



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

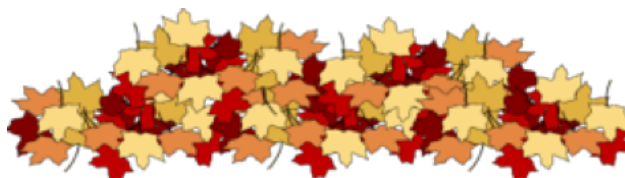
Well, the rain and cold have arrived and some days the weather has been a bit of a challenge; nevertheless, things are moving rapidly towards Christmas. Sadly, we will not be preparing for a schoolwide Christmas Concert; however, carols are still filling the air and you begin to realize that the school year is moving at a very quick pace.

As I visited classrooms this month, it was noted that teachers were busy working with students as they prepared for the Virtual Three Way Conferences. The teachers are very excited about this reporting method for it is believed that by having a meaningful discussion together about your child's progress, areas of improvement, and goals, then your child's learning will not only be more meaningful, but also will be better supported. Please feel free to provide any feedback to your child's teacher (or to me) regarding this reporting process.

Lastly, the PAC is beginning to embark on a few COVID-friendly fundraisers. We would like to thank our PAC for their leadership and organization regarding these opportunities. We also appreciate your generosity and community spirit when supporting the various fundraisers. Parental involvement is so important to the success of any school and we value both your input and incredible efforts that make Yennadon a very special school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Nov. 29th – Dec. 10th

Wed., Dec. 1

Thurs., Dec. 2

Fri., Dec. 3

Tues., Dec. 7

Fri., Dec. 10

Fri., Dec. 17

December 20th – 31st

January 3rd, 2022

Christmas Hamper Drive – *gift card donations requested*

9:00 am Monthly Assembly (in school Zoom)

11:30 am EARLY DISMISSAL for Virtual Conferences

Virtual Three Way Conferences

**students attend with parents virtually at scheduled time*

**some teachers may schedule conferences prior to these two days*

Fruit and Vegetable Delivery – mandarin oranges

7:00 pm PAC Meeting (via Zoom)

4:00 – 5:00 pm PAC Purdy's Fundraiser Pick-Up (Roundabout)

Last day of school before Christmas Break

Spirit Day – Pajama Day!

Christmas Break

School reopens after Christmas Break



Food Bank Drive

A huge thank you to Mrs. White, the Leadership Club, and all of you for your generous donations during October and November. The Yennadon community donated approximately **2190 lbs of non-perishable food items** to the Friends in Need Food Bank in Maple Ridge. It was an amazing effort and will be very well received by those in our community who are in need. We certainly opened up our hearts and our pantry cupboards. Way to go, Yennadon!

Remembrance Day Assembly

Ms. Thorburn, Mr. Martin, and Mrs. Lindsay's classes, with the help of Mrs. Escueta, presented at this year's Remembrance Day assembly. This event is used by our teachers to discuss the many contributions made by the Canadian military around the world and over many years. Although this year's ceremony was virtual, it was still exceptional. The demonstration of respect from our students towards those who fought for our freedom was truly inspiring.



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 **virtually** and will be a bit shorter than usual (10 – 15 minutes instead of the usual 20 – 30 minutes).

Christmas Hampers 2021 – Donations Requested November 29th – December 10th

This year, we are again extending our generosity to some specific families in the Yennadon community. As such, we are reaching out to you in order to help us assemble packages for these families in need. This year, we are requesting students bring in gift cards to local stores for three specific families in our Yennadon community. **Donations can be given to classroom teachers by December 10th; please donate gift cards from the following stores: Walmart, Superstore, Save-on-Foods, Winners, Cineplex, Tim Hortons, McDonald's, London Drugs, and Shoppers Drug Mart.** In order to make things simpler this year, we need to begin our Christmas Hamper Drive earlier than usual. This will allow time for the various families to purchase items they need using the donated gift cards. We intend to deliver everything to the families on December 13th.

We thank you in advance for your gift card donations and help supporting families within our own school community who are in need.

School Closures

On rare occasions schools may be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Public announcements affecting closure of schools will be made by the Superintendent of Schools. For the purpose of announcing emergency closures prior to the opening of schools, the radio stations listed below will be contacted by the district office. The announcements will be made between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m.

News 1130 AM CKNW - 980 AM CBC - 690 AM

As well, you can check the school district website and district social media feeds for updates:
www.sd42.ca **SD42 Twitter feed** ([@sd42news](https://twitter.com/sd42news)) **SD42 Facebook feed**

When schools are closed, we cannot make calls home to let you know; nor, can we answer all the phone calls to ask if school is open.



Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders in the Roundabout

Drop-off and pick-up 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, so we must work cooperatively in the roundabout. We need your cooperation to:

- Please reduce your speed entering and travelling through traffic circle
- Remember to pull up to curb in order to drop students off
- Be sure to have students exit your vehicle from the right/curb side only
- Please do not stop in the middle of the roundabout/traffic circle to allow students to exit your vehicle, and run through traffic
- Please use crosswalks at all times; don't walk through traffic in the roundabout
- Be patient with all pedestrians and drivers



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 drop-off and pick-up to be much safer for the students as a result. Let's work together to keep everyone safe!

Yennadon School is an Allergy Sensitive Zone

We think we have been doing quite well in terms of being sensitive to our students with severe nut allergies. We have asked that students not bring foods containing nut products, if possible, and teachers have been sensitive about not having students eat food with nut products in the classroom. Thanks for your cooperation as we continue to promote an awareness of our severe nut allergies. As we move into the Christmas season, it is especially important to be careful about the types of food that are sent for your child's snack and lunch. Please try not to send snacks or treats that contain nut products. This will help us provide a safe environment for all of our students. As always, we want to thank you for your support of this program at Yennadon.

