

Yennadon Elementary School



Overview

Yennadon Elementary School is located on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation in Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada. Maple Ridge is a community of 83 000 people, located approximately forty minutes east of Vancouver. The population of the school is approximately seven hundred kindergarten to grade seven students. The staff consists of administrators, teachers, education assistants, and support staff.



Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.

When I use an iPad in class, I end up writing larger and more detailed paragraphs compared to when I write on paper.

Jaxon 13 yrs old

Using an iPad really helps with my writing. I am able to use Pages to type out my work and it helps me with my grammar and punctuation.

Liam 13 yrs old

I like using iPads to collaborate with my friends. We can share the same document and airdrop to each other. They are awesome!

Hadis 12 yrs old



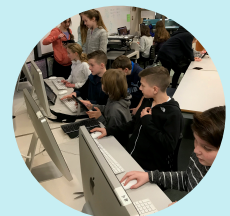
iPad Classrooms

We have 6 Grade 6/7 classrooms where students are provided iPads for school and home use.



iPad Cart

We have an iPad cart that a variety of classes share and use to enhance their literacy skills.



Other Technology

Each Pod has 4-5 computers available for student use.

Technology and Innovation

Over the past ten years, the district has steadily grown the number of Apple devices in one-to-one classrooms across our district. The district continues to work very closely with all teachers in the inquiry program to understand their needs and to provide them with hardware, infrastructure and support.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District #42 is a strong supporter of innovation and student engagement. The one-to-one iPad initiative is the foundation of the inquiry program, and continues to help transform both the classroom and the students' learning experiences.

Yennadon is deliberately organized with all grade six and seven students in combined classes. The structure of combined grade 6/7 classrooms enables the inquiry teachers to collaborate, co-teach, and incorporate effective teaching practises.

At Yennadon Elementary, all six teachers in the school work collaboratively to develop, plan, share, and implement the recently redesigned curriculum. They meet on a regular basis throughout the school year. In our school, there are a variety of co-teaching strategies in place, including collaboration, team teaching, parallel groups, and platooning. All 6/7 teachers in the inquiry program are Apple Distinguished Teachers.



Success

Our inquiry program is based on three main tenets; curiosity, choice, and collaboration.

First, students are encouraged to investigate topics of interest to them. This leads to greater engagement and enthusiasm for learning. Second, students are provided with the freedom and flexibility to represent their learning in a way that best meets their learning style. Third, a culture of collaboration among peers is created where students learn to interact with each other, both in face-to-face and online environments. Emphasis is placed on cooperation, compromise, time management and self-reflection. One priority of the program is to connect students to resources that best meet their needs. Apple technology facilitates changing practice to create a learning environment that helps ensure every individual can be successful at school.

Vision

Yennadon Elementary School values choices for all learners, equity of access to all programs, and a holistic approach to learning. Success is measured through credible evidence of learning and rigorous self-assessment. The school is committed to supporting all learners in achieving personal success, and each grade six and seven student is provided an iPad to use at school and to take home each day, allowing them to partake in inquiry-based learning in a multitude of settings. From teacher and student surveys, teachers reflect on the feedback and modify their practice. Feedback indicates that iPad improves student attention rates, work quality, and their overall attitudes towards learning and school.

