



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

We are coming to the end of our second term and time is going too quickly, it seems. Our staff and students have been working hard since their return after the Christmas break, and have accomplished a lot of learning! Along the way, we have also managed to have a lot of fun! Who would have guessed that it would snow in February? On behalf of everyone at Yennadon, I want to say "thanks!" for all of your support. We rely on help from our many parents and appreciate everything you do to help make this a great school.

We are in the final chapter of Term 2, with teachers and students wrapping up projects and completing various assessment tasks. Even though there are still two weeks left until Spring Break, the time will fly past. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Spring Break, and we will be ready to start the excitement of the final term as soon as we return!

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Wed., Feb. 24	Pink Shirt Day! Kindergarten Late Registration Opens
Wed., Mar. 3	9:00 am Assembly – in school Zoom (Theme: Play and Create)
March 4 – 11	Lost & Found Items DISPLAYED for students to check
Thurs., Mar. 4	11:30 am EARLY DISMISSAL for Conferences
Fri., Mar. 5	THREE WAY CONFERENCES
Tues., Mar. 9	6:30 pm Yennadon Cyberschool Parent Information Meeting (via Zoom)
Wed., Mar. 10	7:00 pm Yennadon Cyberschool Online Registration OPENS PAC Art Cards Fundraiser Orders DUE
Thurs., Mar. 11	7:00 pm PAC Meeting (via Zoom)
Fri., Mar. 12	<i>Pyjama Day!</i> Last day of school before Spring Break
<i>Sun., Mar. 14</i>	<i>Daylight Savings Time (clocks spring ahead one hour)</i>
March 15 – 26	SPRING BREAK
Mon., Mar. 29	School reopens after Spring Break
Thurs., Apr. 1	7:00 pm PAC Meeting (via Zoom)
Fri., Apr. 2	Good Friday – No School
<i>Sun., Apr. 4</i>	<i>Happy Easter!</i>
Mon., Apr. 5	Easter Monday – No School
Wed., Apr. 7	9:00 am Assembly – in school Zoom (Theme: Ride the Waves of Change)



Report Cards and Three Way Conferences



Our next **Early Dismissal for conferences is Thursday, March 4th at 11:30 am** and our **Three Way Conferences are on Friday, March 5th**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not scheduled a conference date and time. Given the provincial health guidelines for educational settings, our Term 2 reporting conferences will be virtual again with the teacher, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student. The conference will occur **over Zoom** and will be a bit shorter than usual (10–15 min. instead of the usual 20–30 min.).

Yennadon Cyberschool

There will be a Zoom information meeting on **Tuesday, March 9th, at 6:30 p.m.** for parents/guardians of current Grade 5 and 6 students interested in placing their child in the (2021-2022) **Yennadon Cyberschool program**. This year, **the meeting will be virtual**; a Zoom link will be sent out through the Parent Portal. This meeting is for parents who are unfamiliar with the Cyberschool model. **Online registration begins on Wednesday, March 10th, at 7:00 pm.** The registration link will be sent out through the Parent Portal. A link to the registration site will also be available on the school website shortly after 7pm, if you have an issue with the portal. There will be a limited number of spots available for new Cyberstudents. **All registrations are date and time stamped and are looked at in the order they are received.** Within a week you will receive notification on the portal that your registration has been received. Further information about acceptance to the program will come out in June 2021. We look forward to meeting with you virtually on Tues., March 9th!

Outdoor Days

We are trying to get our students outside on a greater number of days throughout the year. Staff and parents feel this is a healthy choice for students, and the simple fact is that many students prefer to be outside during recess and lunch. For this reason, please help your children learn to dress appropriately to be outside during our Lower Mainland Winter/Spring weather. Please send extra socks and pants; this has proven to be a helpful thing for your children. As well, please remind your child(ren) that our fields can get quite slippery and muddy during rainy times. We are reminding students that, if they get too dirty outside, they can be quite uncomfortable in class for the rest of the day. Also, as their clothes dry the dirt drops to the floor which can erode the surface and can create a higher risk of slipping or losing control while running in the gym.



Yennadon Elementary is on Twitter!

For quick reminders and updates, follow us on Twitter @YennadonSD42.
For up-to-date COVID-19 Information relating to School District 42 visit:
<https://www.sd42.ca/coronavirus-district-response/>

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 by 6:30 a.m.

