



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

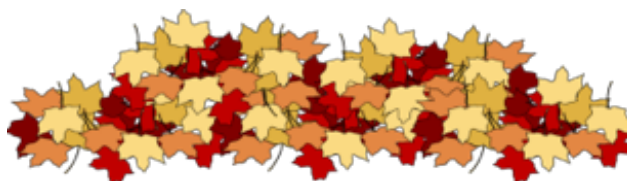
Well, the rain and cold have arrived and some days the weather has been a bit of a challenge; nevertheless, things are moving rapidly towards Christmas. Good news! We will be preparing for a Kindergarten – Grade 5 Christmas Concert. Please read the information in this newsletter about performance schedules and ticket limitations for each family.

As I visited classrooms this month, it was noted teachers were busy working with students as they prepared for the Three Way Reporting Conferences. The teachers are very excited about this reporting method for it is believed that by having a meaningful discussion together about your child's progress, areas of improvement, and goals, then your child's learning will not only be more meaningful, but also will be better supported. Please feel free to provide any feedback to your child's teacher (or to me) regarding this reporting process.

Lastly, the PAC continues to embark on several fundraisers. We would like to thank our PAC for their leadership and organization regarding these opportunities. We also appreciate your generosity and community spirit when supporting the various fundraisers. Parental involvement is so important to the success of any school and we value both your input and incredible efforts that make Yennadon a very special school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Nov. 23rd – Dec. 8th

Mon., Nov. 28

Tues., Nov. 29

Wed., Nov. 30

Thurs., Dec. 1

Fri., Dec. 2

Mon., Dec. 5

Tues., Dec. 6

Wed., Dec. 7

Tues., Dec. 13

Wed., Dec. 14

Yennadon Christmas Hamper Drive – gift cards requested

6:00 pm PAC Neufeld Farms Fundraiser Pick-Up

7:00 pm PAC Meeting (Library)

9:00 am INTERMEDIATE Assembly

11:30 am EARLY DISMISSAL for Three Way Conferences

11:00 am – 1:00 pm PAC Purdy's Fundraiser Pick-Up

Three Way Reporting Conferences

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

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

White Spot Hot Lunch (pre-order required)

Fruit and Vegetable Delivery – mandarins

1:00 – 5:00 pm Poinsettia Fundraiser PICK UP (Gym)

Order deadline for Dec. 16th Pizza Hot Lunch

1:00 and 6:00 pm K – 5 Christmas Concerts (divisions listed below)

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Fri., Dec. 16	Last day of school before Christmas Break
	Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-order required)
Dec. 19th – Jan. 2nd	Christmas Break
January 3rd, 2023	School reopens after Christmas Break

Leadership Team Spirit Days

December is right around the corner, so the Leadership Team has come up with the following ideas! Please mark your calendars.

Mon., December 5	Red and Green Day!
Wed., December 7	Winter Wonderland Wednesday – dress in white and blue!
Fri., Dec. 9	Christmas Socks Day – break out the festive socks!
Mon., Dec. 12	Merry Monday – wear any Christmas accessories! (hats, antlers, etc.)
Wed., Dec. 14	Ugly Christmas Sweater/Shirt Day!
Fri., December 16	Pajama Day!



Terry Fox Run Donations



A huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations during September and October. This year, we participated in Terry Fox walks/runs during the last week of September. The Yennadon community **donated approximately \$8271.50 to the Terry Fox Foundation**. Wow! We certainly opened up our hearts and our wallets. Way to go, Yennadon!

Remembrance Day Assembly

Ms. Thorburn's class and the Yennadon Intermediate Singers presented at this year's Remembrance Day assembly. This event is used by our teachers to discuss the many contributions made by the Canadian military around the world and over many years. Although this year's ceremony was virtual, it was still exceptional. The demonstration of respect from our students towards those who fought for our freedom was truly inspiring.



Yennadon Three Way Reporting 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. **If you have any questions, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher for more information regarding booking an in person or virtual conference time.**



Christmas Hampers 2022 – Donations Requested November 23rd – December 8th

We are again extending our generosity to some specific families in the Yennadon community. As such, we are reaching out to you in order to help us assemble packages for these families in need. **This year, we are requesting students bring in gift cards to local stores for four specific families in our Yennadon community.** Donations can be given to classroom teachers by December 8th. If possible, please donate gift cards from these preferred stores: Walmart, Superstore, FreshCo, No Frills, Save-on-Foods, Winners, Cineplex, Tim Hortons, McDonald's, London Drugs, and Shoppers Drug Mart. We need to begin our Christmas Hamper Drive earlier than usual. This will allow time for the various families to purchase items they need using the donated gift cards. We intend to deliver everything to the families on December 12th. We thank you in advance for your gift card donations and help supporting families within our own school community who are in need.

