



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

What a fantastic start to the 2022/2023 school year we have had! Students have been in their classes now for just over three weeks and routines are being set and the learning is well under way. Our staff is very excited to again provide another excellent learning experience for your children. We also plan to continue to promote the importance of social responsibility and build upon our Five Points of Courage – respect, fairness, compassion, honesty, and responsibility.

With Communicable Disease Prevention Plan restrictions lessening, we are now able to begin our first steps towards larger school events. Last week, we welcomed our families into the building for the first time in two years. Parents were able to wander the school and visit their child's classroom. Students were able to show their work from the first week and introduce their parents to their teachers. In addition, our PAC hosted our first movie night of the school year which was a huge success. We are pleased to inform you that cross country training, Yennadon intermediate singers, and grade 6/7 volleyball teams are all underway.

We have a fantastic staff who are going to do everything we can to make things engaging, enjoyable, and positive for everyone. As we move forward, we'll find ways to build school culture and have some fun along the way. Throughout the year, please stay in touch with your teacher, our staff, and visit the school website: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/yennadon> for additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events (October)

Fri., Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – NO SCHOOL
Mon., Oct. 3	District Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Wed., Oct. 5	<i>World Teachers' Day!</i>
	9:00 am PRIMARY Assembly (Gym)
Fri., Oct. 7	Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-order required)
Mon., Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
Oct. 10 – 14	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 14, 17 – 19	Scholastic Book Fair – <i>more information to follow</i>
Tues., Oct. 18	Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – pears
	7:00 pm PAC Meeting – <i>location information to follow</i>
Wed., Oct. 19	Individual Photo Retakes – morning (Main Building)
Thurs., Oct. 20	Shake Out BC – Earthquake Drill
	PAC Family Halloween Dance – <i>more information to follow</i>
Fri., Oct. 21	Provincial Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL for students
Oct. 24 – 28	Food Bank Drive
Mon., Oct. 24	Hot Lunch (pre-order required)

Tues., Oct. 25
Wed., Oct. 26
Sat., Oct. 30

District Intermediate Cross Country (Alouette Lake Beach)
District Primary Cross Country (Albion Sports Complex)
3:00 pm Halloween Howl at The ACT – Yennadon Intermediate Singers

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Fri. Sept. 30th

NO SCHOOL



Schools are closed on Friday, September 30th. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, formerly named 'Orange Shirt Day', honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of the residential school system in Canada. The week leading up, our staff had age-appropriate conversations about this day and participated in some school-wide activities. Students were encouraged to wear orange all week, but especially on Thursday.

Terry Fox Run

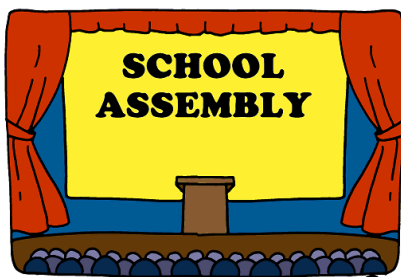
This year, we participated in Terry Fox walks/runs during the last week of September. We sent online pledge information home on the portal. Tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more will be issued from the Terry Fox Foundation. Cash donations will be accepted at the school until October 7th.

We are encouraging Yennadon students to bring in a Toonie for Terry as a donation towards cancer research.



Individual Student Photos

Individual student photographs for each child occurred on Wednesday, September 28th. Mountain West Studios program offers paper-free, online photo viewing and ordering that is fully customizable. **The students received 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 was absent on photo day, **Photo Retakes are in the morning on Wednesday, October 19th** in the main building.



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, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym for PRIMARY students.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Student Verification Forms

At the end of September, you will receive a copy of your child's official registration form. Please take the time to **carefully check the form, make any changes, and sign it.** We must have these forms on file in the office in the case of an emergency. Please make sure all emergency contacts are individuals who would be readily available, if needed. Also, please remember to provide email addresses, cell phone numbers, and work numbers. Ensure your child's health care number is on the form. If any of the family contact information changes throughout the year, please remember to contact the office. It is essential that we have accurate contact information on file at all times. Once completed, **please have your child return the form to their teacher.** It is imperative the school receives this form back for every student as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parent Portal Consent Forms – Important

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 Appropriate Use and Use of Digital Tools (technology/internet), Personal Information Consent, Outside Media Release, School Photography, Yearbook Consent, and Walking Field Trip Permission. Please read through each form in order to give permission or not provide permission for each child in your family at Yennadon Elementary. The **Student Emergency Release Form was recently added**, so please check that you have completed all the necessary information.



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.

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 and lunch. 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.



