



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### **Principal's Message**

*This is a very interesting time of year, with so many events happening. The pace of the days moves very quickly – even more than usual it seems. The month of June will be gone before we all know it, and we will then be into a well-deserved Summer Break.*

*As well as all of the events and learning still to happen this year, we also need to begin planning for next year. We have already received tentative staffing allocations, and we hope to keep all of our staff for the 2021 – 2022 school year.*

*Yennadon seems to continue to grow each year. Next year, we anticipate having an enrolment of close to 700 students. As a result, the district is providing us with two portables which will be situated on the field between the Annex playground and the Annex fence. These portables will have their own bathrooms and will be an extension of the Annex. This means that the teachers and students in these portables will use the Annex gym for Physical Education and some Fine Arts activities.*

***As it is time to start organizing for the new school year, it is with some sadness that we have learned that Mrs. Bodman is retiring. This is bittersweet for this long time Yennadon staff member because on the one hand she has genuinely enjoyed her time as a teacher, while on the other hand, life is about embracing change – as we always try to teach our students. We have genuinely appreciated Mrs. Bodman's dedication to education during her 31-year tenure at Yennadon and wish her all the best in her upcoming retirement.***

Sincerely,  
Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



## Upcoming Events

May 31 – June 4	Walk, Wheel, and Bike to School Week
Tues., June 1	Library closed for book circulation
Fri., June 4	All Library books due
Wed., June 2	9:00 am Assembly – in school Zoom
Thurs., June 3	7:00 pm PAC Meeting (via Zoom)
Fri., June 11	Spirit Day – Look Alike Day!
Sun., June 20	<i>Happy Father's Day!</i>
Mon., June 21	National Indigenous Day
Wed., June 23	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (in class)
<b>Fri., June 25</b>	<b>Last day of School for Students</b> <b>9:00 am Final Assembly</b> – in school Zoom Report Cards Available on Parent Portal
June 28 – 29	Teachers available to discuss your child's summative report and/or their learning progress by appointment only
Wed., June 30	Year-End Administrative Day School Start Student Supply Orders DUE Schools Close for Summer Vacation



## Library News

All library books are **due back by Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**. The library will close on this day and will reopen in September. Please return ALL books and pay for lost books. If you are having any problems with overdue books, please email or phone Mrs. White at [candace\\_kibbins@sd42.ca](mailto:candace_kibbins@sd42.ca).

We missed all of our library parents who usually help out every year. We always circulate many, many books and your help in the library was always appreciated.



## 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](mailto:yen_reception@sd42.ca). During the next month, 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.

## Thank You to our Parent Volunteers

I know we say "thank you" a lot, but sometimes it seems we just can't say it often enough. Our parent community provides so much to the school. We truly could not be as good as we are, nor could we do all that we do, without your help. You are an amazing group, and your generosity is always appreciated. On behalf of myself, the staff at Yennadon, your children, and everyone else's children, I would like to thank you for all that you contribute to our school. Yennadon is a great school, and it is the people who attend – students, staff, and parents – who make it such a great place to be!



## **2021 – 2022 School Calendar**

Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for next year's school and district calendar. It summarizes all of the district and provincial non-instructional days, all school holidays, and our Student Led Conference days.



## **Yennadon Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Our last PAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom**. At this Annual General Meeting, our PAC plans to hold elections for next year's executive positions, so we ask that you please plan to attend this video-conference. As per Bylaws Section 6, all Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive positions will conclude on June 30, 2021, and all executive positions for the 2021-22 school year will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). In addition, as per Bylaws Section 11.3, the 2021-22 budget will be presented for approval at the AGM.

Even if you do not want to get involved as part of the executive, it is still good to attend these meetings. They are a good chance for you to find out more about what is happening at our school, or to ask questions about things that might be happening. The more people who attend, the better, so please try to participate on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Lastly, a huge thank you to this year's PAC Executive! We accomplished a lot this year. Way to go, Yennadon!**

**RSVP is required** via email to [yennadonpac@gmail.com](mailto:yennadonpac@gmail.com) by Sunday, May 30, 2021 in order to receive the Zoom/video-conference information.



## **Class Composition for 2021/2022**

We are beginning to create 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.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, **you may submit input to the principal in writing using the form on the school website or by sending an email to [lisa\\_lawrance@sd42.ca](mailto:lisa_lawrance@sd42.ca) by May 28, 2021. Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.**



## Guidelines for Transferring Schools

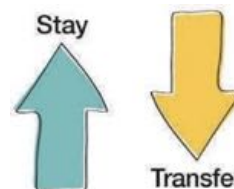
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- 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](https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Elementary-Transfer-Guidelines-2021_22-web.pdf)



### Change to Structure of Year-End (last day for students)

In recognition of the challenges our families have faced during this unusual school year, the district is adjusting the structure of our year-end. **The last day of classes will now be Friday, June 25**, with summative progress reports being issued and **dismissal occurring at 2:20 pm** on this day. June 28 and 29, in the meantime, will be a voluntary time for parents/guardians to ask

questions about their child's report card and/or learning progress. If you have a question about your child's report card or learning progress, you will be able to email your child's teacher with your inquiry to arrange a time to meet by phone or Zoom on June 28 or 29.

### Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing once again. All lost and found items will be on display in the hallway by the office during the second week of June **until Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**. After June 18<sup>th</sup>, any unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to charity. Please remind your children to walk by and take a look! They may be surprised by what they find!