Leadership Team Activitiy – Photos with (Student) Santa

The Leadership Team is bringing back **Photos with 'Santa'**. Our fundraiser is to raise money for The Stephen Raskewicz Legacy Fund (in honor of a student who used to attend Yennadon) which donates to BC Nature Trust, Wildlife Rescue Association, and the SPCA. A student volunteer will be our 'Santa' for students to get a picture with. **Each picture costs \$1.00.** If your child wants to be in more than one photo, for example with a friend or friends, please ensure they have \$1.00 for each picture they have taken. Pictures will be taken at lunch by pod, beginning on November 30th with the Annex and December 5th for the portables. E and F pods will be Dec. 6, A and B pods on Dec. 7, C and D pods on Dec. 8, and any students who missed their day will be on Dec. 9. Picture delivery will be during the week of December 12th.

Christmas Concert Information

We welcome parents/guardians to join us in December for our annual Christmas Concerts. Similar to previous years, we are holding an afternoon concert at **1:00pm** and an evening concert at **6:00pm** on both **Tuesday, Dec. 13th** and **Wednesday, Dec. 14th**.

The **Tuesday program** includes: Linde, Paton, Edge, Leblanc, Dilley, Williamson, Sinow, Holland, Francis, Jakeway, Thorburn, McIntosh, Friesen, and the Choir.

The **Wednesday program** includes: Kocurek, Ludeman, Jennings, Butterworth, Robertson, Baldassi, Ternoway, Williams, Martin, Yip, Owen, Funk, and the Choir.



Our school population is very large, and our gym space is limited due to capacity fire code regulations, so to be fair we will allocate tickets in the following manner. **Each FAMILY will be allowed 2 tickets per concert for which their children are performing (choosing either 1PM or 6PM).** Families with two sets of parents will be allocated 4 tickets if requested. Siblings who are attending do not require tickets; if possible, please have toddlers/preschoolers sit on an adult's lap.

Ticket orders/requests must be completed on the parent portal form by **Monday, November 28th**. Tickets will be sent home with your child(ren) the following week.

School Closures

On rare occasions school 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 between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m.

News 1130 AM CKNW - 980 AM CBC - 690 AM

As well, you can check the school district website and district social media feeds for updates:

www.sd42.ca **SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news)** **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.



Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders in the Roundabout

Drop-off and pick-up 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, so we must work cooperatively in the roundabout. We need your cooperation to:

- Please reduce your speed entering and travelling through traffic circle
- Remember to pull up to the curb in order to drop students off
- Be sure to have students exit your vehicle from the right/curb side only
- Please do not stop in the middle of the roundabout/traffic circle to allow students to exit your vehicle, and run through traffic
- Please use crosswalks at all times; don't walk through traffic in the roundabout
- Be patient with all pedestrians and drivers



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 drop-off and pick-up to be much safer for the students as a result. Let's work together to keep everyone safe!

Yennadon School is an Allergy Sensitive Zone

We think we have been doing quite well in terms of being sensitive to our students with severe nut allergies. We have asked that students not bring foods containing nut products, if possible, and teachers have been sensitive about not having students eat food with nut products in the classroom. Thanks for your cooperation as we continue to promote an awareness of our severe nut allergies. As we move into the Christmas season, it is especially important to be careful about the types of food that are sent for your child's snack and lunch. Please try not to send snacks or treats that contain nut products. This will help us provide a safe environment for all of our students. As always, we want to thank you for your support of this program at Yennadon.

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.



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.



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 added later**, so please check that you have completed all the necessary information.

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Middle Year 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 Year 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 10th and March 3rd, 2023**.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>



If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter (sent on the parent portal), or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

New Provincial Proficiency Scale for Reporting


Learning is a dynamic journey, meaning that how and when students progress along this journey varies. The proficiency scale is a way for teachers, students and parents to understand a student's knowledge of the curriculum for a specific grade level and subject area. Concepts and competencies refer to what a student is expected to know and do.

Emerging: Students that are emerging are just beginning to develop their understanding and skills relevant to a particular subject area. Students often need direction and assistance to initiate and complete tasks that demonstrate their learning.

Developing: When students develop their skills and understanding, they practice and improve their ability to demonstrate their knowledge individually and consistently. This is a challenging time of growth and development that most students will experience as new concepts and skills are introduced.

Proficient: When students are proficient, they can communicate the expected competencies and content. These students can independently and consistently demonstrate their learning.

Extending: When students extend their knowledge, they can apply what they have learned to new and different situations. Creative, insightful, and strategic are descriptors for how these students demonstrate their learning.

Proficiency Scale				
	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

The level of proficiency shown on your child's report card is only one indication of their growth and development. Their teacher's comments will provide more detailed information on achievement and the next steps for learning.



Yennadon Fall Cross Country

Congratulations to the Yennadon cross country runners and special thanks to Mrs. Sinow for sponsoring our Cross Country Training Club. Congratulations to all participants and a special mention of the following top twenty-five ribbon winners:

Grade 1 Girls

Sailor A. – 10 th	Benjamin J. – 6 th
Stella K.	Ethan M.
Piper O. – 15 th	Mason P.
Paisley W. – 20 th	Cole T.
Makenna B. – 16 th	Barrett M.
Amelia M. – 12 th	Braxton M.
Mila W. – 13 th	Carter Y.
Abby G. – 19 th	Carter M.