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

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

Guidelines for Transferring Schools

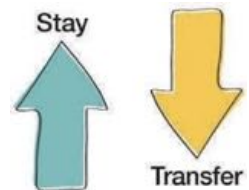
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- Transfer to Yennadon from another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows
- Transfer out of Yennadon to another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows

Parents need to go to their current school to request a **student transfer form**. The current school will keep this form. 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-2021_22-web.pdf

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminder



We are seeing some instances of parents parking in our fire lane and leaving their vehicles unattended while they come onto the school grounds. This is a violation of the fire code and is viewed quite seriously by the Fire Department. One of the reasons our lot has remained open to cars in the morning for drop off and at the end of the day for pick up is our assurance that **cars will not be left unattended in the fire lane at any time during the day**. We ask for your cooperation in following this request in the morning and after school.

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. Finally, if you discover the presence of head lice on your child(ren) please contact the school office.

Ministry of Education Student Learning Surveys

MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 4 AND 7 STUDENTS

This year, parents do not need a Logon code to access the online Student Learning Survey. Electronic surveying is available until April 30, 2021. The website to access the electronic survey is: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

We request you to please take 15 minutes of your time to fill this out. If, at any time, you have questions please do not hesitate to call us.

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

As well as completing this survey, please feel free to come and see us anytime with questions or feedback!



Moving?



If you know you will not be attending Yennadon Elementary next year, we would appreciate it if you let us know. During the next couple of months, we will be working very hard to accommodate all of the requests to transfer to Yennadon, and it is very helpful to our planning if we know who will or will not be attending next year. Thanks for your help with this request.

Tips for Getting to School on Time

The Night Before Stuff:

1) Pack lunches and fill water bottles. Doing it when it's late and you (or the children if they're able) are tired beats racing to do it when it's early and you or the children are tired.

2) Choosing outfits ahead of time is a great idea, of course. It also never hurts to have them pick a backup in case they are in a panic and have changed their mind when it's time to get dressed. That way, the potential ten-minute, "But I don't want to wear THAT today!" discussion can hopefully be tackled in two seconds with an, "Okay, here you go, then!" at-hand solution.

3) Check for any due library books, permission slips, homework to turn in, etc. and be sure they are all filed in the child's backpack.

4) Put the backpacks by the front door. You'd think they're too big to lose; you'd be wrong.

5) Have each child put their shoes on top of their backpack. Put a sock in each shoe.



Cell Phones and Cameras at School

Please remember that we do not allow students to use personal cameras or cell phones at school during the day. If students do bring a camera or cell phone, they can only use it with a teacher's permission, and this will be given for supervised pictures or activities pertaining to school projects.

Cell phones should be turned-off and kept in a back-pack during the day. If students need to use a phone, they are asked to get a phone slip from their teacher and use a phone at the school office or in their teacher's classroom.



If we see students using personal cameras or cell phones during the school day, we do reserve the right to take the phone or camera and hold onto it until the end of the day. If a second situation occurs, we will hold onto the phone or camera until a parent comes by to pick it up.

Finally, please remember we cannot be responsible for lost cell phones or iPods. Students must be very careful to look after these items at all times. If they want, the office will hold onto them during the day for safety, and they can come by after school to pick their cell phone up. Thanks for your understanding and support of these expectations.



SD42 Enhanced Cleaning in Schools – Vital Oxide

The health and safety of our students and staff is always our primary concern. In the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic, we have the added responsibility of ensuring that our facilities are cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the *Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings*.

The school district currently uses Vital Oxide solution as part of its enhanced daily cleaning regimen implemented to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. It is hypoallergenic, biodegradable, fragrance-free, food-safe, and non-toxic. The product is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency and has one of the safest classifications possible while also killing 99.999% of bacteria and viruses within minutes.

The district initially used a bleach-based cleaner when schools reopened for in-classroom instruction in September but switched to the eco-friendly Vital Oxide in late October/early November to address feedback received from schools. Fraser Health has confirmed that this product is not hazardous and non-toxic, and is not expected to cause respiratory or skin irritation. Eye contact may cause mild irritation.

As always, if you have any concerns, please make sure to share these concerns with me. You can reach me at the school by phone or by email.

