



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #4

December 14, 2022

Principal's Message

The holiday season is upon us. Santa is on his way and the students, along with the staff, are ready for a very well-deserved break. It is a perfect time to reflect and be grateful for our families and friends, and the many benefits we have living in our great country. The past months have been very busy, and the month of December has been an especially busy one.

I would like to finish off this term by saying THANK YOU to all of you (students, staff, and parents) for your hard work, and for your contributions to Yennadon.

On behalf of all of us at Yennadon Elementary, I want to wish you and your families all the best this Christmas break. We will all look forward to an exciting and adventurous New Year, and will see you back at school on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023!

Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal



Upcoming Events

Dec. 19 – Jan. 2

Tues., Jan. 3

January 4 – 10

Jan. 10 – Mar. 3

January 11 – 13

Wed., Jan. 11

January 18 – 23

Wed., Jan. 18

Mon., Jan. 23

January 24

February 1 – 7

Fri., Jan. 27

Feb. 22 – Jul. 28

Tues., Jan. 31

Christmas Break

School Reopens after Christmas Break

Kindergarten Sibling Registration

Grade 4 & 7 Middle Years Development Instrument Timeframe

Environmental School Kindergarten Registration

9:00 am PRIMARY Assembly

Kindergarten Choice Registration

Order deadline for Jan. 27th Pizza Hot Lunch

Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

Fruit & Vegetable Delivery – apples

Kindergarten General Registration

Pizza Hot Lunch (pre-order required)

Kindergarten Late Registration

7:00 pm PAC Meeting – location information to follow



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 yen_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.

School Closures

On rare occasions schools 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 Global TV news

As well, you can check the school district website and district social media feeds for updates:
www.sd42.ca **SD42 Twitter feed** ([@sd42news](https://twitter.com/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 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 the traffic circle
- Remember to pull up to 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 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!

Report Cards and Three Way Conferences

Yennadon is following the student inclusive conferencing model for reporting. This model involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. We would like to thank you for your support as we continue to implement this reporting process. We have received feedback from many parents who have been very happy with this inclusive way to report on student progress.



Our next **Early Dismissal for conferences is Thursday, March 2nd** and our full day for **Three Way Conferences is on Friday, March 3rd**. Please mark your calendars.

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.

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.

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.



Grade 8 Registration for 2023 – 2024

All Grade 8 registration for the 2023-24 school year will be done online through the Parent Portal. **The Grade 8 Transfer Period will open at 12:00 noon February 2, 2023.** Families with children currently enrolled in a Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District elementary school should **submit an *Existing Student Transfer Request*** in the Grade 8 Transfer Period. Read the [Grade 8 Transfer Period Information 2023/24](#) tab on the school district website for more details.

The registration form will automatically populate with your child's secondary catchment school. This is determined by your address (not your elementary school). You can use the school locator tool at <http://www.sd42.ca/school-locator/> to check your secondary catchment school. Please note that new development areas may not reflect accurate results of your catchment school. Please call and confirm with the school if necessary. If the address you register on the portal does not match what is on file, proof of change of address will be required. Tenant Rental agreements are not accepted as proof of address.

1. Out-of-catchment registrations may be restricted by the limits of the school facility size and staffing. The district will accommodate **catchment registrations first** and then attempt to accommodate **sibling out of catchment registrations**; however, sibling placement cannot be guaranteed. Please refer to the acceptance criteria online.
2. All Grade 8 online registration must be **completed by February 17, 2023.**
3. Parents will be notified by email before Spring Break as to where their child is assigned.
4. **Movement between schools (i.e. families changing their minds) after the February 17th deadline requires a transfer process**, as staffing for schools is established based upon registrations as of this date. A transfer request must be submitted on the Parent Portal under the *Enrolment Requests-New; Transfer; Withdraw (2023/2024)* school year. Building space and available staffing limit this process. A review of transfer requests will be completed before the end of May.



There are no Grade 7 Information Nights prior to registration. Each high school will host a Grade 7 Orientation Day in May for incoming students once registration is complete.



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 you remind your child not to share personal items such as combs and brushes. We also ask you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. We have some information about "head lice" on our school website and you can also contact the Public Health Nurse at 476-7000 with any questions you may have.

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.



ANGER MONSTER

CHILD'S PROGRAM

This children's program is designed to teach children what anger is. This program is designed to allow participants to be able to identify their triggers and learn tools to help control their anger.

6 & 7 YRS OLD
Jan 7- Jan 28 (SAT))
330-530pm
Price: \$90
(based on a registration for one adult and one child)

ADULT'S PROGRAM


The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, including various anger cycles and goals of behavior. Participants will also learn how to help support their child's efforts to tame their anger, along with different calming techniques.

8-12YRS OLD
FEB 4- MAR 4 (SATURDAYS)
330-530PM
PRICE: \$90
(based on a registration for one adult and one child)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
The Family Education & Support Centre
22554 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge
(604) 467 - 6055 or reg@familyed.ca



PARENTING RESILIENT CHILDREN



Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families.

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

FEB 14 (TUES) 10AM - 12PM
PRICE: \$15

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*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from the Staff at
Yennadon
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