Grade 1 Boys

Grade 2 Girls

Kaylee A.	Xander D.
Lila A.	Mason G.
Celia C. – 10 th	Daxton K.
Ava C. – 18 th	Emery L.
Chloe L. – 6 th	Jackson M. – 5 th
Saviana M.	Gavin M.
Sarah W.	Lukas O.
	Samuel C.
	Munroe P.
	Lincoln R.
	Dallas R. – 17 th
	Damien R.
	Rohen S.
	Clark S. – 8 th
	Preston S.
	Owen S. – 18 th

Grade 2 Boys



Grade 3 Girls

Mya B. – 17 th	Liam J. – 1 st
Maya D.	Noel K.
Megan K.	Kasen L.
Kaitlyn P.	Logan M.
Luciana S. – 8 th	Finlay M.
Elizabeth S.	Jake M.
Scarlett W.	Owen O.
Charleigh W. – 3 rd	Wyatt P.
Kiana Y. – 11 th	Oliver T.
Emma Y. – 6 th	Paxton W.- 7 th

Grade 3 BoysGrade 4 Girls

Maya B.	Luke A. – 13 th
Claire N.	Hunter G.
	Emmett J.
	Lincoln J. – 14 th
	Zachary O.
	Akash S.
	Mason T. – 25 th

Grade 4 BoysGrade 5 Girls

Peyton D.	Jayden P.
Abby K. – 19 th	Kai T. 22 nd
Jillian K.	
Emma W.	
Cassidy W. – 10 th	

Grade 5 BoysGrade 6 Girls

Ashton S. – 15 th	Casey A. – 14 th
Ashlyn W. – 4 th	Austin H.
	Lucas T.

Grade 6 BoysGrade 7 Girls

Carrington W. - 9 th	
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Grade 7 Boys

Many thanks to the following staff members who either attended the Cross Country events or helped organize the runners: Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Jakeway, Mrs. White, Mrs. Yip, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Sinow, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Linde, Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. Robertson, and Ms. MacInnes. We couldn't have done it without you!

Kindergarten Registration Process 2023 – 2024

Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home.

Review the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. **Complete steps 1-4 before registration** to save time.

STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT

You must open an *SD42 Parent Portal account* to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration.

STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE

Review the registration categories (**SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL**) to find your registration period. Dates are posted on the school district website. Registration for the 2023/24 school year will open January 4, 2023.

STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM

Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2023 at <http://parents.sd42.ca>)

STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the *Acceptance Criteria*. Review these online.

STEP 5: REGISTER

Register your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>

STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Once you receive email notification of your child's tentative placement, you must upload supporting documents to the Parent Portal. Review *Supporting Documentation* online.

For more information visit <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration>. You can download the 2023-24 Kindergarten Registration brochure.



Kindergarten Registration Categories

Sibling: January 4 – 10, 2023

Environmental School: Jan. 11 – 13, 2023

Choice: January 18 – 23, 2023

General: February 1 – 7, 2023

Late: February 22 – July 28, 2023

All registration periods open at 12:00 noon online. Any child who turns 5 years old in 2023 (born in 2018) is eligible to register for the 2023/24 school year.



Make this holiday one the kids will not forget. Pick up a SnowPass for your 4th or 5th grader and get them skiing and snowboarding this season.

Only a month until the Christmas break! Wondering what to do with the kids this holiday season to keep them busy? Well, worry no more! The Canadian Ski Council has the ticket, literally. The CSC's Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass provides children in grade 4 and 5 with **two lift tickets at each of the 100+ participating ski areas across Canada for just \$29.99**. That's enough skiing and snowboarding to keep them busy all winter long!

Skiing and snowboarding are two of Canada's hottest winter sports and millions of parents know that it's the best way to keep their little bundles of joy active and entertained during the winter.



With the holidays coming up, the Canadian Ski Council understands that budgets are tight. That's why for the past 20+ years we have been dedicated to making it easy and affordable for all parents to get their kids started in skiing and snowboarding.

The Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass is a national program and can be used at over 100 ski areas across Canada, including ski areas in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic Canada, and the Yukon. So, no matter where you live, everyone can take advantage of this fantastic offer. To see a full list of participating ski areas, please visit <https://www.skicanada.org/>.

Registering your child for a SnowPass is easy and any child in grade 4 or 5 is eligible (or those born in 2012 or 2013). Just visit <https://www.skicanada.org/>, upload your child's picture and proof of age, enter your method of payment, and presto - your child's personalized SnowPass will be mailed directly to your home within days.

With all the snow that's falling on the mountains, it's never too soon to get your children outside on the slopes and take full advantage of the savings that the SnowPass program offers. So, this holiday season, bundle up the kids and hit the slopes!

Grade 4 and 5 SnowPass information and applications are available online at <https://www.skicanada.org/>. Log on today and get them in time for this holiday season! Applications will be accepted until the end of March 2023.