



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #2

October 26, 2021

Principal's Message

Thank you for your ongoing patience during this pandemic. We know many of the procedures we need to follow are restrictive and inconvenient, but it is better to be safer than otherwise. For the most part, staff and students are settling into a routine, but it is certainly a very different kind of schooling compared to before the pandemic. Meanwhile, we are approaching our first major holiday in school time – Hallowe'en. Like everything else this will fall under health and safety guidelines.

Many positive things have occurred since the beginning of the school year. The students are keeping very busy with exciting projects and there exists a clear focus on student learning. They are also working hard at following the guidelines for staying safe, with lots of handwashing. We are proud of how they are adjusting to school with some limitations. Also, the behaviour of the students is very good; a true credit to the collective efforts of staff, supportive parents, and the students themselves.

We are fortunate to have a strong school culture at Yennadon and this is helping us continue to provide a positive school environment. Enjoy these beautiful fall days!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Oct. 25 – Nov. 5	Yennadon Food Bank Drive
Wed., Oct. 27	Individual Photo Retakes (main building) – morning only
Tues., Nov. 2	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – apples 7:00 pm PAC Meeting (virtual)
Sun., Nov. 7	Daylight Savings Time
Wed., Nov. 10	10:45 am Remembrance Day Assembly (in school Zoom)
Thurs., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – No School
Fri., Nov. 12	District Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students
Nov. 15 – 24	Tweens and Teens Christmas Bureau Drive
Wed., Nov. 17	4:00 pm Neufeld Farms Order Pick Up (outside front of school)
Tues., Nov. 23	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – pears
Nov. 26 – Dec. 3	Lost and Found Displayed (main hallway)
Thurs., Dec. 2	11:30 am EARLY DISMISSAL for Conferences
Fri., Dec. 3	Three Way Conferences <i>*students attend with parents virtually at scheduled time</i> <i>*some teachers may schedule conferences prior to these two days</i>

Halloween Safety

As Halloween approaches, we want to remind students and families of the need to be thoughtful and inclusive when selecting a costume to be worn at school. Please consider the three following guidelines when you and/or your child are making the costume selection:



- **Be kind and consider the school community.** Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate the stereotype of someone's gender identity, culture, race, religion, age, or disability must not be worn.
- **Be thoughtful and safe.** Costumes that depict violence, alcohol or drugs are not appropriate. Similarly, replica weapons (e.g. guns, knives, etc.) must not be brought to school.
- **In addition, due to our health and safety guidelines at Yennadon, we are requesting that students do not bring any costume masks, costume accessories, or pre-packaged treats (to share) to school.**

The choice of Halloween costume must align with the expectations set out in school codes of conduct and our district [Safe, Caring and Healthy Schools](#) policy. We must always ensure our learning environments remain safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming for all students, families, and staff.

Due to the current provincial health and safety measures, I would also like to ask students and families to refrain from bringing homemade food items to school to share with staff and students.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for helping keep our school safe, caring, and inclusive this Halloween.

Student Planners

Please remember Student Planners are a required school supply item for most of our students. **The cost for this year's planner is \$5.00.** Students may bring cash or cheque payment for their planner to their classroom. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Yennadon Elementary. **However, we encourage you to use the "Parent Portal" which accepts Master Card 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 nightly to make sure required homework is being done and important information is received in a timely manner.

Dressing for the Fall Weather

We spend all of our **recess and lunch time outside** and with the cooler temperatures and rainy weather upon us, we ask that you ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. If your child has a tendency to get wet and muddy during recess/lunch activities, we suggest that you send an extra set of clothing each day to avoid having to bring dry clothes to the school when such accidents occur. Also, as the rains seem to be increasing, please consider having your child wear boots to school and to bring a dry pair of inside shoes to change into.



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.

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. You can contact the Public Health Nurse at 476-7000 with any questions you may have.

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.



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.



