



## YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

*We are coming to the end of our second term and time is going too quickly, it seems. Our staff and students have been working hard since their return after the Christmas break, and have accomplished a lot of learning! Along the way, we have also managed to have a lot of fun! Who would have guessed that it would snow in January? On behalf of everyone at Yennadon, I want to say "thanks!" for all of your support. We rely on help from our many parents and appreciate everything you do to help make this a great school.*

*We are in the final chapter of Term 2, with teachers and students wrapping up projects and completing various assessment tasks. Even though there are still two weeks left until Spring Break, the time will fly past. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Spring Break, and we will be ready to start the excitement of the final term as soon as we return!*

*Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal*



### Upcoming Events

Wed., Feb. 23	<b>Pink Shirt Day!</b> Kindergarten Late Registration Opens
Tues., Mar. 1	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – pears 7:00 pm PAC Meeting (virtual)
Wed., Mar. 2	9:00 am Assembly – in school Zoom
March 3 – 11	Lost & Found Items DISPLAYED for students to check
<b>Thurs., Mar. 3</b>	<b>11:30 am EARLY DISMISSAL for Conferences (virtual)</b>
<b>Fri., Mar. 4</b>	<b>THREE WAY CONFERENCES (virtual)</b>
Mon., Mar. 7	Grade 1 – 7 New Registrations/Transfers for 22/23 Open
Wed., Mar. 9	PAC Art Cards Fundraiser Orders DUE
Fri., Mar. 11	<i>Pyjama Day!</i> Last day of school before Spring Break
<i>Sun., Mar. 13</i>	<i>Daylight Savings Time (clocks spring ahead one hour)</i>
<b>March 14 – 25</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
Mon., Mar. 28	School reopens after Spring Break
Tues., Apr. 5	7:00 pm PAC Meeting (Location TBD)
Wed., Apr. 6	9:00 am Assembly – in school Zoom
<b>Fri., Apr. 15</b>	<b>Good Friday – No School</b>
<i>Sun., Apr. 17</i>	<i>Happy Easter!</i>
<b>Mon., Apr. 18</b>	<b>Easter Monday – No School</b>



### **Report Cards and Three Way Conferences**



Our next **Early Dismissal for conferences is Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am** and our **Three Way Conferences are on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not scheduled a conference date and time. Following the direction of the school district, our Term 2 reporting conferences will be virtual again with the teacher, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student. The conference will occur **over Zoom or Teams** and will be a bit shorter than usual (10–15 min. instead of the usual 20–30 min.).

### **Outdoor Days**

We are trying to get our students outside on a greater number of days throughout the year. Staff and parents feel this is a healthy choice for students, and the simple fact is that many students prefer to be outside during recess and lunch. For this reason, please help your children learn to dress appropriately to be outside during our Lower Mainland Winter/Spring weather. Please send extra socks and pants; this has proven to be a helpful thing for your children. As well, please remind your child(ren) that our fields can get quite slippery and muddy during rainy times. We are reminding students that, if they get too dirty outside, they can be quite uncomfortable in class for the rest of the day. Also, as their clothes dry the dirt drops to the floor which can erode the surface and can create a higher risk of slipping or losing control while running in the gym.



### **Middle Years Development Instrument – Grades 4 & 7**

School District No. 42 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

**Grade 4 and 7 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between January 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information and to view the questionnaires: <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Parent FAQs: <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher and fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed consent letter which was sent on the Parent Portal at the end of November.

## 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 by 6:30 a.m.

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

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

## Guidelines for Transferring Schools

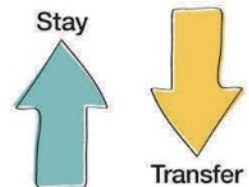
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- Transfer to Yennadon from another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows
- Transfer out of Yennadon to another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows

Parents contemplating a transfer request are encouraged to consult with the principal before submitting a formal request. **To make a formal transfer request, log in to your [Parent Portal](#) account, click on the 'Registration' tab, and under 'New Request' select the appropriate transfer period.**

In general, acceptance criteria for prioritizing new registrations are:

- Students who live in catchment
- Students who live out of catchment with siblings already in the school
- Out of catchment without siblings
- Out of District students



At **Yennadon**, we generally can **only take students who live in our catchment**. Sometimes, we can take students who live out of catchment, but who already have siblings in our school. Given how full we are, we usually do not accept students from out of catchment if they do not have siblings in our school. As always, if you have questions, please give us a call. Please refer to the prioritization of transfer requests for more detailed information: [SD42 Procedure for Student Placement](#).

