



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to another great year at Yennadon Elementary. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are rested and ready for lots of learning and fun. Although this has been a challenging time, we are happy to welcome everyone back into school. We look forward to working with our families to provide a safe, successful, and enriching school year.

We have some new staff at Yennadon this year, as follows:

Ms. Karissa Jennings is teaching Kindergarten/Grade 1

Mrs. Aileen Lindsay is teaching Grade 1/2

Mr. Joseph Martin is teaching Grade 3/4

Mx. Aaron Beveland-Dalzell is teaching Grade 4/5

Mr. Daniel Kite is teaching Grade 6/7

Mr. Des Doyle is teaching support

Ms. Deena Louie is teaching French

Ms. Ali Chubaty is teaching with Mrs. Linde and Mrs. Paton in Kindergarten/Grade 1

Ms. Randi Forrer has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Sharon Coughlan has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Natasha Bettsworth has joined as a Lunch Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Rose Lagiglia has joined as a Lunch Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Karly Sharpe has joined as a Lunch Hour Supervisor

Mr. Ken Gundefeldt has joined as the Annex Custodian

Mr. Michael Watson has joined a main building Custodian

We feel fortunate to have these new staff members with us this year! As well as welcoming our returning students, we want to welcome the many new students who have joined us from other schools. They will soon learn how amazing Yennadon Elementary is!

Mrs. Walker and I are thrilled to be your administration team again this year. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to an exciting year with the Yennadon community. Thank you for your continued support as we work together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Sept. 20 – 30	Toonies for Terry Fox Drive
Mon., Sept. 20	Federal Election Polling Station in the Gym
Wed., Sept. 22	Spirit Day – Hat Day!
Sept. 27 – 29	We invite everyone to wear orange this week – <i>Every child matters!</i>
Wed., Sept. 29	Individual Student Photo Day
Thurs., Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School
Fri., Oct. 1	District Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students

Yennadon School Schedule

8:25 am	Warning Bell
8:30 am	Classes Begin
10:05 – 10:20	Recess GROUP A
10:20 – 10:35	Recess GROUP B
11:50 – 12:10	Lunch GROUP A Play, GROUP B Eat
12:10 – 12:30	Lunch GROUP B Play, GROUP A Eat
12:30 – 2:25	Classes Continue
2:25 pm	Classes Dismissed

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COVID Health and Safety Measures

Updated COVID-19 guidelines for K-12 schools were announced at the end of August, and are detailed in the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) document. Key measures include the following:

- **COHORTS:** Cohorts, also known as learning groups, are no longer recommended by public health as a COVID-19 mitigation measure and will not be used.
- **MASKS:** All K-12 staff, visitors, and students in grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas of the school and on school buses. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks. Exceptions to the mask requirements are outlined on [page 20 of the provincial guidelines](#).
- **DAILY HEALTH CHECKS:** Daily health checks are required before students/staff come to school. A daily health check list is posted to the [school district website](#) and all school websites.
- **HAND HYGIENE:** Diligent hand hygiene will continue to be emphasized, with handwashing encouraged upon school entry, before/after breaks, before/after eating, after using washrooms, and after touching shared equipment.
- **PHYSICAL DISTANCING:** Although public health no longer recommends strict physical distancing of two metres, schools will use strategies to help with respecting personal space, including using available learning spaces and making use of outdoor space as appropriate.
- **CLEANING:** General cleaning, as well as cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, will occur at least once in a 24-hour period and when visibly dirty.
- **VENTILATION:** Ventilation systems in all school district facilities meet WorkSafeBC requirements and requirements as set out in the provincial guidelines with all air filters continuing to be replaced on a regular basis. Improvements to SD42 ventilation systems [are listed here](#).

- **VACCINATIONS:** According to public health, vaccines are the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in schools and communities. Public health strongly encourages all eligible students (12+) and staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Registration is available:
 - Online through the Get Vaccinated portal
 - By calling 1-833-838-2323
 - In person at any Service BC location
 - People can also be immunized at drop-in vaccine clinics throughout the province
- **TARGETED MEASURES:** Local public health orders may be put in place for entire regions or communities, including schools, as determined by the Medical Health Officer.
- **VISITORS:** We will be continuing to carefully manage and document visitors in our schools in alignment with current provincial guidelines. If you need to visit our school, please call the school or email staff to make an appointment. Our school doors continue to be locked as staff are not readily available to greet prospective visitors. All prospective visitors will need to complete a daily health check and sign in with their contact information.

Pack It In & Pack It Out Schoolwide

Once again, 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 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.

Individual Student Photos

Individual student photographs for each child are scheduled for **Wednesday, September 29th**. Mountain West Studios new program offers paper-free, online photo viewing and ordering that is fully customizable. On photo day, the students will receive a camera card with QR code access to the digital images on the www.mountainwest.ca website. You will be able to go online to view and order your child’s photos within 5 – 7 business days after Photo Day. If your child is absent on photo day, then **Photo Retakes are in the morning on Wednesday, October 27th**.



Parent Portal

We remind all parents to sign-up for a parent portal account as this will be our main form of communication and our main form of making payments to the school (online payments by Visa or MasterCard). It is the district’s goal to become cashless and paperless. **As in the past, newsletters will be available to parents only via the Parent Portal or our school Website.**

If you haven’t already done so, please **complete all the consent forms on the parent portal** as soon as possible. These policies are legal documents and are therefore extremely important. These policies include such things as Student Emergency Release, Student Use of Google Drive Services, as well as the Walking Field Trip Permission Form and Internet Use Permission. Failure to complete these forms may hinder your child’s activity in the classroom. Please access each form in order to give permission or not provide permission for each child in your family at Yennadon Elementary. If you need assistance, please feel free to call the office.

