



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to another great year at Yennadon Elementary. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are rested and ready for lots of learning and fun. Although this has been a challenging few years, we are happy to welcome everyone back into school. We look forward to working with our families to provide a safe, successful, and enriching school year.

We have some new staff at Yennadon this year, as follows:

Ms. Andrea MacInnes is our new Vice-Principal

Mrs. Robyn Dilley is teaching Grade 1/2

Ms. Oksanna Ternoway is teaching Grade 2/3

Mrs. Sarah Street is teaching with Mrs. Linde and Mrs. Paton in Kindergarten/Grade 1

Ms. Jessica Oxenbury is teaching with Mrs. Funk in Grade 5

Mr. Rizwan Lalani is teaching French

Mrs. Carrie Ortlepp is teaching PE and Support in the Annex

Ms. Virginia Avery is our ELL Teacher

Ms. Evelina Rdzak is our Speech Language Pathologist

Mrs. Camilla Koss has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Bria Kilkenny has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Laurie Zanetti has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Dianna Baptiste has joined as an Education Assistant

Mrs. Amy Kito has joined as a Lunch Hour Supervisor

Ms. Jacquie Giroux has joined as a Custodian

We feel fortunate to have these new staff members with us this year! As well as welcoming our returning students, we want to welcome the many new students who have joined us from other schools. They will soon learn how amazing Yennadon Elementary is!

Ms. MacInnes and I are thrilled to be your administration team this year. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to an exciting year with the Yennadon community. Thank you for your continued support as we work together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Mon., Sept. 19	National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II – No School
Sept. 20 – 29	Toonies for Terry Fox Drive
Thurs., Sept. 22	Meet the Teacher Night
	6:00 – 6:30 pm Last names beginning with A – K
	6:30 – 7:00 pm Last names beginning with L – Z
Fri., Sept. 23	6:30 pm PAC Movie Night (doors open at 6:00pm)
Sept. 26 – 29	We invite everyone to wear orange this week – <i>Every child matters!</i>
Wed., Sept. 28	Individual Student Photo Day
Thurs., Sept. 29	Terry Fox Run
Fri., Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School
Mon., Oct. 3	District Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students

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 – 2:20	Classes Continue
2:20 pm	Classes Dismissed

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**Please note that as a district, elementary schools have returned to dismissing at 2:20pm.*

Meet the Teacher Night

Please join us on **Thursday, September 22nd** for an **informal** meeting with your children's teachers in their classrooms. Since our school enrolment is almost 700 students, we are requesting families to visit the school in two shifts. If your **last name begins with A – K**, then **please attend from 6:00 – 6:30pm**. If your **last name begins with L – Z**, then **please attend from 6:30 – 7:00pm**. Our intention with this staggered schedule is to help alleviate some of the traffic, congestion, and parking difficulties. We look forward to seeing you!

Individual Student Photos

Individual student photographs for each child are scheduled for **Wednesday, September 28th**. Mountain West Studios new program offers paper-free, online photo viewing and ordering that is fully customizable. On photo day, 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 is absent on photo day, then **Photo Retakes are in the morning on Wednesday, October 19th**.



Updated Communicable Disease Guidelines

Based on the [updated guidelines](#), we will be reopening our schools with similar measures we had in place before summer break. For your convenience, we have highlighted the key considerations below:



STAY HOME IF SICK

Students and staff must continue to monitor their health daily to ensure they are not experiencing symptoms of illness (including but not limited to [COVID-19 symptoms](#)) and should stay home if they are sick or unable to participate fully in routine activities. If your child has symptoms that may be COVID-19, use the online [self-assessment tool](#). The BC Centre for Disease Control provides guidance on self-isolation, including when one can end self-isolation after a COVID-19 infection.



MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS

Masks are one layer of protection used to prevent the spread of communicable disease. The decision to wear a mask beyond when it is recommended by public health is a personal one, based on individual preference. The individual choice to wear a mask should be respected.



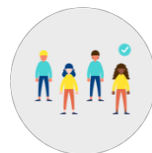
HAND HYGIENE

Staff, students and visitors will be encouraged to practice frequent hand hygiene. You can find more information about appropriate hand hygiene on [this BC Centre for Disease Control poster](#).



RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Parents and staff should teach and reinforce good respiratory etiquette practices among students, including coughing or sneezing into one's elbow or tissue; throwing away used tissues and immediately performing hand hygiene; and not touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



PERSONAL SPACE

Staff and students should be encouraged to respect the personal space of others (the distance from which a person feels comfortable being next to another person).



