



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Oddly, it seems like we have had four-day weeks for the last two months. While our students might be enjoying the long weekends, our staff are still ensuring they are covering the curriculum in a timely manner. Our primary classes typically are focusing on literacy goals, numeracy goals, and exploring the themes and activities associated with fall. Our intermediate students also spend a lot of time focusing on numeracy and literacy, but their focus extends from reading/discussing orally to creating more descriptive written investigations on topics. Many positive things have occurred since the beginning of the school year. The students are keeping very busy with exciting projects and there exists a clear focus on student learning. Also, the behaviour of the students is very good; a true credit to the collective efforts of staff, supportive parents, and the students themselves. We are fortunate to have a strong school culture at Yennadon and this is helping us continue to provide a positive school environment. Enjoy these beautiful fall days!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 24 – Nov. 1 | Yennadon Food Bank Drive |
| Mon., Oct. 31 | Individual Photo Orders DUE – for no shipping charge |
| Tues., Nov. 1 | Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – tomatoes |
| Fri., Nov. 4 | Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-order required) |
| Sun., Nov. 6 | Daylight Savings Time |
| Mon., Nov. 7 | Subway Hot Lunch (pre-order required) |
| Wed., Nov. 9 | 10:45 am Remembrance Day Assembly (in school Zoom) |
| Thurs., Nov. 10 | School Based Non-Instructional Day – No School for Students |
| Fri., Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day Holiday – No School |
| Fri., Nov. 18 | Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-order required) |
| Tues., Nov. 22 | Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – mandarins |
| Fri., Nov. 25 | 6:00 – 11:00 pm PAC Bingo Night Fundraiser (adults only) |
| Nov. 28 – Dec. 9 | Yennadon Christmas Hamper Drive (gift cards) |
| Tues., Nov. 29 | 7:00 pm PAC Meeting – <i>location information to follow</i> |
| Wed., Nov. 30 | 9:00 am INTERMEDIATE Assembly (Gym) |
| Thurs., Dec. 1 | 11:30 am EARLY DISMISSAL for Conferences |
| Fri., Dec. 2 | Three Way Conferences |

**students attend with parents in person or virtually at scheduled time*

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

Safe and Inclusive Halloween

The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District seeks to foster a culture of belonging and respect and has publicly stated its commitment to anti-racism and equity. As Halloween approaches, we want to remind students, families, and staff of the need to be thoughtful and inclusive when selecting a costume to be worn at school. The choice of costume should always be respectful of the diverse cultural and lived experiences of all the members of our school communities.

Please consider the three following guidelines when you and/or your child are making the costume selection:

- **Be kind and consider the school community.** Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate the stereotype of someone's gender identity, culture, race, religion, age, or disability must not be worn.
- **Be thoughtful and safe.** Costumes that depict violence, alcohol or drugs are not appropriate. Similarly, replica weapons (e.g., guns, knives, etc.) must not be brought to school.
- **At Yennadon, we are requesting that students do not bring any costume masks or costume accessories (e.g., brooms, wands, and light sabers) to school.**



The choice of Halloween costume must align with the expectations set out in school codes of conduct and our district [Safe, Caring and Healthy Schools](#) policy. We must always ensure our learning environments remain safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming for all students, families, and staff.

Due to the current Communicable Disease Prevention Plan guidelines, we are also asking students and families refrain from bringing homemade food items to school to share with staff and students.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for helping keep our schools safe, caring, and inclusive this Halloween.

Student Planners

Please remember Student Planners are a required school supply item for most of our students. **The cost for this year's planner is \$5.00.** Students may bring cash or cheque payment for their planner to their classroom. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Yennadon Elementary. **However, we encourage you to use the Parent Portal which accepts Master Card 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 nightly to make sure required homework is being done and important information is received in a timely manner.

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.

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.

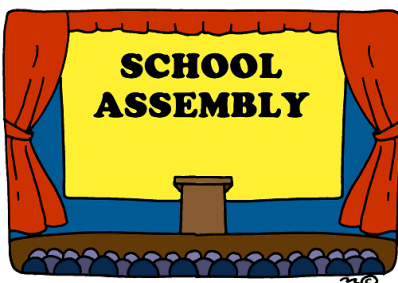


Head Lice

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, brushes, and hats. We also ask that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. You can contact the Public Health Nurse at 476-7000 with any questions you may have.