Dogs on School Grounds

This is a continuing dilemma. **Please remember to keep your dogs at the edge of the school grounds and on a leash at all times. Most important, please remember to pick up after your dog.** Sometimes we are left with quite a mess on our field. Many adults and children are either allergic to dogs or uncomfortable when dogs are present. Let's work together to ensure the safety and comfort of all the adults and children on our school grounds throughout the day, especially before and after school. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

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.** In the morning and after school, we ask that you **find parking in the neighbourhood and walk to drop-off/pick-up your child.** Please remember to be mindful of our neighbours when you park your car in the neighbourhood. We sometimes receive calls from people when driveways are partially blocked by parked cars. Also, **please do not park in the Black Sheep Pub parking lot** as this space is reserved for their customers. There is ample parking in the Maple Ridge Park parking lot.

If you choose to use the “**drop off loop**” at the main building, **please pull to the right and keep moving forward as far as you can when dropping off/picking up.** 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 remain in your vehicle. Most children in elementary school are able to buckle their own seat belt, open and close car doors, and carry their own bags though we recognize that some students with disabilities in our school may require some assistance.

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.

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 about this service please contact Mrs. Lawrance at the school at 604-463-8871.

ALLERGY ALERT

Student Allergies

In several classes, we will be sending letters that indicate that there is a student(s) with serious allergies. At Yennadon, one type of allergy we see is to a variety of nuts. We appreciate your help as we try to keep Yennadon Elementary as safe as possible for these students. Although we cannot guarantee that Yennadon is “Nut Free”, we do our best to be as sensitive to these health risks as possible and to do what we can to minimize the threat of exposure to anything that might be harmful to a student.

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



Homestay Families Wanted for International Students

Are you interested in supporting the SD42 International Homestay Program? The district is currently recruiting host families for elementary students. For more information, please contact the International Education Department at 604-466-6555.

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!

**MAPLE RIDGE
PITT MEADOWS**
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT:**
International Education
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District
20575 Thorne Ave., Maple Ridge,
BC, V2X 9A6, Canada
604-466-6555
<https://inted.sd42.ca/homestay>

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YES to new adventure

Hospital Homebound Support

Do you have a child who is ill or injured and unable to attend school?

School District No. 42 provides support to students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. The Hospital Homebound teacher works with elementary and secondary students who have not been allocated support teacher time through a special needs designation at their school. Students may be absent due to a non-contagious illness or they may be recovering from surgery or an injury. Instruction is provided in Ridge-Meadows Hospital or in the student's home.



How does Hospital Homebound support work?

The Hospital Homebound teacher provides direct instruction and support to students, with the goal of helping them return to class with as little interruption to their education as possible. The teacher also helps students maintain connections with the people and programs at their school. While receiving Hospital Homebound support, students continue to be registered at their school and in their classes. Students work on the core academic subjects. They often use the same materials and complete many of the same assignments as their classmates, although some adaptations may be necessary depending on the child's illness. Students typically receive two to three hours of support each week.

When can a student be referred?

Homebound students qualify for support if they are absent from school for 10 consecutive school days. Students who are hospitalized can be referred upon admittance to Ridge-Meadows Hospital.

How do I refer my child?

Contact your child's teacher, counsellor, or administrator. They will complete the Learning Services referral form. A physician's authorization form is also required (available at the school). For more information contact Marc Beaudet, the Hospital Homebound Teacher, at 467-1101, or by email at mbeaudet@sd42.ca.

Volunteers

We are so fortunate at Yennadon to have such a strong level of parental support. Many parents and occasionally others from our community volunteer in classrooms or assist teachers and students in a variety of ways. School District No. 42 Board Policy requires that all volunteers in schools complete a "Volunteer Application" form. If you anticipate volunteering during the school year, please request a form from the office or print one from our website. The completed forms will be maintained in a confidential file in the office. Parents who have completed the "Volunteer Application" form last year need not complete another for this year. Although the need to complete these forms means a bit of extra work for our volunteers, the underlying intent is to do our best to ensure the safety and security of all children.



Volunteer Driver Requirements

The staff and students of Yennadon rely on parent drivers for a variety of class outings. School District 42 Policy requires volunteer drivers to provide the school principal with a current copy of their Driver's License Abstract. New Abstracts must be submitted every two years. Prospective volunteer drivers must also complete and sign the School District form entitled "Volunteer Driver Application" and show proof of insurance. Driver's License Abstract requests can be made either in person at the Government Agent office or online at <https://onlinebusiness.icbc.com/cliio/>. The Volunteer Driver Application form is also included on our website at <https://wordpress1.blob.core.windows.net/yennadon/2022/09/Revised-SD42-Volunteer-Driver-Application-form-2022-23.pdf>.

Annex Garden Beautification

A huge thank you to the Mashaollah family for their contribution to beautifying our Annex garden. The staff and students are beyond grateful to once again be able to plant and harvest!



Yennadon School is on Twitter!

For quick reminders and updates, follow us on Twitter @YennadonSD42.





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.