## Drop Off and Pick Up Reminder



We are seeing some instances of parents parking in our fire lane and leaving their vehicles unattended while they come onto the school grounds. This is a violation of the fire code and is viewed quite seriously by the Fire Department. One of the reasons our lot has remained open to cars in the morning for drop off and at the end of the day for pick up is our assurance that **cars will not be left unattended in the fire lane at any time during the day**. We ask for your cooperation in following this request in the morning and after school.

### **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. 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. Finally, if you discover the presence of head lice on your child(ren) please contact the school office.

### **Ministry of Education Student Learning Surveys**

#### **MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 4 AND 7 STUDENTS**

This year, parents do not need a Logon code to access the online Student Learning Survey.

Electronic surveying is available until April 30, 2022. The website to access the electronic survey is:

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)

We request you please take 15 minutes of your time to fill this out. If, at any time, you have questions please do not hesitate to call us.

The more parents who complete these surveys, the higher quality of feedback we will receive. Your input is appreciated! As well as completing this survey, please feel free to contact us anytime with questions or feedback!



### **Moving?**



If you know you will not be attending Yennadon Elementary next year, we would appreciate it if you let us know. During the next couple of months, we will be working very hard to accommodate all of the requests to transfer to Yennadon, and it is very helpful to our planning if we know who will or will not be attending next year. Thanks for your help with this request.

### **Tips for Getting to School on Time**

#### ***The Night Before Stuff:***

1) Pack lunches and fill water bottles. Doing it when it's late and you (or the children if they're able) are tired beats racing to do it when it's early and you or the children are tired.

2) Choosing outfits ahead of time is a great idea, of course. It also never hurts to have them pick a backup in case they are in a panic and have changed their mind when it's time to get dressed. That way, the potential ten-minute, "But I don't want to wear THAT today!" discussion can hopefully be tackled in two seconds with an, "Okay, here you go, then!" at-hand solution.

3) Check for any due library books, permission slips, homework to turn in, etc. and be sure they are all filed in the child's backpack.

4) Put the backpacks by the front door. You'd think they're too big to lose; you'd be wrong.

5) Have each child put their shoes on top of their backpack. Put a sock in each shoe.





### **Cell Phones and Cameras at School**

Please remember that we do not allow students to use personal cameras or cell phones at school during the day. If students do bring a camera or cell phone, they can only use it with a teacher's permission, and this will be given for supervised pictures or activities pertaining to school projects.

Cell phones should be turned-off and kept in a back-pack during the day. If students need to use a phone, they are asked to get a phone slip from their teacher and use a phone at the school office or in their teacher's classroom.



If we see students using personal cameras or cell phones during the school day, we do reserve the right to take the phone or camera and hold onto it until the end of the day. If a second situation occurs, we will hold onto the phone or camera until a parent comes by to pick it up.

Finally, please remember we cannot be responsible for lost cell phones or iPods. Students must be very careful to look after these items at all times. If they want, the office will hold onto them during the day for safety, and they can come by after school to pick their cell phone up. Thanks for your understanding and support of these expectations.



### **What to do When Sick and Guidelines on International Travel**

The BC Centre for Disease Control has updated its guidance on when to get a COVID-19 test and when to self-isolate. See the [What to do when sick](#) flowchart at the end of this newsletter for a summary of this guidance.