## **Self-Regulation and Play**

'Self-regulation' is a term that describes a child's ability to control and direct his or her own feelings, thoughts and actions. It can be as simple as a child waiting a turn while playing a game or as complex as a child controlling his or her feelings when frustrated and angry. We know that good self-regulation skills are very important for a child's social and emotional development. As well, self-regulation is increasingly being seen as a good predictor of a child's academic success.

Researchers have found that self-regulation helps children succeed not only in school, but also in later life. The children who have good self-regulation skills have better relationships with their teachers, are more liked by their classmates, and do better academically. Parents and teachers are critically important guides and models for children as they learn how to control themselves.

At home and in the classroom, providing organization, consistency, and structure seem to be important predictors of children's self-regulation. For preschoolers and kindergarten children, the essential opportunities are for more complex directions, clear sets of rules, age-appropriate responsibilities, understandable consequences of their actions, and again, positive role models. For primary-grade children, opportunities for complex problem-solving strategies, individual choices, support for individual effort, and experiences with positive, trusting, and respectful adults are the supports needed for developing self-regulation.

The good news for parents and educators is that easy ways to help children develop self-regulation skills may be as close as the local playground. Researchers suggest that classic games where children must follow directions and wait to take turns may be particularly suited for the development of self-regulation. Games such as Red Light Green Light, Simon Says, Hide and Seek and even role-playing are excellent ways to develop self-regulation. Simple games can be more than mere child's play when it comes to helping children develop valuable skills that will serve them well both in school and later in life.



## **Homestay Families Needed in SD42**

Are you interested in welcoming an international student into your home? To become a host family, some of the basic requirements include:

- A private bedroom with a window and door
- Basic bathroom with toiletry supplies
- Three meals per day with snacks
- Transportation of your student to and from the Vancouver International Airport, if necessary
- English is the primary language spoken in the home

If you are interested in becoming a host family and would like more information, visit [inted.sd42.ca/homestay](https://inted.sd42.ca/homestay).

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

**We are looking for great host families for September 2021!**

MAPLE RIDGE  
PITT MEADOWS  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

For information on

- SD42 International Program
- host family requirements
- health and safety protocols

Go to: <https://inted.sd42.ca/host-a-student/>

## **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](http://www.familyed.bc.ca) to find out more about the services they offer.

# **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**



## **SD42 Summer Learning**

Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 is offering the following Summer Learning options for July 2021:

1. Elementary – English and French Immersion (Grades K-6)
2. Grade 7-8 Transition Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST)
3. Grade 8-9 Literacy and Numeracy Skill-Building
4. Grade 10-12 Academic Courses Leading to Graduation
5. Online Summer Learning Fast Track: Grade 10-12 Credit Courses Leading to Graduation

Additional information about these offerings is provided below. You can also download the [Summer Learning 2021 flyer here](#).

Elementary students (grades K-6) participating in this free summer learning program should be ready to spend time outdoors and participate in engaging activities across different areas of study. Program outcomes will be linked to grade level literacy learning standards. Classroom teachers may also explore and reinforce learning outcomes in the domains of numeracy and/or S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) or ADST (applied design, skills, and technology).

The French Immersion Summer Learning Program is intended for students who are functional in French at their grade level. **Students are required to attend regularly.** Families will receive a confirmation of enrolment, location, and the teacher's name on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

**Registration:** Registration for the program will be done through the Parent Portal (<https://parents.sd42.ca>) from **noon, Monday, May 17, 2021 to 3 p.m., Friday, May 28, 2021**. All registrations received after reaching capacity or past the May 28 (3 p.m.) registration deadline will be waitlisted. Please note that priority will be given to SD42 students, followed by the time stamp of the registration.

Parents/guardians must be registered on the Parent Portal and have their child(ren) linked to their account before enrolling in the program. To enroll your child in the program, visit [parents.sd42.ca](https://parents.sd42.ca), login to your parent account, scroll down to *School Upcoming Forms*, and open and complete the Summer Learning 2021 form.

**Location:** Hammond Elementary 11520 – 203rd Street Maple Ridge

**Schedule:** Tuesday, July 6 – Friday, July 23, 2021  
9 a.m. to noon, Monday to Friday (40 hours)

**Health & Safety** – All SD42 Summer Learning programs will operate under strict health and safety protocols that will be in effect on the first day of Summer Learning.

**For more information, contact continuing education at [ce@sd42.ca](mailto:ce@sd42.ca) or 604.466.6555.**





# 2021 – 2022 Yennadon School Calendar

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Tuesday, September 28, 2021</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 22, 2021</i>
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Friday, November 12, 2021</i>
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, December 2, 2021
Student Led Conferences – No School for Students	Friday, December 3, 2021
Schools close for break	Friday, December 17, 2021
Winter break	Monday, December 20, 2021 to Friday, December 31, 2021
Schools reopen after break (Needs Board approval June 16, 2021)	Monday, January 3, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Monday, January 24, 2022</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 22, 2022</i>
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, March 3, 2022
Student Led Conferences – No School for Students	Friday, March 4, 2022
Schools close for break	Friday, March 11, 2022
Schools not in Session	Monday, March 14, 2022 to Friday, March 18, 2022
Spring Break	Monday, March 21, 2022 to Friday, March 25, 2022
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 11, 2022</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
Last day for students (Needs Board approval June 16, 2021)	Thursday, June 23, 2022
Year-end administrative day (Needs Board approval June 16, 2021)	Friday, June 24, 2022
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Monday, June 27, 2022

**ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE:** 8:30am to 2:25pm. 300 instructional minutes per day; 176 days of instruction. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September. (Needs Board approval June 16, 2021)

**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.