



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #7

March 29, 2021

Principal's Message

Well, it seems like only yesterday that we were sending home last month's newsletter. This is the time of the year when the days seem to move in double time. March was an extremely busy month, so we hope that you and your families had a wonderful Spring Break filled with some time to slow down and relax. We are already heading into the last three months of the school year. Wow! Time flies, doesn't it?

One of my colleagues was just pointing out to me that we are now heading into the time of 'second' missed things. For example, if your child has a birthday in March, they will have probably missed two parties and celebrations as Covid-19 restrictions continue to be regularly renewed. It's important to realize that to a child, a year is a long time, and the pandemic seems to have stretched out forever. For some of our younger ones, it's hard to recall anything else. I really hope that by next year we will see the end of the 'new normal', but I wonder how long it will be before Plexiglas and face coverings fall out of our environments and habits. Meanwhile, I am impressed by the tremendous resilience our staff and students have demonstrated, and how we have all learned new ways to communicate and collaborate without getting together in person.

It is wonderful to see such dedication from our Yennadon staff and students! We're looking forward to an active and eventful April!

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Mon., Mar. 29	School reopens after Spring Break
Wed., Mar. 31	Photos for Missing Yearbook Students
Apr. 1 – 30	SD42 Energy Challenge
Thurs., Apr. 1	7:00 pm PAC Meeting (via Zoom)
Fri., Apr. 2	Good Friday – No School
Sun., Apr. 4	Happy Easter!
Mon., Apr. 5	Easter Monday – No School
Apr. 6 – 9	Lights Out Lunch participation
Wed., Apr. 7	9:00 am Assembly – in school Zoom (Theme: Ride the Waves of Change)
Thurs., Apr. 8	Yennadon Grade 4 & 5 Reading Link Challenge
Apr. 12 – 16	Walk & Wheel Everyday promotion
Apr. 19 – 23	Food Bank Cereal Drive
Thurs., Apr. 22	Earth Day!
Wed., Apr. 28	Secretary's Day!
Fri., Apr. 30	Student Learning e-Survey Access Closes





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/>

Moving?



If you know you will not be attending Yennadon Elementary next year, we would appreciate it if you let us know via email at yen_reception@sd42.ca. 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.

Guidelines for Transferring Schools

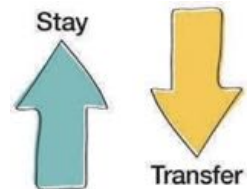
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- 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

Dogs on School Grounds

This is a continuing dilemma. **Please remember to keep your dogs at the edge of the school grounds and on a leash at all times. Most important, please remember to pick up after your dog. Sometimes we are left with quite a mess on our field. Many adults and children are either allergic to dogs or uncomfortable when dogs are present.** Let's work together to ensure the safety and comfort of all the adults and children on our school grounds throughout the day, especially before and after school. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.



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.

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!



Peanut Allergies



We would once again like to remind you that we have some students at Yennadon who are allergic to foods containing nuts or nut products. Ideally, we ask that you not send food to school containing these ingredients. Realistically, we know this is not always possible or convenient, so we do ask you to remind the teacher if your child has food containing nut products. We will often ask students to eat in an alternate place and will ask them to wash their hands well after eating, to help minimize the risk of nut oils being spread around the school. Your help with these requests is appreciated as we continue to try and keep Yennadon Elementary as safe as possible for all students.

Class Placement for 2021/2022

It is not yet time for parents who would like to submit input regarding class placement – this is done in our April newsletter, and forms will be available on our school website. It is appropriate, however, to put some advance reminders in this newsletter. Here are some things to remember as we begin to think about creating our classes for next year.

Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.



Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships, as well as learning styles, strengths and needs.** Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

Finally, input must refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name. **We will remind you in the April newsletter that these forms are available on our website or at the Office.**

The Benefits of Play for Children’s Intellectual Development

Play contributes to children’s learning and development in many ways. Play contributes to healthy cognitive growth, the development of imagination and creative thinking, logical reasoning and problem-solving skills, and memory.

- In dramatic play, children learn to use objects and actions symbolically, which is essential for language, literacy, and numeracy.
- Play and language both involve symbolic representation: language uses words to represent objects, actions, and situations, and in play children use language and objects to represent other things, such as a cardboard box for a tent. Socio-dramatic play fosters children’s language development by nudging them to make intentional use of talk to identify and elaborate on play themes.
- Play lays a foundation for future success in writing, reading, and developing abstract scientific and mathematical concepts.



Recent research documents the many benefits of a play-based environment and it has even been shown that these benefits can create success throughout life. Of course, reading with and to your child is very important and so is counting and talking about your child’s interests.

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.

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.

This program will run at our Under The Tree Centre at 9975 272nd Maple Ridge.


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

APRIL 10TH -MAY 1ST
SATURDAYS
10AM-12PM
PRICE: \$90
(based on a registration for one adult and one child)

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



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.

APRIL 20TH, 10AM - 12PM
PRICE: \$15

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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**

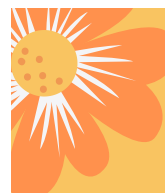
Davie Jones Elementary
Date: **April 13th - June 1st (Tues)**

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**