Families must also continue to follow federal requirements when returning from international travel: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#children>

### **Follow the Yennadon PAC on Social Media**

Stay connected, get involved, and stay up to date on what is happening at Yennadon and with the PAC! Check out the Yennadon PAC's social media sites:

Website: [www.yennadonpac.weebly.com](http://www.yennadonpac.weebly.com)

Twitter: @yennpac

Instagram: @yennadonpac

Facebook: yennadon pac elementary



### **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](http://www.familyed.bc.ca) to find out more about the services they offer.



# ✓ WHAT TO DO WHEN SICK

## IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS, STAY HOME

Most people don't need testing for COVID-19. Use the BCCDC Self-Assessment Tool or contact 811 or your health care provider to find out if a COVID-19 test is recommended. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:



- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Loss of sense of smell/taste
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Loss of appetite
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Extreme tiredness
- Headache
- Body aches
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea



Go to emergency or call 911 if you:

- Find it hard to breathe
- Have chest pain
- Can't drink anything
- Feel very sick
- Feel confused

## IF YOU HAVE MILD SYMPTOMS (OR HAVE TESTED NEGATIVE): STAY HOME

- For most people, testing is not recommended.
- Mild symptoms can be managed at home.



## IF YOU TEST POSITIVE: SELF ISOLATE



- Complete an online form to report your test result.
- Manage your own symptoms.
- Let your household contacts know.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL / WORK

Stay home until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities



## IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED OR LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD

You can end isolation and return to school / work when all conditions are met:

- 1 At least 5 days have passed since your symptoms started, or from test date if you did not have symptoms.
- 2 Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- 3 Symptoms have improved.

You should avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings such as long-term care facilities and gatherings for another 5 days after ending isolation

## IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND NOT FULLY VACCINATED

You can end isolation and return to school / work when all conditions are met:

- 1 At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms started, or from test date if you did not have symptoms.
- 2 Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- 3 Symptoms have improved.

## IF YOU STILL HAVE SYMPTOMS



Continue to isolate longer if you still have a fever or are not feeling better. If you are unsure or concerned, connect with your health care provider or call 811.

## WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE IS SICK IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at: [Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)

## You can report your child's absence online through the Parent Portal

### HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE THROUGH THE PARENT PORTAL:

1. Log into your Parent Portal account (<https://parents.sd42.ca>) and click on the "Report Absence" tab in the main menu.
2. Select your linked child from the drop down menu. Your child's grade and division will automatically appear.
3. Select the days of absence and provide the school with a reason for the absence and any other information you feel is relevant.
4. Click on the "Submit" button. The system will send a notification email to the school, and will also send a confirmation email to the email address linked to your Parent Portal account.

If you are reporting your child's absence through the Parent Portal, you do not need to call the school.



**SD42 PARENT PORTAL**  
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Home History My Account **Report Absence** Welcome Sign out

Current email subscription status for Parent Portal notifications: **Subscribed**

**Announcements and Events**

Form Name	Form Type	Start Date	End Date	Audience
Registration - Registration (2015-16) - All Day/Part		01-06-2016	01-10-2016	
Registration - Registration	Announcement	01-05-2016	02-12-2016	
Registration - Registration (Registration - All Day/Part)	Announcement	01-05-2016	01-12-2016	
Registration - Registration	Announcement	01-04-2016	01-15-2016	
Registration - Registration	Announcement	01-04-2016	01-29-2016	
Registration - Registration (Registration - All Day/Part)	Announcement	12-11-2015	01-29-2016	
Registration - Registration (Registration - All Day/Part)		06-01-2015	04-29-2016	

**School Upcoming Forms**

Form Name	Form Type	Start Date	End Date	Audience
Registration - Registration (Registration - All Day/Part)	School Fee	12-08-2015	01-08-2016	

**Report Absence**

Student Name: \*

Grade: **02**

Homeroom #: **DIV.17**

First Day of Absence: \*

Last Day of Absence: \*

Absence \* ☒ Illness/Medical ☐ Family Vacation ☐ Early Dismissal ☐ Late ☐ Other

Reason and/or time where applicable:

\* Required Field

**Submit**