

# Treasures

## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

June 2022



Magna Insurance Group  
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**Charity Golf Classic**

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 August 18, 2022

We invite you to join us on August 18, 2022 for the Magna Insurance Group Charity Golf Classic in support of Renfrew Educational Services.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

Renfrew Educational Services is a non-profit organization that offers a broad range of specialized programs and is an acknowledged leader in program development for children with special needs.

**Register Now**

Thursday,  
 August 18, 2022  
 7:30am Registration  
 9:00am Tee Off - Shotgun Start

Bearspaw Country Club  
 61 Hamilton Drive  
 Calgary Alberta

[WWW.MAGNAINSURANCE.CA/GOLF2022](http://WWW.MAGNAINSURANCE.CA/GOLF2022)

<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/magna-insurance-charity-golf-classic>

## We're Hiring!

### Bus Drivers & Lunchroom Aides

We are looking for Bus Drivers and Lunchroom Aides to start in September 2022. Would you or a friend or family member be interested in joining our Renfrew family?

**We Offer:**

**Bus Drivers**

- Monday to Fridays on school days only.
- Approximately 5 hours a day depending on the route.
- Cost of upgrading from class 5 to class 4 will be reimbursed if successfully hired (up to \$350).
- Annual Attendance Bonus.
- Health/Dental and other benefits for those who qualify.
- You can park your bus at your home.
- Arrangements can be made for your preschool aged child(ren) (up to 2) to ride with you.
- Additional pay for training and meetings.

**Lunchroom Aides**

- Monday to Fridays on school days only
- 3 hour shift between the hours of 10-2
- Matching group savings plan.

<https://renfreweducation.org/careers/>

### Important Dates

Jun 3 Non-Instructional Day *No Classes, No SSP Sessions*  
 Jun 11 Renfrew Family Day  
 Jun 19 Father's Day  
 Jun 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day  
 Jun 22 TBC "Final Year of Elementary" Farewell  
 Jun 24 JMC "Final Year of Elementary" Farewell  
 Jun 29 Last Day of Classes *for all children*  
 Jun 30 Non-Instructional Day *No Classes, No SSP Sessions*

### Inside

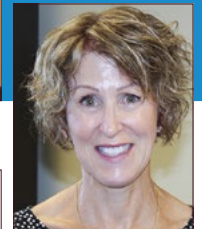
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# Executive Message

News from the Executive Team



**Janice McTighe**  
Executive Director



**Kim LaCourse**  
Associate Executive Director



**Nicki Wilson**  
Associate Executive Director



**Terry Kirkham**  
Chief Financial Officer

## The End of the School Year

As this school year is quickly coming to an end, we want to thank you for your support and patience as we continued to be flexible and adaptable to the many changes as COVID measures eased up over the course of the year. We feel fortunate to have had more opportunities to open our school doors up to visitors. It was wonderful to see families back into the schools as our classrooms celebrated "Come Play with Us" as well as parents supporting the various classroom field trips.

We are hoping we can expand the number of field trips, special visitors, and volunteers as we look forward to the next school year.

### Elementary Education JMC & TBC Farewell Celebrations

We are excited to have our families attend our celebrations as we say a fond farewell to our grade 6 students as they move on from Renfrew. Most of the students in these classrooms at the Janice McTighe and the Thomas W. Buchanan Centres have been with Renfrew for 9 years. We wish each student success as they start their new adventures – we will certainly miss them.

### School Year 2022-2023

School will start for our preschool children on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and for our Elementary and Jr. High students on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Information about staggered entry for our preschool programs will be sent to you over the summer. Our bus drivers will be in contact with all families after August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to confirm pick-up/drop-off times when transportation starts on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### Renfrew's Social Media

Over the course of this year, we have worked very hard to increase our followers in both our Instagram and Facebook accounts. Every Monday brings "Meet us Monday" where a child/staff is introduced as well as sharing tips and information on "Therapy Thursday". We have partnered with vendors such as Paul's Pizza, Billy Shoes, and Noto Gelato and will continue to explore other options for collaborations. Please continue to follow us over the summer as we carry-on with our posts.

Remember to also check our website - we will have pertinent information about the beginning of the school year along with our school calendar.

And finally, as the school year comes to an end, we ask that you take a moment and share your thoughts about us by completing a Google review. 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.

### Thank You

We wish for you and your family a summer filled with fun and new memories and look forward to seeing many of you next year and for those transitioning on we wish you well in your new adventure. As always, our doors are 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*



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**Twitter**

[@RESCalgary](#)



**LinkedIn**

Search: [Renfrew Educational Services](#)

# Family Support



## Year End Survey!

If you have not yet filled out the Family Support Year End Survey, please take a moment to do this now! Your feedback is so important to us as we plan for future Family Support activities and share information with the agencies that provide funding for our program. Please note that information collected in the surveys is shared with the agencies that provide funding to Renfrew's Family Support program, including The City of Calgary – Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) and the United Way. Thank you!

Click here to do the survey now: [Year End Survey 2022](#)

## Summer Programs

Summer programs can be a great way to keep your child active through the summer months! If you are considering a summer program, here are a few ideas to get you started. Don't forget to check out the City of Calgary's free children's programs this summer!

