

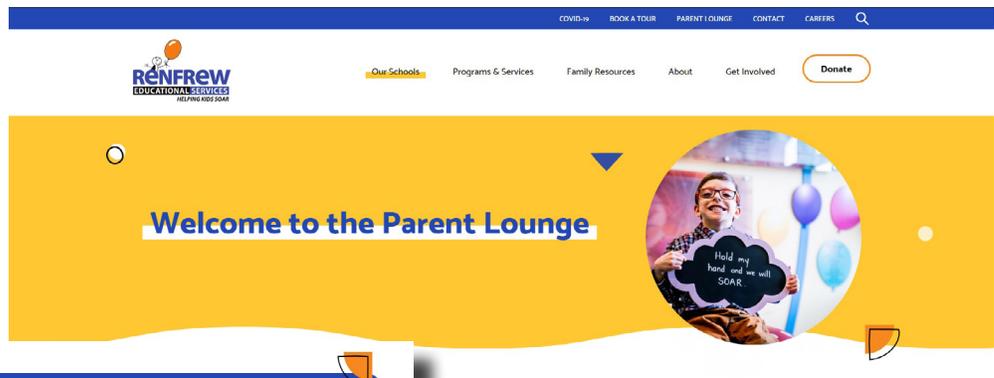
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FAMILY NEWSLETTER

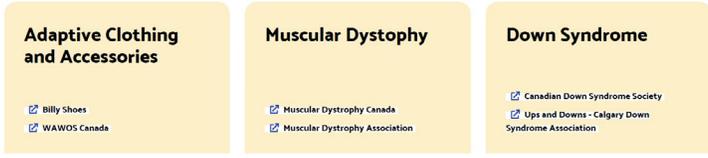
March 2022

Our website has been given a makeover

Renfrew's website has a brand new look. Please take some time to explore. Families can pay particular attention to the Parent Lounge and the Family Resources pages.



Family Resources



Important Dates

- Mar 10** No Afternoon Classes
Helping Kids Soar Gala **POSTPONED**
- Mar 17** St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 18** Last Day of Classes
for all children before Spring Break - classes resume April 4, 2022



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Executive Message

News from the Executive Team



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New Web Site Delivers!

Over the last six months we have been working with a web developer to update our website. We are excited to have recently announced it is officially launched. Please take some time to navigate through the site – check-out our parent resources, view our virtual tours of each school site, and watch for future updates on our Capital Campaign for our new school in Bearspaw.

COVID Update

As the Government continues to relax the restrictions around COVID-19 there are a few changes we would like to share:

- Staff, parents, visitors to our schools are no longer required to wear masks
- Renfrew will no longer require proof of vaccinations for parents, visitors, and contractors

The following will continue to be in place:

- Front doors of our schools will continue to be locked
- Daily Cleaning Procedures are still in place
- Follow all guidelines for isolation and completing daily checklist

Transitioning to Other Programs

As we venture towards spring, we realize how fast this school year has gone. We know that many families from our Preschool Programs will leave us as their children reach school-age. If you require any support with this transition, please contact the Manager or Family Support Worker at your child's school. As well, students in our Elementary Education Program who have reached their final year in our classrooms will move on to new experiences. Again, please feel free to contact the Elementary Education Managers or Family Support Worker for assistance with this transition.



March will go by quickly as we prepare for Spring Break. The last day of classes is March 18th, and the first day back is April 4th. We wish you all an enjoyable Spring Break.

Parent Advisory Councils

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Parent Advisory Councils. They have put a lot of time and energy into attending meetings (via zoom), planning wonderful events and fabulous fundraising opportunities. All funds raised at each location directly supports the activities/events for the children.

We know that the PACs have a few more exciting plans before the year ends, so please watch for notices to come home.

Thank You

Thank you sincerely for the many, many ways you help Renfrew and for trusting us with your children. 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.

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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Pacekids Free Triple P Parenting Seminar

Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour

March 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Triple P's positive parenting strategies help you manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with a disability. It also helps encourage behaviour you like, cope with stress, develop a close relationship with your child and teach your child new skills. These seminars can assist parents with specific concerns about their child's behaviour or development.

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Parents or caregivers who have a child with a disability up to the age of 12 years old
- Those interested in general information about promoting their child's development

Everyone is welcome to attend these FREE online events. Space is limited, so please register soon! Register here: <https://pacekids.ca/seminars/>



COFFEE & CHAT ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:00am

Telus Spark Science Centre - 220 St. George's Drive NE

Telus Spark

Renfrew is pleased to announce that we are part of Telus Spark's Community Connections Program again this year! This partnership allows Renfrew to access a limited number of tickets to the Telus Spark Science Centre. If you are interested in exploring this exciting facility with your child(ren), please join us on March 10th. Renfrew will provide a limited number of free admission tickets.

Please note: You will be required to pay for parking (\$7/day) if you choose to park in the Telus Spark parking lot.



Everyone will need to comply with the public health restrictions that are in place at the time of the event. If you are not sure what these are, please contact Sarah Livingstone before the event. You can also read about the up-to-date restrictions here: <https://www.sparkscience.ca/visit/covid-updates>

Registration is Limited!

Please register by March 3, 2022

by emailing Sarah Livingstone at

SarahLivingstone@renfreweducation.org

When registering for this event, it is important to include the following information:

- Your name and the name of your Renfrew child
- The Renfrew location that your child attends
- How many people are attending this event
- The ages of all people attending this event
- If you are bringing a support aide

IMPORTANT DATES



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 No Afternoon Classes Helping Kids Soar Gala POSTPONED	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Last Day of Classes for all children before Spring Break - classes resume April 4, 2022	19
20	21 World Down Syndrome Day www.worlddownsyndromeday.org	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
				Coming up: Apr 2 World Autism Awareness Day www.autismspeaks.ca Apr 4 Classes Resume for all children Apr 15 Good Friday Schools Closed		



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: _____