

Treasures

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

April 2022

April Showers

Time to head
outside, splash
in puddles
and enjoy the
changing season!



Important Dates

Apr 15 Good Friday *Schools Closed*



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Executive Message

News from the Executive Team



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Spring has Sprung!

Magna Charity Golf Tournament

In 2019 Magna Insurance invited Renfrew Educational Services to be the long-term recipient of their annual charity golf tournament. Over the last two years the tournament had been postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions but this summer their tournament is back and is scheduled for August 18th at Bearspaw Golf Club. Renfrew will be supporting the tournament by providing auction items and pursuing sponsorships. We will be looking to our families and supports to help fill sponsorships. Information will be sent home within the next couple of weeks.

Spring in our Centres

With warmer weather upon us the thoughts of spring begin to sprout in our classrooms. It will not be long before our beans are planted, and our butterfly larvae is delivered. Our classrooms are exploring the outdoors as we bring our classroom centres outside – we see the birds creating nests and insects crawling. Mother nature is waking up and we are excited to explore what is outside. Please watch for weekly information from your child's classroom teacher about future events and activities.

As COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted some of our classrooms will be venturing out on field trips as well as pursuing on-site special guests/events for the children to enjoy. Your child's teacher will send information to you in their weekly updates from the classroom.

School Transitions

We will continue to work with the school boards with a transition process for your child. Please remember that our Family Support team and site Managers can support you during this time.

Thank You

Thank you sincerely for the many, many ways you help Renfrew and for trusting us with your children. We hope during times such as this we can continue to be a resource for you as well. Please do not hesitate to contact us our doors are always open:

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Warmest Regards,

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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.

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Free Tax Clinics

Are you looking for support to file your taxes? You may want to connect with one of these community agencies for extra help!

- Salvation Army
 - <https://salvationarmy.ca/alberta/abnt/services/free-tax-clinics/>
- Sunrise Community Link
 - <https://www.sunriselink.org/taxation-benefits>
- Immigrant Services Calgary
 - <https://www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca/income-tax-clinic>
- Calgary Public Library – online programs
 - <https://calgarylibrary.ca/events-and-programs/programs/personal-tax-returns-disabilities-tax-credits/> <https://calgarylibrary.ca/events-and-programs/programs/personal-tax-returns-simple-returns-101/>



COFFEE & CHAT ACTIVITIES

Tuesday April 26, 2022 1:00pm

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 April 19, 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



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 World Autism Awareness Day www.autismspeaks.ca
3	4 Classes Resume for all children	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday Schools Closed	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Coming up: May 8 Mother's Day May 23 Victoria Day Schools Closed</p>						



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: _____