Student Planners

Please remember that Student Planners are a required school supply item for our Grade 2 – 5 students. **The cost for this year's planner is \$5.00.** Students may bring cash or cheque payment for their planner to their classroom teacher. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Yennadon Elementary. **However, we encourage you to use the "Parent Portal" which accepts MasterCard and Visa.**



Student planners are a valuable tool for staying organized and for communication between teachers and parents. We encourage parents to check their child's planner (or communication book) nightly to make sure schoolwork is completed and important information is received in a timely manner.

Student Verification Forms

Toward the end of the month, you will receive a copy of your child's official registration form. Please take the time to carefully check the form, make any changes, and sign it. 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.

Leaving School Grounds at Recess and Lunch

For safety and security reasons children may not leave the school grounds during the school day unless they are accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Students who go home for lunch must provide their teacher and the Office with a note from their parent/guardian.

Visitors

For the time being, parents are required to stay outside the school building. If you need to contact someone at the school, please use email and, if required, set up an appointment. Entry into the school building by individuals other than staff and students is restricted. Visitor and parent entry into the school will require authorization by office staff following COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

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.



Medical Intervention Forms

If your child has any health care needs that require support at school, including the administration of any medications, medical forms must be completed. Please complete a fillable "Medical Intervention" form that is available by contacting the school office. Please note that students may not be in possession of any medication at school unless specifically authorized by the Principal. Staff may not administer medication to students unless the required form is completed and signed by a parent. The school cannot assist with any medical intervention unless the appropriate forms are completed. Please contact the school as soon as possible to complete a form. Medical documentation needs to be completed each September. This procedure complies with the policy regarding the health care needs of children at school. If there are any questions, please contact the school. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



School Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for an elementary school. The school district is committed to providing students with learning environments that are safe, responsive, and inclusive. The district recognizes that decisions about dress reflect individual expression of identity, socio-cultural norms, and that they are personal.

Students may attend school and school-related functions in dress of their choice provided that their choices:

- Conform with established health and safety requirements for the intended activity;
- Do not represent or promote weapons, gang culture, and controlled substances, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol or tobacco;
- Use respectful language;
- Do not depict or promote violence, racism, sexism or discrimination; and are not intimidating to others.

Staff may use their discretion if they believe an article of clothing is not appropriate for an elementary school. Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress guidelines when necessary. If any person dresses in an inappropriate manner, the student should be advised personally and discretely and given an opportunity to meet school district guidelines.



Student Allergies

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In several classes, we have sent letters that indicate that there is a student(s) with serious allergies. At Yennadon, one type of allergy we see is to a variety of nuts. We appreciate your help as we try to keep Yennadon Elementary as safe as possible for these students. Although we cannot guarantee that Yennadon is "Nut Free", we do our best to be as sensitive to these health risks as possible and to do what we can to minimize the threat of exposure to anything that might be harmful to a student.

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 has been developed to guide student behavior.

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

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.**



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/>

Yennadon 2021-2022 Parent Advisory Council

President – Craig Towers

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Twitter - @yennpac

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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.

BC Fruit and Vegetable Program



Yennadon Elementary is fortunate to once again participate in the BC Agriculture Classroom's Fruit and Vegetable Program. This means that approximately once a month (sometimes twice), a fresh fruit or vegetable is delivered to your child's classroom for each student to sample. The purpose is to encourage students to try new fruits and vegetables and to increase consumption of fresh produce.

If you would like your child to participate, you don't need to do anything! If you do NOT want your child to participate, please email your child's teacher who will relay the message to the Office.

Yennadon School is on Twitter!

For quick reminders and updates, follow us on Twitter @YennadonSD42.



Hospital Homebound Support

Do you have a child who is ill or injured and unable to attend school?

School District No. 42 provides support to students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. The Hospital Homebound teacher works with elementary and secondary students who have not been allocated support teacher time through a special needs designation at their school. Students may be absent due to a non-contagious illness or they may be recovering from surgery or an injury. Instruction is provided in Ridge-Meadows Hospital or in the student's home.



How does Hospital Homebound support work?

The Hospital Homebound teacher provides direct instruction and support to students, with the goal of helping them return to class with as little interruption to their education as possible. The teacher also helps students maintain connections with the people and programs at their school. While receiving Hospital Homebound support, students continue to be registered at their school and in their classes. Students work on the core academic subjects. They often use the same materials and complete many of the same assignments as their classmates, although some adaptations may be necessary depending on the child's illness. Students typically receive two to three hours of support each week.

When can a student be referred?

Homebound students qualify for support if they are absent from school for 10 consecutive school days. Students who are hospitalized can be referred upon admittance to Ridge-Meadows Hospital.

How do I refer my child?

Contact your child's teacher, counsellor, or administrator. They will complete the Learning Services referral form. A physician's authorization form is also required (available at the school). For more information contact Marc Beaudet, the Hospital Homebound Teacher, at 467-1101, or by email at mbeaudet@sd42.ca.

Who is an Aboriginal Student?

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. **No documentation is required and the ancestry can go back several generations.** Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services.

We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. Self-identification forms can be picked up at the school office. Alternatively, you can download a copy of this form at the Aboriginal Education website: <https://abed.sd42.ca>

If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact:

Kirsten Urdahl-Serr

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Acting Principal, Aboriginal Education

Office: 604-466-6265





2021 – 2022 Yennadon School Calendar

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Friday, October 1, 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	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	Thursday, June 23, 2022
Year-end administrative day	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; 175 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:
848 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten. 873 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7.