



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

What a fantastic start to the 2020/2021 school year we have had, despite our continued strange and unique circumstances. Students have been in their classes now for just over three weeks and routines are being set and the learning is well under way. Our staff is very excited to again provide another excellent learning experience for your children. We also plan to continue to promote the importance of social responsibility and build upon our Five Points of Courage – respect, fairness, compassion, honesty, and responsibility.

This year, life at Yennadon will continue to be a different experience for all of us. For some, it is still very strange to see staff and students wearing masks. Unfortunately, we will not be able to physically meet as a large group in the foreseeable future. Students will continue to spend a great deal of time washing their hands and staggered recesses/lunches that require strategic supervision have been carefully planned. For now, there will be no concerts, team sports, choir, Lunch Lady, hot lunches – and the list goes on down to not supplying goodies on birthdays. A few things for which it is too soon to decide and which we may consider in the spring are cross country, a talent show, and the young entrepreneurs fair. We are pleased to inform you that running club, a virtual bookfest, and an in-school Scholastic Bookfair will most likely begin mid-October. Patience and compromise are going to be very important qualities for all of us to work on this school year.

So, here's the good news: we have a fantastic staff that is going to do everything we can to make things engaging, enjoyable, and positive under these restricted circumstances. As we move forward, we'll find ways to build school culture and have some fun along the way. Throughout the year please stay in touch with your teacher, our staff, and visit the school website:

<https://elementary.sd42.ca/yennadon> for additional information, and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events (October)

Fri., Oct. 1	District Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Oct. 4 – 8	Fire Prevention Week
Tues., Oct. 5	<i>World Teachers' Day!</i> 7:00 pm PAC Meeting (virtual)
Wed., Oct. 6	9:00 am Monthly Assembly – an in-school virtual gathering
Mon., Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 15, 18 – 20	Scholastic Book Fair – an in-school event
Tues., Oct. 19	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – carrots
Thurs., Oct. 21	Shake Out BC – Earthquake Drill
Fri., Oct. 22	Provincial Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Oct. 25 – Nov. 5	Food Bank Drive
Wed., Oct. 27	Individual Photo Retakes – morning (Main Building)

Terry Fox Run

This year, we participated in Terry Fox walks/runs during the last week of September. We sent online pledge information home on the portal. Tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more will be issued from the Terry Fox Foundation. Cash donations will be accepted at the school until October 8th.



We are encouraging Yennadon students to bring in a Toonie for Terry as a donation towards cancer research.

Individual Student Photos

Individual student photographs for each child occurred on Wednesday, September 29th. Mountain West Studios' new program offers paper-free, online photo viewing and ordering that is fully customizable. **Next week, 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 was absent on photo day, **Photo Retakes are in the morning on Wednesday, October 27th** in the main building.



Student Verification Forms

At the end of September, 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**. We must have these forms on file in the office in the case of an emergency. Please make sure all emergency contacts are individuals who would be readily available, if needed. Also, please remember to provide email addresses, cell phone numbers, and work numbers. Ensure your child's health care number is on the form. If any of the family contact information changes throughout the year, please remember to contact the office. It is essential that we have accurate contact information on file at all times. Once completed, **please have your child return the form to their teacher**. It is imperative the school receives this form back for every student as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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 2021/2022 SD42 Consent Forms on the portal**. There are several important permission forms to complete, such as Personal Information Consent, Outside Media Release, Student Emergency Release Form, Yearbook Consent, 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.

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.

SD42 New Waste Collection Program

This year, there are some important changes occurring with our waste-diversion effort that took place over the summer. We are pleased to announce that Green For Life Environmental Inc. (GFL) has been awarded the district's waste services contract and will join us as we work to reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill. With the new contract, there is also an opportunity to provide parents and students with better communication about what is accepted in the School District 42 waste streams, in hopes that parents can help pack snacks and lunches for their children in reusable containers or packaging that is recyclable.

Teachers will be reviewing several resources with their students, such as a program brochure and posters, to help students make the right decision when handling their waste. Here are the resources, for your information.

Brochure: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Waste-Collection-Program-Brochure.pdf>

Posters: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Waste-Collection-Program-Posters.pdf>

Ensuring that our school district produces less waste is a simple way to help reduce our environmental footprint. We are excited about these changes and hope you will join us in working toward meeting the school district goal of an 85% clean diversion rate.

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.



Daily Health Check

A daily health check is a tool to reduce the likelihood of a person with COVID-19 coming to school when they are infectious.

- Parents and caregivers should assess their children daily for illness before sending them to school.
 - Parents/caregivers and students can utilize the provincial [K-12 Health Check app](#) for daily assessment of symptoms.
- Staff and other adults should complete a daily health check prior to entering the school.
- If a student, staff, or other adult is sick, they must not enter the school.



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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.

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 about this service please contact Mrs. Lawrance at the school at 604-463-8871.

To help with self-regulation, we now have **three new sensory paths** for students – one at the main building and two at the Annex. A huge thank you to the PAC for supporting this purchase and to the staff who helped with the installation!

Get on Board – Kids 12 and Under Ride Free Starting September 2021

Starting September 2021, children 12 and under will be able to ride TransLink services free of charge as part of a new provincial program. The program will make transit more affordable for families and help to encourage children to become lifelong transit riders.

Here's what you need to know about children 12 and under riding the different services:



Riding the bus

Children 12 and under will be able to ride buses free of charge without requiring a transit pass, identification or an accompanying fare paying customer.

Riding SkyTrain, SeaBus, and West Coast Express

Children 12 and under will be able to ride on SkyTrain, SeaBus, and West Coast Express free of charge only if accompanied by a fare paying customer. A fare paying customer can accompany up to a maximum of four children through the fare gates.

Children 12 and under will continue to be able to access the gated system by themselves with the purchase of a fare to tap through fare gates.

Riding HandyDART

Children 12 and under who are registered HandyDART customers or children who are accompanying a registered HandyDART customer will be able to travel for free on HandyDART without requiring a fare product or identification.

While travel for children 12 and under will be free, parents and guardians are responsible for educating and making decisions about the safety and care of their children whenever travelling on transit. This includes when children are travelling unaccompanied where permitted and determining if their children can or should take transit independently.

Please visit translink.ca/kidsridefree for more information about the program. For resources and youth travel initiatives, please visit the [Travel Smart page](#) under the "TravelSmart for Schools" section.

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



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/coronavirus-district-response/>



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
<i>Spring Break</i>	<i>Monday, March 21, 2022 to Friday, March 25, 2022</i>
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.

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