What to do When Sick

Staff, students, or other persons in the school setting who are exhibiting symptoms of illness, such as COVID-19 or gastrointestinal illness, should stay home until they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Staff, children, or other persons can attend school if their symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies) or symptoms have improved enough to where you feel well enough to return to regular activities and any fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication (e.g., acetaminophen, ibuprofen). The When to Get Tested for COVID-19 resource or the BC Self-Assessment Tool provides more information on whether you should get a test for COVID-19. If you are unsure or concerned about your symptoms, connect with your health care provider, or call 8-1-1. Thus, if your child is able to participate in regular activities (PE, recess, etc.) without issue, they are able to return to school.



School Assemblies

We are excited to once again gather in person for assemblies. Each month our school has an assembly usually on the first Wednesday at 9:00 am. The purpose of these assemblies is to build school pride, celebrate student successes, and ensure we maintain clear communication and expectations with the students. Parents are always welcome to join us for assemblies. Since our school enrolment is almost 700 students, we are now holding monthly assemblies for half of the student population. In other words, each month we will assemble with either primary students or intermediate students. Our full schoolwide assemblies will continue to be virtual. **Our next school assembly is on Wednesday, November 30th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym for INTERMEDIATE students.** We look forward to seeing you there!



Yennadon Three Way Conferences, Thurs. and Fri., Dec. 1st and 2nd

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 1st and there is no school on Friday, December 2nd for conferences.**

All schools in our district will be offering parents a choice for student inclusive conferences this year. These formal term 1 and 2 conferences will be **offered as either in person or virtual** to allow families the choice that works best for them.

Please watch for a message on when you will be able to book your conference in the Parent Portal. At the time of booking, you will be offered the choice of conference type. Your child's classroom teacher looks forward to engaging with you and your child during this important reporting event. **Stay tuned for more information regarding booking an in person or virtual conference time.**

Grade 5 and 6 Active Pass

All students in Grades 5 and 6 are eligible to apply for the Ridge Meadows Parks and Recreation Active Pass. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to take advantage of the **many drop-in activities** that Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture has to offer for FREE.

The Maple Ridge Leisure Centre offers **regular drop-in activities** at their recreation facilities. Check the MRLC website for further information about drop-in schedules and activities.

To receive the Grade 5 and 6 Active Pass, follow the instructions listed on the Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture website link:

<https://www.mapleridge.ca/1474/Grade-5-6-Active-Pass>



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.

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 WORKSHOP

Conflict Resolution

As parents and caregivers, do you want to learn about the following? If so, this conflict resolution workshop is for you!

- conflict management parenting styles,
- trigger scale,
- active listening,
- open questions for parents,
- how to use "I" statements.

Please note this program will take place online, via Zoom.

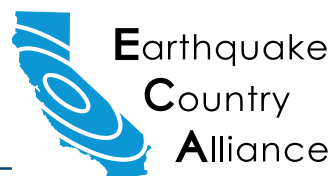
Nov 8 (Tues)
10am - 12pm
Price: \$15

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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Maple Ridge, BC
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reg@familyed.ca



Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety

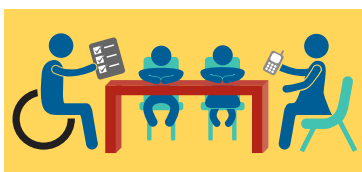


Follow the Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety to be prepared to survive and recover from the next damaging earthquake. Learn more at EarthquakeCountry.org/sevensteps.

Prepare



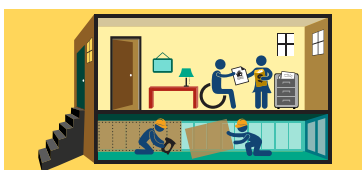
Step 1: Secure your space by identifying hazards and securing moveable items.



Step 2: Plan to be safe by creating your emergency plan and deciding how you will communicate.



Step 3: Organize emergency supplies in convenient locations.



Step 4: Minimize financial hardship by organizing important documents, strengthening your property, and considering insurance coverage.

Survive



Step 5: Drop, Cover, and Hold On or other recommended actions (if you feel shaking or get an alert).



Step 6: Improve safety after earthquakes by evacuating if necessary, helping the injured, and preventing further injuries or damage.

Recover



Step 7: Reconnect and Restore daily life by reuniting with others, repairing damage, and rebuilding community.