



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #4

December 14, 2021

Principal's Message

The holiday season is upon us. Santa is on his way and the students, along with the staff, are ready for a very well-deserved break. It is a perfect time to reflect and be grateful for our families and friends, and the many benefits we have living in our great country. The past months have been very busy, and the month of December has been an especially busy one.

I would like to finish off this term by saying THANK YOU to all of you (students, staff, and parents) for your hard work, and for your contributions to Yennadon.

On behalf of all of us at Yennadon Elementary, I want to wish you and your families all the best this Christmas break. We will all look forward to an exciting and adventurous New Year, and will see you back at school on Monday, January 3rd, 2022!

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

December 20 – 31

Mon., Jan. 3

January 5 – 11

Jan. 11 – Feb. 28

January 12 – 14

Wed., Jan. 12

January 19 – 24

Mon., Jan. 24

January 25

February 2 – 8

Feb. 23 – Jul. 31

Christmas Break

School Reopens after Christmas Break

Kindergarten Sibling Registration

Grade 4 & 7 Middle Years Development Instrument Timeframe

Environmental School Kindergarten Registration

9:00 am Monthly Assembly (in school Zoom)

Kindergarten Choice Registration

Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – apples

Kindergarten General Registration

Kindergarten Late Registration



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 is taken by staff daily and we follow up with parents on all absences not already reported to the school.



Arriving late for school in our current context is 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.**

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 6:15 and 7:00 a.m.



News 1130 AM CKNW - 980 AM CBC - 690 AM Global TV news

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 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 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!

Report Cards and Three Way Conferences

Yennadon is following the student inclusive conferencing model for reporting. This model involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. We would like to thank you for your support as we continue to implement this reporting process. We have received feedback from many parents who have been very happy with this inclusive way to report on student progress.



Our next **Early Dismissal for conferences is Thursday, March 3rd** and our full day for **Three Way Conferences is on Friday, March 4th**. Please mark your calendars.

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 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.

SD42 PARENT PORTAL
Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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 you remind your child not to share personal items such as combs and brushes. We also ask you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. We have some information about "head lice" on our school website and you can also 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.



K-5



6-8



9-12

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.



Grade 8 Registration for 2022 – 2023

All Grade 8 registration for the 2022-23 school year will be done online through the Parent Portal. **The Grade 8 Transfer Period will open at 12:00 noon February 3, 2022.** Families with children currently enrolled in a Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District elementary school should **submit an *Existing Student Transfer Request*** in the Grade 8 Transfer Period. See [Grade 8 Transfer Period Information 2022/23](#) for more details.

The registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address (not your elementary school). You can use the school locator tool at <http://www.sd42.ca/school-locator/> to check your secondary catchment school. Please note that new development areas may not reflect accurate results of your catchment school. Please call and confirm with the school if necessary. If the address you register on the portal does not match what is on file, proof of change of address will be required. Tenant Rental agreements are not accepted as proof of address.

1. Out-of-catchment registrations may be restricted by the limits of the school facility size and staffing. The district will accommodate **catchment registrations first** and then attempt to accommodate **sibling out of catchment registrations**; however, sibling placement cannot be guaranteed. Please refer to the acceptance criteria online.

2. All Grade 8 online registration must be **completed by February 18, 2022.**

3. Parents will be notified by email before Spring Break as to where their child is assigned.

4. **Movement between schools (i.e. families changing their minds) after the February 18th deadline requires a transfer process**, as staffing for schools is established based upon registrations as of this date. A transfer request must be submitted on the Parent Portal under the *Enrolment Requests-New; Transfer; Withdraw (2022/2023)* school year. Building space and available staffing limit this process. A review of transfer requests will be completed before the end of May.

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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 please contact Mrs. Lawrance at the school at 604-463-8871 or by email at lisa_lawrance@sd42.ca .

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

SCHOOL'S COOL

We are offering an eight week kindergarten readiness program for children entering school September 2021. Priority will be given to children who have not attended preschool. To register please contact Sheena at capc@familyed.ca

Date: **TBD**
Time: **TBD**
Cost: **FREE**

UNITED WAY - SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM

The Family Education and Support Center and The United Way are excited to bring you Kids Helping Community. This program is designed to inspire children to begin identifying ways they can help in their community. They will have the opportunity to be apart of the solution by distinguish a need they would like to address, and work together to create a way they can help to spread kindness and understanding to those in need.

Time: **2:20 - 4:00pm**
Cost: **FREE**

Davie Jones Elementary
Date: **Jan 11 - Mar 1 (Tues)**

Golden Ears Elementary
Date: **Jan 12 - Mar 2 (Wed)**

Eric Langton Elementary
Date: **Jan 13 - Mar 3 (Thurs)**



CONFLICT RESOLUTION PARENTING

Learn how to use "I" statements, conflict management styles, trigger scale, active listening, paraphrasing and open questions for parenting. This workshop will take place via Zoom.

Date: **Jan 4 (Tues)**
Time: **10am - 12pm**
Cost: **\$15**

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the Staff at
Yennadon
Elementary!*

