Students work on the core academic subjects. They often use the same materials and complete many of the same assignments as their classmates, although some adaptations may be necessary depending on the child's illness. Students typically receive two to three hours of support each week.

When can a student be referred?

Homebound students qualify for support if they are absent from school for 10 consecutive school days. Students who are hospitalized can be referred upon admittance to Ridge-Meadows Hospital.

How do I refer my child?

Contact your child's teacher, counsellor, or administrator. They will complete the Learning Services referral form. A physician's authorization form is also required (available at the school). For more information contact Marc Beaudet, the Hospital Homebound Teacher, at 467-1101, or by email at mbeaudet@sd42.ca.

Who is an Aboriginal Student?

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. **No documentation is required and the ancestry can go back several generations.** Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services.

We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. Self-identification forms can be picked up at the school office. Alternatively, you can download a copy of this form at the Aboriginal Education website: <https://abed.sd42.ca>

If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact:

Kirsten Urdahl-Serr

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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
Student Led Conferences – No School for Students	Friday, November 27, 2020
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
Student Led Conferences – No School for Students	Friday, March 5, 2021
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.