Yennadon Three Way Conferences, Thurs. and Fri., Dec. 2nd and 3rd

Yennadon follows the student led conferencing model for reporting. This model of reporting involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. If you have not had a chance to visit the district website and learn about our student inclusive reporting, please do so at www.sd42.ca and click the PARENTS tab and then Reporting and Assessment. Here you will find questions and answers, videos, report/conference templates, and other information. **We dismiss early at 11:30 am on Thursday, December 2nd and there is no school on Friday, December 3rd for conferences.**

Given the provincial health guidelines for educational settings, our Term 1 Reporting process will be similar to last year. The conference will still occur with the teacher, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student. The main difference is that this conference will occur **over zoom** and will be a bit shorter than usual (10 – 15 minutes instead of the usual 20 – 30 minutes).

Grade 5 and 6 Active Pass

All students in Grades 5 and 6 are eligible to apply for the Ridge Meadows Parks and Recreation Active Pass. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to take advantage of the many drop-in programs that our Parks and Leisure has to offer for FREE.

On September 7th the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre returned to **regular drop-in activities and open doors** at their recreation facilities. This means registration is no longer required for drop-in. **Masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces for 5Y+** per the latest Public Health Order. Check the MRLC website for further information about proof of vaccination for certain activities.

To receive the Grade 5 and 6 Active Pass, follow the instructions listed on the Parks & Leisure Services website link:

<https://www.mapleridge.ca/1474/Grade-5-6-Active-Pass>



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.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Orange Shirt Day has been recognized as a Federal statutory holiday and has been renamed National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. September 30th is just one of many opportunities we have throughout the year to increase our understanding of the legacy of residential schools and to honour former residential school students, their families, and communities.

Last month, Yennadon staff and students recognized Truth and Reconciliation week through art and education. Ms. Leblanc's class painted a rock with handprints and the message *Every Child Matters*. Schoolwide, students decorated orange paper shirts with inspirational messages. Together we learned, supported, and created awareness. We honoured the survivors and victims of residential schools. At Yennadon, we seek to share truth and work towards reconciliation.

Please be sure to walk by the staff parking lot area in order to see our schoolwide Truth and Reconciliation project.



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

We are always looking for great host families!



**MAPLE RIDGE
PITT MEADOWS**
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

www.inted.sd42.ca @intedsd42 www.facebook.com/IntEd.SD42

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT:**

International Education
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District
20575 Thorne Ave., Maple Ridge,
BC, V2X 9A6, Canada

604-466-6555
<https://www.inted.sd42.ca/hoststay>

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Conflict Resolution

As parents and caregivers, do you want to learn about the following? If so, this conflict resolution workshop is for you!

- conflict management parenting styles,
- trigger scale,
- active listening,
- open questions for parents,
- how to use "I" statements.

Please note this program will take place online, via Zoom.

**Nov 9th (Tues)
10am - 12pm
Price: \$15**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

The Family Education & Support Centre
22554 Lougheed Hwy
Maple Ridge, BC
(604) 467- 6055
reg@familyed.ca



Healthy Relationships



Do you want to learn the basic fundamentals of any adult relationship including learning about needs, wants, and new communication skills? If so, the healthy relationships course is for you!

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

Nov 12th from 6 - 9pm

Nov 13th from 10am - 1pm

OR

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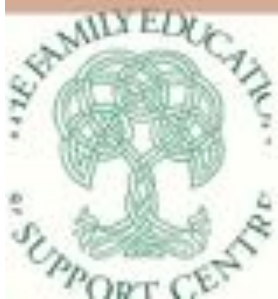
Nov 19th from 6 - 9pm

Nov 20th from 10am - 1pm

Price:

\$90

Based on two participants for one part, at \$45 each



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THE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT CENTRE
22554 LOUGHEED HWY, MAPLE RIDGE
(604) 467 - 6055
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FREE PROGRAM

STEP E

Parents and caregivers will learn developmentally appropriate parenting skills for children aged 0-6 years of age. Programming for children 0-6 is available.

**NOV 2ND-26TH
TUESDAY'S AND FRIDAY'S
1PM-3PM**

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