



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

What a fantastic start to the 2020/2021 school year we have had, despite our strange and unique circumstances. Students have been in their classes now for three weeks and routines are being set and the learning is well under way. Our staff is very excited to again provide another excellent learning experience for your children. We also plan to continue to promote the importance of social responsibility and build upon our Five Points of Courage – respect, fairness, compassion, honesty, and responsibility.

This year, life at Yennadon will be a very different experience for all of us. For some, it is still very strange to see staff and students wearing masks. Unfortunately, we will not be able to physically meet as a large group in the foreseeable future. Students will spend a great deal of time washing their hands and being led in transit to places they need to go; staggered lunches and recesses will require an abundance of supervision and carefully guided entries and exits from the building. All of this will take time previously used for instruction. For now, there will be no concerts, team sports, science fairs, Hallowe'en parades, clubs, book fests, guest speakers - and the list goes on down to not having cupcakes on birthdays. We need to focus on the complex daily safety protocols that are going to take up much of our time. Patience and compromise are going to be very important qualities for all of us to work on.

So, here's the good news: we have a fantastic staff that is going to do everything we can to make things engaging, enjoyable, and positive under these restricted circumstances. As we move forward, we'll find ways to build school culture and have some fun along the way. We are all going to remember 2020 for the rest of our lives. Throughout the year please stay in touch with your teacher, our staff, and visit the school website: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/yennadon> for additional information, and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal

Upcoming Events (October)

Thurs., Oct. 1	7:00 pm PAC Meeting (via Zoom)
Mon., Oct. 5	<i>World Teachers' Day!</i>
Oct. 5 – 9	Fire Prevention Week
Wed., Oct. 7	9:00 am Monthly Assembly – an in-school Zoom
Thurs., Oct. 8	First Cyber Thursday
Mon., Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
Thurs., Oct. 15	Shake Out BC – Earthquake Drill
Fri., Oct. 23	Provincial Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Sat., Oct. 24	Provincial Elections in the Yennadon Gym – all day
Wed., Oct. 28	Individual Photo Retakes – morning (Main Building)
Sat., Oct. 31	<i>Happy Halloween!</i>



Terry Fox Run

This year, we participated in Terry Fox walks/runs during the last two weeks of September. We sent online pledge information home on the portal. Tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more will be issued from the Terry Fox Foundation. Cash donations will be accepted at the school until October 9th.



We are encouraging Yennadon students to bring in a Toonie for Terry as a donation towards cancer research.

Individual Student Photos

Individual student photographs for each child occurred on Wednesday, September 23rd. The photographer's 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/cards we receive from Mountain West Studios. There is a unique 8-digit code on the envelope/card in order to access their ordering site. If your child was absent on photo day, then **Photo Retakes are in the morning on Wednesday, October 28th** in the main building.



Student Verification Forms

By now, you should have received a copy of your child's official registration form. Please take the time to **carefully check the form, make any changes, and sign it**. We must have these forms on file in the office in the case of an emergency. Please make sure all emergency contacts are individuals who would be readily available, if needed. Also, please remember to provide email addresses, cell phone numbers, and work numbers. Ensure your child's health care number is on the form. If any of the information on the family information forms changes throughout the year, please remember to contact the office. It is essential that we have accurate contact information on file at all times. 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.



Parent Portal Consent Forms – Important

Several years ago, the student Internet Acceptable Use Policy was moved exclusively to the Parent Portal. This change enables the district to track parent/guardian consent, and to honour parent/guardian requests with respect to Internet access for their child. **Please ensure that you have completed the 2020/2021 SD42 Consent Forms on the portal.** There are several important permission forms to complete: Personal Information Consent, Outside Media Release, Student Emergency Release Form, Yearbook Consent, Walking Field Trip, Student Use of Google Drive Services, Walking Field Trip Permission Form, and Internet Use Permission. Please read through each form in order to give permission or not provide permission for each child in your family at Yennadon Elementary.

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.

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.



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 developed to guide student behavior.

At Yennadon, we have five key values that define the characteristics of courage and 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.

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/>



DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

All parents, guardians, and/or caregivers MUST complete a Daily Health Assessment of their child(ren) before sending them to school. Keep this checklist in a cool, dry place and use it every day (the parent/guardian/caregiver) to monitor the child(ren) for any symptoms of illness and to report any symptoms to the school.

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

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

3. Confirmed Contact Are you or anyone in your household in a 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/sd42-covid-19) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19. Please regularly check COVID-19 symptoms and COVID-19 to ensure the best up-to-date.

If any of your children are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health care provider for further assessment. This includes 8, 11, or a primary care provider for a telephone or in-person consultation.

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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. SD42 is still using the long check list. If there is a change, we will notify parents immediately.

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.

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/>



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.