



YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

This is a very interesting time of year, with so many events happening. The pace of the days moves very quickly – even more than usual it seems. The month of June will be gone before we all know it, and we will then be into a well-deserved Summer Break.

As well as all of the events and learning still to happen this year, we also need to begin planning for next year. We have already received tentative staffing allocations, and we hope to keep all of our staff for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

As it is time to start organizing for the new school year, it is bittersweet to announce that our Vice-Principal, Ms. MacInnes, will be leaving us at the end of this school year. Ms. MacInnes has been at Yennadon for one year in the dual role of administrator and support teacher. We will miss her smile, enthusiasm, and dedication. She worked tirelessly and collaboratively with our students, teachers, and parents and clearly demonstrated her leadership abilities in our school community. It was a pleasure to work with Ms. MacInnes as part of the Yennadon administration team. We wish her well this September in returning to her passion as a classroom teacher in the district. Congratulations and best wishes to Ms. MacInnes. She will be greatly missed!

In September, Mrs. Tammy Meyer, currently a support teacher at Highland Park Elementary in our district, is joining us as our new Vice-Principal. She brings a wealth of pedagogical and leadership experience to our school community. I look forward to working with Mrs. Meyer as part of the administration team here at Yennadon Elementary School.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. L. Lawrance, Principal*



Upcoming Events

May 29 – June 2 Walk, Wheel, and Bike to School Week
Tues., June 6 7:00 pm PAC Annual General Meeting (Room 1077, C-Pod)
Deadline to preorder PAC Hot Dog & TCBY Hot Lunch (for June 12)
Wed., June 7 9:00 am Monthly INTERMEDIATE Assembly
Fri., June 9 Hot Lunch – Pizza
Library closed for book circulation
June 12 – 23 Lost and Found displayed (hallway near Office)
Mon., June 12 Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs & TCBY
All Library books due
Grade 6 Round #2 Immunizations and Gr. 7 Catch-Up Immunizations (students with prior signed consent with Fraser Health)
Wed., June 14 District Grade 4 and 5 Track & Field (MRSS)
Deadline to preorder PAC Pizza Hot Lunch (for June 23)
Thurs., June 15 District Grade 6 and 7 Track & Field (MRSS)
Fri., June 16 Yennadon Talent Show (auditions on May 31st)
Sun., June 18 *Happy Father's Day!*
June 19 – 21 Grade 6s and 7s to RockRidge Canyon Camp
Wed., June 21 National Indigenous Day
Fri., June 23 Lost and Found donated to charity
Hot Lunch – Pizza
Wed., June 28 9:00 am Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
Thurs., June 29 Last day of School for Students
9:00 am Final Assembly – in school Zoom
12:00 noon Dismissal
Report Cards Available on Parent Portal
Fri., June 30 Year-End Administrative Day
Schools Close for Summer Vacation



Library News

All library books are **due back by Monday, June 12th**. The library will close on this day and will reopen in September. Please return ALL books and pay for lost books. If you are having any problems with overdue books, please email Mrs. White at candace_kibbins@sd42.ca or you can call the school to speak to her. We missed all of our library parents who usually help out every year. We always circulate many, many books and your help in the library was always appreciated.



Moving?

If you know you will not be attending Yennadon Elementary next year, we would appreciate it if you let us know via email at yen_reception@sd42.ca. During the next month, we will be working very hard to accommodate all of the requests to transfer to Yennadon, and it is very helpful to our planning if we know who will or will not be attending next year. Thanks for your help with this request.



Thank You to our Parent Volunteers

I know we say "thank you" a lot, but sometimes it seems we just can't say it often enough. Our parent community provides so much to the school. We truly could not be as good as we are, nor could we do all that we do, without your help. You are an amazing group, and your generosity is always appreciated. On behalf of myself, the staff at Yennadon, your children, and everyone else's children, I would like to thank you for all that you contribute to our school. Yennadon is a great school, and it is the people who attend – students, staff, and parents – who make it such a great place to be!



2023 – 2024 School Calendar

Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for next year's school and district calendar. It summarizes all of the district and provincial non-instructional days, all school holidays, and our Student Led Reporting Conference days.



