

Treasures

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

November 2021

Join Our Team!

We are looking for Lunchroom Aides and Bus Drivers



Lunchroom Aides

Do you want to work 3 hours a day, Monday to Friday - school days only?

We are looking for part-time Lunchroom Aides at our Janice McTighe (2050 – 21 Street NE) and Thomas W Buchanan (75 Sunpark Drive SE) Centres.

- Monday to Fridays on school days only
- 3 hours per day between the hours of 10:00am-2:00pm

Bus Driver

Are you retired or a stay-at-home parent?

Would you like to drive a 10 – 14 passenger school bus?

We are looking for a part-time permanent School Bus Driver in our Transportation Department to start immediately for the 2021/22 school year.

- Monday to Fridays on school days only
- Approximately 5 hours per day driving routes in the south-east areas of Calgary as assigned

To find out more, visit

[Careers](#)
on our website.

Important Dates

Nov 11 Remembrance Day *Schools Closed*
Nov 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences *Evening*
Nov 19 Non-Instructional Day *No Classes, No SSP Sessions*
Parent/Teacher Conferences *Day*



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Executive Message

News from the Executive Team



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Adventures at School!

During the first few months of the school year, many smiling faces, and happy children have settled into their classroom routines. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we know the first few months of school bring many changes. We marvel at how quickly children adapt as our school routines take shape and become familiar to them. It is also good to remember that during this time bus routes can experience changes as families move or childcare addresses change, and we work diligently to accommodate these changes.

COVID-19 Update

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we continue to follow our processes and procedures around COVID-19. We continue to limit school access to external visitors and our front doors remain locked during operational hours to allow us to track who is in/out of our centres. We have also been following our latest process of ensuring all visitors (parents, practicum students, vendors, contractors etc.) in our centres are fully vaccinated. Our managers and designates will be scanning QR codes as the province implements this process.

Contact Tracing

You would have also just received the notice from your child's teacher that outlines the new process for contact tracing in schools. If you have any questions, please contact the manager at your child's location.

Gala

As you know our Gala that was scheduled for March 10, 2022, has been postponed. We are presently working on marketing materials for our Capital Campaign and will be sharing them with families, donors, and supporters over the next few months. This is a very exciting project and our biggest campaign to date!

Parent Councils

Some of our Parent Councils are just getting underway and will be developing a plan for the school year. This plan will include special activities for the children and a few fundraising options for parents. We presently have a few of our Parent Councils involved in fundraising projects including the Janice McTighe Centre with *Coco Brooks*, the Bowness Centre with *Purdy's Chocolates*, and the Thomas Buchanan Centre with *Soupin' It Up*.

We appreciate your support with all fundraising activities and always look forward to the special events your funds help support at your child's site.

Thank You

Our doors are always open! We are available to meet with parents at any time. Please feel free to contact us:

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Warmest Regards,

*Janice, Kim,
Nicki & Terry*

Please follow us on all social media platforms and take a moment to write a Google Review so we can share with the community the experiences of our families first-hand. Simply search for Renfrew Educational Services on Google and look for the "Write a review" button. Please share your happiness with our programs for others who are looking.



Family Support



What is Family Support?

Renfrew's Family Support Program is dedicated to the wellbeing of the families and children we serve. Our program offers a variety of family-centred services to facilitate connections and to support families in the home, neighbourhood and community. Every Renfrew school location has a Family Support Worker.

COFFEE & CHAT ACTIVITIES

December 3 1:30 – 3:00pm

Zoom online event - Family Support can help you if you have questions about setting up or attending a Zoom online meeting.

Grinch Trees

Join us on Zoom as we make Grinch Trees! Inspired by Dr. Seuss' classic tale "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," these little trees are adorable additions to any home. Keep it for yourself or give it away as whimsical holiday gift! All supplies will be provided ahead of time.



Please note that registration is limited for this event.

Please register by November 19, 2021
by emailing Cory Francis at
coryfrancis@renfreweducation.org

In your email, please include your name, your child's name, and your Renfrew location and classroom.

The Family Support Team

The Family Support team is available if you have questions, need resources, are looking for ways to increase your social connections or if you would just like to talk.

Renfrew Schools



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Holiday Helping Project 2021

We are pleased to announce that the Holiday Helping Project began **November 1!** The Holiday Helping Project is an annual program that provides assistance to Renfrew families during the winter holiday season.

From **November 1 to November 26**, we invite you to send a donation to school with your children. We are accepting donations in coins, bills, cheques, and e-transfers. Renfrew will provide you with a tax-deductible receipt for any donation of \$20 and over. A form will come home in your child's backpack so please fill it out with your name and contact information if you would like a tax-deductible receipt. All donations collected will be used to buy gift certificates for Renfrew families who may not be able to buy special food or gifts at this festive time of year.



Holiday Support

Please reach out to your Family Support Worker if you would like support this holiday season! There are many holiday programs accepting referrals. Family Support can help you find one that is a good fit for your family. However, these programs fill up quickly up so please reach out as soon as possible!

SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSIONS

The following information sessions are offered through Zoom. Family Support can help you if you have questions about setting up or attending a Zoom online meeting. Additional School Information Sessions will be offered in 2022.

Transitioning out of Renfrew's Preschool Program

Are you wondering where your child will go when he or she leaves a Renfrew preschool or Kindergarten program? Do you have questions about the process of transitioning to a new school? You are not alone! Please join us for one of these School Information Sessions. It is helpful to begin preparing for this transition as early as possible. Please note: these sessions will be offered online using Zoom.

November 15, 2021 1:30 pm

Register by November 8, 2021

by emailing [Jaye Harry](mailto:jayeharry@renfreweducation.org) at

jayeharry@renfreweducation.org

Please include your name, your child's name, and Renfrew location in your email.

November 23, 2021 9:30 am

Register by November 16, 2021

by emailing [Sarah Livingstone](mailto:sarahlivingstone@renfreweducation.org) at

sarahlivingstone@renfreweducation.org

Please include your name, your child's name, and Renfrew location in your email.

December 9, 2021 6:30 pm

Register by December 3, 2021

by emailing [Cory Francis](mailto:coryfrancis@renfreweducation.org) at

coryfrancis@renfreweducation.org

Please include your name, your child's name, and Renfrew location in your email.





Are you the parent or guardian of a child between 5 and 11? **We want to hear from you!**

Take an AHS survey to share your thoughts and ideas on planning for COVID-19 immunization for children between 5 and 11.

At this time, the vaccine is approved ONLY for children 12 years and over.

We need your help as we prepare for Health Canada approval of COVID-19 vaccine for children between 5 and 11.



Join us here

https://together4health.albertahealthservices.ca/covid-immunizations/survey_tools/parent-guardian

IMPORTANT DATES

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day Schools Closed	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening	19 Non-Instructional Day No Classes, No SSP Sessions Parent/Teacher Conferences Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Coming up:</p> <p>Dec 16 Last Day of Classes <i>for all children</i> Winter Celebrations</p> <p>Dec 17 Non-Instructional Day <i>No Classes, No SSP Sessions</i> Jan 3 Classes Resume <i>for all children</i></p> </div>						



Renfrew's Suggestion Box

Do you have an idea or suggestion you want to pass on to us? A question that you want answered? Something about Renfrew that you like or don't like?

Email your suggestion to:

Renfrew@renfreweducation.org

or use this form, remembering to include your name and contact information.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____