



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #4

December 15, 2020

Principal's Message

The holiday season is upon us. Santa is on his way and the students, along with the staff are ready for a very well-deserved break. It is a perfect time to reflect and be grateful for our families and friends and the many benefits we have living in our great country. The past months have been very busy, and the month of December has been an especially busy one.

I would like to finish off this term by saying THANK YOU to all of you (students, staff, and parents) for your hard work, and for your contributions to Yennadon.

On behalf of all of us at Yennadon Elementary, I want to wish you and your families all the best this Christmas break. We will all look forward to an exciting and adventurous New Year, and will see you back at school on Monday, January 4th, 2021!

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Dec. 21 – Jan. 1

Mon., Jan. 4

January 6 – 12

Thurs., Jan. 7

Jan. 11 – Mar. 25

Wed., Jan. 13

Jan. 18 – Feb. 26

January 20 – 25

Mon., Jan. 25

February 3 – 10

Feb. 24 – Jul. 31

Christmas Break

School Reopens after Christmas Break

Kindergarten Sibling Registration

7:00 pm PAC Meeting (via Zoom)

Grade 4 & 7 Middle Years Development Instrument Timeframe

9:00 am Monthly Assembly (in school Zoom)

Grade 4 & 7 Foundation Skills Assessment Timeframe

Kindergarten Choice Registration

District Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

Kindergarten General Registration

Kindergarten Late Registration



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.**

School Closures

On rare occasions schools may be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Public announcements affecting closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of announcing emergency closures prior to the opening of schools, the radio stations listed below will be contacted by the district office. The announcements will be made between 6:15 and 7:00 a.m.



News 1130 AM CKNW - 980 AM CBC - 690 AM Global TV news

As well, you can check the school district website and district social media feeds for updates: www.sd42.ca **SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news)** **SD42 Facebook feed**

When schools are closed, we cannot make calls home to let you know; nor, can we answer all the phone calls to ask if school is open.

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

A reminder that in accord with COVID-19 protocols, we ask parents to consider spending as little time as possible on the school grounds. If you do not have to wait with your children, please do not do so. If you need to wait with your children, we need your cooperation to:



- Physically distance from other adults and children who are not your own, as per the Provincial Health Officer's guidelines
- Remain well clear (say, 5 metres or 15 feet) of the school building and where children are lining up
- Stay clear of the outside classroom doors (student only zones) in order to allow students to enter/exit safely
- Not congregate on the school property to socialize
- Leave the property as soon as you have dropped off your child

We have received many phone calls and emails from parents concerned about the lack of physical distancing and congregation of adults on the property. Let's work together to keep everyone safe!

Report Cards and Three Way Conferences

Yennadon is following the Three Way Conferencing model for reporting. This model involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. We would like to thank you for your support as we continue to implement this reporting process. We have received feedback from many parents who have been very happy with this inclusive way to report on student progress.



Our next **Early Dismissal for conferences is Thursday, March 4th** and our full day for **Three Way Conferences are on Friday, March 5th**. Please mark your calendars.

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.

Head Lice

This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair. To prevent head lice among children at school, we ask that you remind your child not to share personal items such as combs and brushes. We also ask that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. We have some information about "head lice" on our school website and you can also contact the Public Health Nurse at 476-7000 with any questions you may have.



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/>



Kindergarten Registration Process 2021 – 2022

Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home.

Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. **Complete steps 1-4 before registration** to save time.

STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

You must open an *SD42 Parent Portal account* to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration.

STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE

Review the registration categories (**SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL**) to find your registration period. Dates are posted on the school district website. Registration for the 2021/22 school year will open January 6, 2021.

STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM

Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2021 at <http://parents.sd42.ca>)

STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the *Acceptance Criteria*. Review these online.

STEP 5: REGISTER

Register your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must bring supporting documents to that school.

For more information visit <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration>. You can download the 2021-22 Kindergarten Registration brochure.



Kindergarten Registration Categories

Sibling: January 6 – 12, 2021

Choice: January 20 – 25, 2021

General: February 3 – 10, 2021

Late: February 24 – July 31, 2021

Open: August 19 and on

All registration phases open at 12:00 noon online. Any child who turns 5 years old in 2021 (born in 2016) is eligible to register for the 2021/22 school year.



Grade 8 Registration for 2021 – 2022

1. All Grade 8 registration for the 2021-22 school year will be done online through the Parent Portal. **Registration will open at 12:00 noon February 4, 2021.**

The registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address (not your elementary school). You can use the school locator tool at <http://www.sd42.ca/school-locator/> to check your secondary catchment school. Please note that new development areas may not reflect accurate results of your catchment school. Please call and confirm with the school if necessary. If the address you register on the portal does not match what is on file, proof of change of address will be required. Tenant Rental agreements are not accepted as proof of address.

2. Out-of-catchment registrations may be restricted by the limits of the school facility size and staffing. The district will accommodate **catchment registrations first** and then attempt to accommodate **sibling out of catchment registrations**; however, sibling placement cannot be guaranteed. Please refer to the acceptance criteria online.

3. All Grade 8 online registration must be **completed by 12:00 noon on February 19, 2021.**

4. Parents will be notified by email before Spring Break as to where their child is assigned.

5. **Movement between schools (i.e. families changing their minds) after the February 19th deadline requires a transfer process**, as staffing for schools is established based upon registrations as of this date. Transfer forms for this are available at the secondary schools. Building space and available staffing limit this process. Grade 7 students and their parents wishing to transfer schools are entitled to complete a transfer form through the process outlined above. For grade 7s only, a review of transfer requests will be completed before the end of May.

There are no Grade 7 Information Nights prior to registration. Each school will host an information session for incoming students once registration is complete.



Child Care Worker at Yennadon

Social emotional growth is an essential component for healthy development in children. As part of this learning in schools, Yennadon provides students with an opportunity to work with our **Child Care Worker (CCW), Mrs. Pam Bagnall**, in the classroom, in small groups, and/or individually for check-in.

CCWs provide opportunities to strengthen friendship skills; develop coping and regulation strategies; enhance effective communication; and boost self-esteem/self-image. Care is taken to ensure support is offered at the least disruptive time for learning.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Lawrance at the school at 604-463-8871 or by email at lisa_lawrance@sd42.ca .



Family Education Centre

The Family Education & Support Centre has been supporting families in our community for over 40 years. Please visit their website at www.familyed.bc.ca to find out more about the services they offer.



PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families.
Please note this program will take place online, via Zoom.

**JAN. 19TH, 10AM - 12PM
PRICE: \$15**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
The Family Education & Support Centre
22554 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge
(604) 467 - 6055
reg@familyed.ca

ANGER MONSTER

Children between 8 and 12 years learn what anger is, their triggers, and tools for learning to control their anger. The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, anger cycles, goals of behaviour, how to support their child's efforts to tame their anger monster, and calming techniques.

Please note the location of this program is subject to change as per the BC Provincial Health guidelines regarding Covid-19.

**JAN 30TH- FEB 20TH
SATURDAYS
3PM- 5PM
PRICE: \$90**
(based on a registration for one adult and one child)

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**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the Staff at
Yennadon
Elementary!**