Yennadon Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Our last PAC Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 pm in the main school**. At this Annual General Meeting, our PAC plans to hold elections for next year's executive positions, so we ask that you please plan to attend this meeting. As per Bylaws Section 6, all Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive positions will conclude on June 30, 2023, and all executive positions for the 2023-24 school year will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). In addition, as per Bylaws Section 11.3, the 2023-24 budget will be presented for approval at the AGM.

Even if you do not want to get involved as part of the executive, it is still good to attend these meetings. They are a good chance for you to find out more about what is happening at our school. The more people who attend, the better, so please try to join us on June 6th.

Lastly, a huge thank you to this year's PAC Executive! We accomplished a lot this year. Way to go, Yennadon!

Class Composition for 2023/2024

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: **social emotional skills and relationships**, as well as **learning styles, strengths, and needs**. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, **you may submit input to the principal (or your child's classroom teacher) in writing using the form on the school website or by sending an email to lisa_lawrance@sd42.ca by May 26, 2023. Please refrain from requesting specific teachers or peers by name.**



Yennadon Intermediate Spring Cross Country

Congratulations to the Yennadon intermediate cross country runners and special thanks to Mrs. Sinow for sponsoring our Cross Country Training Club. Congratulations to all of our Yennadon participants and a special mention to the various top 25 ribbon winners! Many thanks to the following staff members who either attended the Cross Country events or helped organize the runners: Mrs. Jakeway, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Crossley, Ms. MacInnes, and Mrs. Sinow. We couldn't have done it without you!

Grade 4 Girls

Renee H. – 21 st	Luke A. – 9 th
Claire N. – 22 nd	Parker A.
	Logan B.
	Hunter G – 19 th
	Bentley K. – 5 th
	Emmett J. – 20 th
	Zachary O. – 10 th
	Akash S. – 10 th
	Mason T.

Grade 4 Boys

Grade 5 Girls

Lynaiyah B. – 23 rd	Austin K.
Jessica B.	Jadon P.
Olivia B. – 17 th	Tye R. – 11 th
Peyton D.	
Jillian K.	
Evie K.	
Emma. W	
Cassidy W. – 6 th	

Grade 5 Boys

Grade 6 Girls

Addison D. – 1 st	Casey A. – 4 th
Lacey K.	Austin H.
	Lucas T.

Grade 6 Boys

Grade 7 Girls

Makayla D. – 8 th	Karter R. – 10 th
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Grade 7 Boys



Guidelines for Transferring Schools

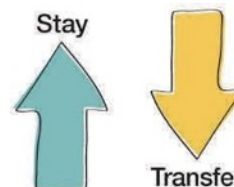
These guidelines apply to students who want to:

- Transfer to Yennadon from another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows
- Transfer out of Yennadon to another school in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows

Parents contemplating a transfer request are encouraged to consult with the principal before submitting a formal request. **To make a formal transfer request, log in to your [Parent Portal](#) account, click on the 'Registration' tab, and under 'New Request' select the appropriate transfer period.**

In general, acceptance criteria for prioritizing new registrations are:

- Students who live in catchment
- Students who live out of catchment with siblings already in the school
- Out of catchment without siblings
- Out of District students



At Yennadon, we generally can **only take students who live in our catchment**. Sometimes, we can take students who live out of catchment, but who already have siblings in our school. Given how full we are, we usually do not accept students from out of catchment if they do not have siblings in our school. As always, if you have questions, please give us a call. Please refer to the prioritization of transfer requests for more detailed information: [SD42 Procedure for Student Placement](#) and [SD42 Elementary Student Transfer Guidelines](#).

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing once again. All lost and found items will be on display in the hallway by the office during the second week of June **until Friday, June 23rd**. After June 23rd, any unclaimed items will be bagged and donated to charity. Please remind your children to walk by and take a look! They may be surprised by what they find!



Intermediate Track & Field

The District Track and Field event will be held at Maple Ridge Secondary School again this year. We are in the process of finalizing the Track & Field team. All children who are eligible to participate in events will receive permission forms.

Meet days: Gr. 4&5 Wednesday, June 14th at MRSS
Gr. 6&7 Thursday, June 15th at MRSS



Please be aware that parking bylaws will be strictly enforced in the vicinity of Maple Ridge Secondary School during this year's Elementary Track and Field Meet on June 14th and 15th. Vehicles will be towed if parked illegally. Please carpool or be prepared to park several blocks away. Peak traffic times will be from 7:45 to 9:30 am.