SHARING FOOD, BEVERAGES & OTHER ITEMS THAT TOUCH THE MOUTH

Staff and students should be discouraged from sharing items that touch the mouth (e.g., food, drinks, unwashed utensils, cigarettes, vaping devices). Shared-use items that touch the mouth should be cleaned and disinfected between use by different individuals.



GET VACCINATED

Public health advises that vaccines are important tools to protect against many serious communicable diseases and encourages all eligible staff and students to ensure they're up to date on [all recommended vaccines for communicable diseases, including COVID-19 vaccines](#).

Terry Fox Run

This year, our Terry Fox event takes place on **Thursday, September 29th**. We will send pledge sheets home with students. Tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more will be issued from the Terry Fox Foundation. Pledges/donations will be accepted at the school until October 7th. **We are also encouraging Yennadon students to bring in a Toonie for Terry as a donation towards cancer research.**



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.

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 2022/2023 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

Student Planners



Please remember that Student Planners are a required school supply item for our Grade 2 – 5 students and some Grade 6/7 students. **The cost for this year's planner is \$5.00.** Students may bring cash or cheque payment for their planner to their classroom teacher. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Yennadon Elementary. **However, we encourage you to use the "Parent Portal" which accepts MasterCard 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 (or communication book) nightly to make sure schoolwork is completed and important information is received in a timely manner.

Leaving School Grounds at Recess and Lunch

For safety and security reasons children may not leave the school grounds during the school day unless they are accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Students who go home for lunch must provide their teacher and the Office with a note from their parent/guardian.

Visitors

All visitors are expected to report to the office by way of the main entrance. This is a safety measure as it is important for us to know who is in the school. Visitors are also expected to sign the Visitor Log in the office and collect a "Visitor" or "Volunteer" identification tag, which must be displayed while in the building and while on the school grounds outside.

Reporting Student Absences and Late Arrivals

If your child is not attending due to illness or any other reason, please contact the school. The best way to report a student absence is by using the Parent Portal.

1. Log in to the Parent Portal
2. Click on "Report Absence"
3. Select your child's name
4. Select the date(s) absent (from and to)
5. Click the absence reason
6. Leave a comment if you wish
7. Hit "Submit"



You can use this system 24 hours per day! Alternatively, you can call the office at 604-463-8871 and leave a voicemail or email the office at ven_reception@sd42.ca to report the absence. Attendance will be taken by staff daily and we will follow up with parents on all absences not already reported to the school. Students who arrive late for school (i.e. are not present in their homeroom classroom when the teacher takes attendance at 8:35 am and 12:35 pm) must report to the office to identify themselves before proceeding to their classroom.

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.



Medical Intervention Forms

If your child has any health care needs that require support at school, including the administration of any medications, medical forms must be completed. Please complete a fillable "Medical Intervention" form that is available by contacting the school office. Please note that students may not be in possession of any medication at school unless specifically authorized by the Principal. Staff may not administer medication to students unless the required form is completed and signed by a parent. The school cannot assist with any medical intervention unless the appropriate forms are completed. Please contact the school as soon as possible to complete a form. Medical documentation needs to be completed each September. This procedure complies with the policy regarding the health care needs of children at school. If there are any questions, please contact the school. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



School Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for an elementary school. The school district is committed to providing students with learning environments that are safe, responsive, and inclusive. The district recognizes that decisions about dress reflect individual expression of identity, socio-cultural norms, and that they are personal.

Students may attend school and school-related functions in dress of their choice provided that their choices:

- Conform with established health and safety requirements for the intended activity;
- Do not represent or promote weapons, gang culture, and controlled substances, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco;
- Use respectful language;
- Do not depict or promote violence, racism, sexism or discrimination; and are not intimidating to others.

Staff may use their discretion if they believe an article of clothing is not appropriate for an elementary school. Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress guidelines when necessary. If any person dresses in an inappropriate manner, the student should be advised personally and discretely and given an opportunity to meet school district guidelines.



Student Expectations

Yennadon Elementary has long been perceived by educators, parents, and students as having high standards with respect to expectations of students. In our efforts as a staff to maintain the positive culture of our school, we ask all parents to review our expectations with your children. We expect students to conform to these high standards of behavior when they are at school, on the way to and from school, and while attending any school function or field trip. Students are also expected to demonstrate high standards of work habits, arrive at school and class on time, be prepared with the necessary supplies and materials, and complete all in-school and homework assignments.

Our students are expected to be cooperative, responsible and do the best they can at all times. To this end, **The Five Points of Courage** is our school code of conduct that has been developed to guide student behavior.