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.



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.

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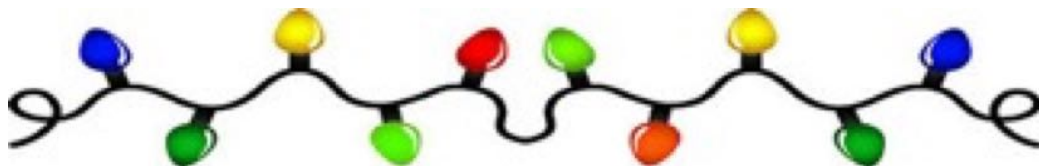
Supporting All Learners 2020/21 Annual Report

This report provides a review of the school district's strategic priorities in support of all learners, addressing the following four key areas of focus: literacy, numeracy, human and social development, and career development. The full report is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2021-09-23-SD42-Framework-for-Enhancing-Student-Learning.pdf>.

Leadership Team Activities and Spirit Days

December is right around the corner, so the Leadership Team has come up with the following ideas! Please mark your calendars.

December 1 – 10	Santa-grams for sale! (by pod/portables/Annex)
Mon., December 6	Merry Monday – wear red and green and Christmas accessories!
Wed., December 8	Ugly Christmas Sweater/Shirt Day!
Mon., December 13	Christmas Colours Day – red and green, or whatever you have!
Tues., December 14	Christmas Socks Day – break out the festive socks!
Wed., December 15	Winter Wonderland White-Out – dress in white!
Fri., December 17	Pajama Day!



New Provincial Proficiency Scale for Reporting


Learning is a dynamic journey, meaning that how and when students progress along this journey varies. The proficiency scale is a way for teachers, students and parents to understand a student's knowledge of the curriculum for a specific grade level and subject area. Concepts and competencies refer to what a student is expected to know and do.

Emerging: Students that are emerging are just beginning to develop their understanding and skills relevant to a particular subject area. Students often need direction and assistance to initiate and complete tasks that demonstrate their learning.

Developing: When students develop their skills and understanding, they practice and improve their ability to demonstrate their knowledge individually and consistently. This is a challenging time of growth and development that most students will experience as new concepts and skills are introduced.

Proficient: When students are proficient, they can communicate the expected competencies and content. These students can independently and consistently demonstrate their learning.

Extending: When students extend their knowledge, they can apply what they have learned to new and different situations. Creative, insightful, and strategic are descriptors for how these students demonstrate their learning.

Proficiency Scale				
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

The level of proficiency shown on your child's report card is only one indication of their growth and development. Their teacher's comments will provide more detailed information on achievement and the next steps for learning.

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.

Parenting Resilient Children: Understanding better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families. Please note, this workshop will take place via Zoom.

Date: Tuesday, December 7th from 10:00 am – 12:00m noon, Cost is \$15

Kindergarten Registration Process 2022 – 2023

Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home.

Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. **Complete steps 1-4 before registration** to save time.

STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

You must open an *SD42 Parent Portal account* to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration.

STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE

Review the registration categories (**SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL**) to find your registration period. Dates are posted on the school district website. Registration for the 2022/23 school year will open January 5, 2022.

STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM

Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2022 at <http://parents.sd42.ca>)

STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the *Acceptance Criteria*. Review these online.

STEP 5: REGISTER

Register your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must upload supporting documents to the Parent Portal. Review *Supporting Documentation* online.

For more information visit <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration>. You can download the 2022-23 Kindergarten Registration brochure.



Kindergarten Registration Categories

Sibling: January 5 – 11, 2022

Environmental School: Jan. 12 – 14, 2022

Choice: January 19 – 24, 2022

General: February 2 – 8, 2022

Late: February 23 – July 31, 2022

All registration periods open at 12:00 noon online. Any child who turns 5 years old in 2022 (born in 2017) is eligible to register for the 2022/23 school year.



Make this holiday one the kids will not forget. Pick up a SnowPass for your 4th or 5th grader and get them skiing and snowboarding this season.

Only a month until the Christmas break! Wondering what to do with the kids this holiday season to keep them busy? Well, worry no more! The Canadian Ski Council has the ticket, literally. The CSC's Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass provides children in grade 4 and 5 with **two lift tickets at each of the 100+ participating ski areas across Canada for just \$29.99**. That's enough skiing and snowboarding to keep them busy all winter long!

Skiing and snowboarding are two of Canada's hottest winter sports and millions of parents know that it's the best way to keep their little bundles of joy active and entertained during the winter.



With the holidays coming up, the Canadian Ski Council understands that budgets are tight. That's why for the past 20+ years we have been dedicated to making it easy and affordable for all parents to get their kids started in skiing and snowboarding.

The Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass is a national program and can be used at over 100 ski areas across Canada, including ski areas in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Canada, and the Yukon. So, no matter where you live, everyone can take advantage of this fantastic offer. To see a full list of participating ski areas, please visit <https://www.skicanada.org/>.

Registering your child for a SnowPass is easy and any child in grade 4 or 5 is eligible (or those born in 2011 or 2012). Just visit <https://www.skicanada.org/>, upload your child's picture and proof of age, enter your method of payment, and presto - your child's personalized SnowPass will be mailed directly to your home within days.

With all the snow that's falling on the mountains, it's never too soon to get your children outside on the slopes and take full advantage of the savings that the SnowPass program offers. So, this holiday season, bundle up the kids and hit the slopes!

Grade 4 and 5 SnowPass information and applications are available online at <https://www.skicanada.org/>. Log on today and get them in time for this holiday season! Applications will be accepted until the end of March 2022.