2022 Terry Fox School Run Fundraisers List

Huge congratulations to the Yennadon community for making the top fifty fundraisers list with the Terry Fox Foundation. **Yennadon is the 13th top fundraiser for elementary schools in British Columbia and Yukon.** In total, we raised **\$8,271.50!** Wow! What an amazing and generous community!

Self-Regulation and Play

'Self-regulation' is a term that describes a child's ability to control and direct his or her own feelings, thoughts and actions. It can be as simple as a child waiting a turn while playing a game or as complex as a child controlling his or her feelings when frustrated and angry. We know that good self-regulation skills are very important for a child's social and emotional development. As well, self-regulation is increasingly being seen as a good predictor of a child's academic success.

Researchers have found that self-regulation helps children succeed not only in school, but also in later life. The children who have good self-regulation skills have better relationships with their teachers, are more liked by their classmates, and do better academically. Parents and teachers are critically important guides and models for children as they learn how to control themselves.

At home and in the classroom, providing organization, consistency, and structure seem to be important predictors of children's self-regulation. For preschoolers and kindergarten children, the essential opportunities are for more complex directions, clear sets of rules, age-appropriate responsibilities, understandable consequences of their actions, and again, positive role models. For primary-grade children, opportunities for complex problem-solving strategies, individual choices, support for individual effort, and experiences with positive, trusting, and respectful adults are the supports needed for developing self-regulation.

The good news for parents and educators is that easy ways to help children develop self-regulation skills may be as close as the local playground. Researchers suggest that classic games where children must follow directions and wait to take turns may be particularly suited for the development of self-regulation. Games such as Red Light Green Light, Simon Says, Hide and Seek and even role-playing are excellent ways to develop self-regulation. Simple games can be more than mere child's play when it comes to helping children develop valuable skills that will serve them well both in school and later in life.



Have Your Say in B.C.'s Largest Population Health Survey

Public Health has launched the third round of the [SPEAK population health survey](#).

The survey is open to adults aged 18 years and older and asks about physical and mental health, as well as social and economic well-being. The results will help support programs and initiatives to improve the health of your community. [Participate now](#)

Regional health authorities, First Nations Health Authorities and the BC Centre for Disease Control are hoping people living in every part of British Columbia participate. This year, they are particularly interested in hearing from racialized communities, people living in rural parts of the province, people with children or young adults in their lives, men aged under the age of 35, people aged 75 and older, and people with lower incomes and education.

Please consider participating to help public health understand your community's health and well-being needs. Once you participate, please share with your friends, loved ones, and network so their experiences are also captured. Please help support those who may need help with completing the survey. The SPEAK survey is available in English, French, Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Punjabi, Farsi, Arabic, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean. Learn more about the survey bccdc.ca/SpeakSurvey

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Saturday June 10
7pm (Doors 6:30)

Albion Community Centre

(24165 104 Avenue, Maple Ridge)

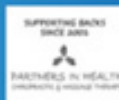
EVENT INFORMATION

Have you ever seen **Share Tank?** Introducing **Youth Tank**.
Join us as the next generation of entrepreneurs present
their innovative business ideas to Maple Ridge's esteemed
business professionals.

These young minds are vying to secure up to \$5000
in funding to support their business development.

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!

Thank you to our sponsors





2023-2024 Yennadon Elementary School Calendar

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Monday, October 2, 2023
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 3, 2023</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 20, 2023</i>
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Friday, November 10, 2023</i>
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, December 7, 2023
Student Led Conferences – No School for Students	Friday, December 8, 2023
Schools close for break	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter break	Monday, December 25, 2023 to Friday, January 5, 2024
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 8, 2024
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, January 24, 2024</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 20, 2024</i>
11:30 AM Dismissal – Student Led Conferences	Thursday, March 7, 2024
Student Led Conferences – No School for Students	Friday, March 8, 2024
Schools close for break	Friday, March 15, 2024
Spring break	<i>Monday, March 18, 2024 to Friday, March 22, 2024</i>
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 25, 2024 to Thursday, March 28, 2024</i>
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
Schools reopen after break	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 15, 2024</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last day for students	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Year-end administrative day	Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Schools close for summer break	Wednesday, June 26, 2024

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