At Yennadon, we have five key values that define the characteristics of courage and social responsibility:

<u>Respect</u>	Valuing others; being courteous
<u>Fairness</u>	Not favoring one over the other; observing the rules
<u>Compassion</u>	Helping others and being kind
<u>Honesty</u>	Being truthful and acting with integrity
<u>Responsibility</u>	Doing the right thing; being dependable, all fortified with the Courage to act in these ways.



Students will be taught these key values through reinforcement modeling, direct teaching, assemblies and all aspects of the education process.

SD42 Appeals Process

In School District No. 42, we believe in working together to support our children. With input from parents, students, staff and community members, the district has developed guidelines intended to help prevent and/or resolve conflict.

Under Section 11 of the School Act, parents and students have the right to appeal decisions made by Board employees that “significantly affect the education, health or safety of a student.” An amendment to the School Act introduced in the spring of 2007 allows parents or students to appeal a decision of a Board of Education made under Section 11 to a Provincial Superintendent of Achievement. The Board has approved a new policy that is accompanied by a procedural bylaw that provides guiding principles for all steps of the appeal process. The link to the appeals process is now the second bullet under the parent tab on the district website and can also be accessed at <http://www.sd42.ca/appeal-process/>



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. There is ample parking in the lot at Maple Ridge Park. If you choose to use the “drop off loop” at the main building, please do not stop in the outside of the loop. Please pull to the right and forward as far as you can when dropping off/picking up in the roundabout. 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 always 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.

Who is an Aboriginal Student?

Aboriginal Ancestry is determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification. This includes First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. **No documentation is required and the ancestry can go back several generations.** Ministry of Education funding is provided to support the success of all Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate educational programs and services.

We encourage all students of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Ancestry to complete a self-identification form as this allows you to access various supports and programs during the school year if you wish. Self-identification forms can be picked up at the school office. Alternatively, you can download a copy of this form at the Aboriginal Education website: <https://abed.sd42.ca>

If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to contact:

Kirsten Urdahl-Serr Email: Kirsten_Urdahl-Serr@sd42.ca

Principal, Aboriginal Education

Office: 604-466-6265



Community Soccer After School Program – Still a few spaces remaining!

Albion FC and SD42 are again offering soccer clinics for interested students in Grades 4-7. Please refer to the portal announcement for details and registration information. Sessions are offered rain or shine on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 20 to Oct. 13, 2022 (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.) on the Yennadon field. Cost: \$72 (eight sessions) with an Albion FC Certified Coach.

To register go to schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com.

SEPTEMBER 28 | 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM | FLETCHER PARK

Calling all nature enthusiasts...the Arbor Day celebration is happening on September 28 in Fletcher Park (12260 Fletcher Street) from 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM! The event features a variety of tree-related activities for families to enjoy including games, education on tree health and more. Enjoy a scenic view of the park and surrounding community with a bucket truck ride courtesy of BC Plant Health Care, help us maintain the trees in the park, play games or test your balance on a slack line. Let's celebrate nature!

HAVE AN IDEA? APPLY FOR A GRANT!

Looking for a way to connect with your community? The Neighbourhood Small Grant program supports projects that bring communities together with grants up to \$500. Plan a community clean up, install a community library box and more! The possibilities are endless.

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British Columbia

This event is part of the City's Happenings program. Scan (right) for more info or visit mapleridge.ca/23081



2022 – 2023 Yennadon School Calendar

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (<i>School Growth Planning Day</i>)	Monday, October 3, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 21, 2022</i>
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Thursday, November 10, 2022</i>
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, December 1, 2022
Student Led Conferences – No School for Students	Friday, December 2, 2022
Schools close for break	Friday, December 16, 2022
Winter break	Monday, December 19 to Friday, December 30, 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	Monday, January 2, 2023
Schools reopen after break	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Monday, January 23, 2023</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 20 th , 2023
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 21, 2023</i>
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, March 2, 2023
Student Led Conferences – No School for Students	Friday, March 3, 2023
Schools close for break	Friday, March 10, 2023
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 13, 2023 to Friday, March 17, 2023</i>
<i>Spring Break</i>	<i>Monday, March 20, 2023 to Friday, March 24, 2023</i>
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 27, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday	Monday, April 10, 2023
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 10, 2023</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last day for students	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Year-end administrative day	Friday, June 30, 2023
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Friday, June 30, 2023

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:20pm. 295 instructional minutes per day; 179 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*:
853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten. 878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7.