Follow the Yennadon PAC on Social Media

Stay connected, get involved, and stay up to date on what is happening at Yennadon and with the PAC! Check out the Yennadon PAC's social media sites:

Website: www.yennadonpac.weebly.com

Twitter: @yennpac

Instagram: @yennadonpac

Facebook: yennadon pac elementary



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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

SCHOOL'S COOL

We are offering an eight week kindergarten readiness program for children entering school September 2021. Priority will be given to children who have not attended preschool.

Date: Apr. 27th - July 15th (Tues/Thurs)
Time: 12:30 - 4:30pm
Cost: FREE



UNITED WAY - SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM

Resiliency through Recreation

This United Way funded program put on by The Family Education and Support Centre will focus on fun activities around the different elements of resiliency such as optimism, competency, emotional development and relationships. Students Kindergarten to Gr 7 are welcome and we have mentors on site to help with any additional needs.

Time: 2:20 - 4:00pm
Cost: FREE

Davie Jones Elementary
Date: April 13th - June 1st (Tues)

Glenwood Elementary
Date: April 14th - June 2nd (Wed)

Eric Langton Elementary
Date: April 15th - June 3rd (Thurs)



United Way
Lower Mainland

MORE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Check out our Summer Camps!

I AM AWESOME - SUMMER CAMP

This course is designed to help young people with communication styles, triggers, "I" statements, looking at their special inner qualities, how to deal with stress and how to be a friend. We are offering two sessions. Ages 7 - 11

Date: July 5th - 8th (Mon - Thurs)
Time: 8am - 12pm
Cost: \$86

Spring/Summer 2021

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE

Since 1971

FACILITATING GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Family Education & Support Centre is happy to share with you the Spring/Summer brochure where you will find program descriptions, dates, and times. As an agency, we strive to provide quality information, education, resources, and support through public and private collaborative partnerships.



COVID-19 UPDATE

Please note that all dates and locations shown throughout this brochure are subject to change, depending on the current circumstances regarding Covid-19. The Family Education & Support Centre is taking strict precautions and following up-to-date BC Health and WorkSafe BC guidelines.

Contact us at (604) 467 - 6055 or reg@familyed.ca

PARENTING WORKSHOPS

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PARENTING

Learn how to use "I" statements, conflict management styles, trigger scale, active listening, paraphrasing and open questions for parenting. This workshop will take place via Zoom.

Date: May 18th (Tues)
Time: 10am - 12pm
Cost: \$15



PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN

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

Date: April 20th (Tues)
Time: 10am - 12pm
Cost: \$15

AFTER THE ANGER - MEN'S GROUP

A continuation of Anger Management for Men working on anger management, conflict resolution, effective communication skills, and stress management.

Date: June 6th (Sun)
Time: 10am - 12pm
Cost: \$30

You can report your child's absence online through the Parent Portal

HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL:

1. Log into your Parent Portal account (<https://parents.sd42.ca>) and click on the "Report Absence" tab in the main menu.
2. Select your linked child from the drop down menu. Your child's grade and division will automatically appear.
3. Select the days of absence and provide the school with a reason for the absence and any other information you feel is relevant.
4. Click on the "Submit" button. The system will send a notification email to the school, and will also send a confirmation email to the email address linked to your Parent Portal account.

If you are reporting your child's absence through the Parent Portal, you do not need to call the school.

Event Name	Form Type	Start Date	End Date	Audience
SD42 Parent Portal - Reporting Absence	Announcement	01-08-2016	01-08-2016	Parents
SD42 Parent Portal - Reporting Absence	Announcement	01-08-2016	01-08-2016	Parents
SD42 Parent Portal - Reporting Absence (Early Dismissal)	Announcement	01-08-2016	01-08-2016	Parents
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SD42 Parent Portal - Reporting Absence (Early Dismissal)	Announcement	01-08-2016	01-08-2016	Parents

Form Name	Form Type	Start Date	End Date	Audience
SD42 Parent Portal - Reporting Absence (Early Dismissal)	School Fee	01-08-2016	01-08-2016	Parents

Absence Report

Student Name: *
Grade: 02
Home room #: 010
First Day of Absence: 01-01-2016
Last Day of Absence: 01-01-2016
Absence: *
Reason and/or time where applicable:

☒ Sickness/Medical ☐ Family Vacation ☐ Early Dismissal ☐ Late ☐ Other

Not feeling well today

* Required Field
Submit