- City of Calgary Free Programs:
  - <https://www.calgary.ca/csps/cns/children-and-youth/seasonal-programs/park-n-play-and-stay-n-play-programs.html>
- Between Friends Club and Camp Bonaventure
  - <https://betweenfriends.ab.ca/programs/camp-bonaventure/>
- Autism Asperger Friendship Society (AAFS)
  - <https://www.aafscalgary.com/>
- CanLearn Society
  - <https://www.canlearnsociety.ca/>
- Pedalheads
  - <https://www.pedalheads.com/bike/alberta>
- Telus Spark Science Centre
  - <https://www.sparkscience.ca/for-kids/camps>
- Calgary Zoo
  - <https://www.calgaryzoo.com/programs/summer-camps>
- Pathways Kids Summer Camps
  - <https://pathwayspediatrics.ca/speech-therapy-summer-camps/#0>

For a complete listing of summer camps, check out Calgary's Child at <https://www.calgaryschild.com/resources/summer-camp-program-guide> or the Children's Link Society at <https://childrenslink.ca/>.

## The Calgary Adapted Hub

The Calgary Adapted Hub can provide personalized support as you look for accessible sport and recreation programs for your child with special needs. Click here to learn more:

<https://www.calgaryadaptedhub.com/personalized-services>

## 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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## COFFEE & CHAT ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday June 14, 2022 1:30 - 3:00pm**

Inglewood Bird Sanctuary at 2425 9 Avenue SE

### Inglewood Bird Sanctuary

Join us for a leisurely walk at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary! We'll meet outside the Nature Centre and then explore this beautiful natural area beside the Bow River. Bring binoculars (if you have them) and dress for the weather. This event will run, rain or shine. This is a great opportunity to meet other Renfrew parents and guardians as we wrap up the school year!



**Please register by June 10, 2022**  
by emailing Cory Francis at  
[coryfrancis@renfreweducation.org](mailto:coryfrancis@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

## Access 2 Card

Children and adults with disabilities may be eligible for an Access 2 Card. Please see below for a description from the Easter Seals website. Your Renfrew Family Support Worker can help you apply for this card if you are interested!

*"The award-winning Access 2 Program is a collaborative partnership between Easter Seals and over 500 movie theatres, cultural attractions, entertainment venues, and recreation facilities across Canada. Designed for people of all ages who have a permanent disability and require the assistance of a support person, the goal of the Access 2 Program is to improve social inclusion and provide access to entertainment, cultural and recreation opportunities and experiences without any added financial burden. When an Access 2 cardholder (the individual with the permanent disability) presents their valid Access 2 Card at any participating venue partner, their support person receives free admission; the cardholder pays regular admission".*

<https://easterseals.ca/en/access-2-card-program/>

## News from Calgary Public Library [www.calgarylibrary.ca](http://www.calgarylibrary.ca)

### Ultimate Summer Challenge is Here!

This year the whole family — kids, teens, and adults — can use their X-ray vision and be on the lookout for fun challenges to complete, win cool prizes, and see who the ultimate reading superhero is this summer, no capes necessary.

Find out more at [calgarylibrary.ca/summer](http://calgarylibrary.ca/summer)



### June is National Indigenous History Month

Join the Library for free National Indigenous History Month events throughout the month of June. There will be lots of family-friendly opportunities to learn about Indigenous history and celebrate Indigenous cultures, including a mini powwow at the opening ceremonies on June 4 at Memorial Park Library, Indigenous Storytimes throughout the month, and more. <https://calgarylibrary.ca/connect/indigenous-services/>

See all programs and events at <https://calgarylibrary.ca/events-and-programs/programs/>

### Drop-in for fun at the Library

Couldn't register in a program? No problem! The Library has lots of fun drop-in programs for kids and families to enjoy when you visit a location. Go on a Math Quest, learn a new rhyme in a Family Storytime, or go to a Young Readers Live Public Reading and hear the next generation read award-winning stories written by Indigenous authors.

Find program dates and times at [calgarylibrary.ca/programs](http://calgarylibrary.ca/programs)

### Get out and get into the Library

A free membership at the Library gives you so much more than just books. Access fun and informative programs for the whole family, digital resources like movie and music streaming apps and tutoring help, educational toys and learning spaces in locations, and so much more — all for free.

Find out more at [calgarylibrary.ca/join](http://calgarylibrary.ca/join)

### Find your next great read with Beanstack

In a reading slump? Beanstack offers personalized book recommendations sent to your inbox weekly and helps you keep track of your to-be-read list.

Check it out at [calgarylibrary.ca/beanstack](http://calgarylibrary.ca/beanstack)

# IMPORTANT DATES

June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Red Shirt Day <a href="https://easterseals.ca/english/redshirtday/">https://easterseals.ca/english/redshirtday/</a>	2	3 Non-Instructional Day No Classes, No SSP Sessions	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Renfrew Family Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22 TBC "Final Year of Elementary" Farewell	23	24 JMC "Final Year of Elementary" Farewell	25
26	27	28	29 Last Day of Classes for all children	30 Non-Instructional Day No Classes, No SSP Sessions		
<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h2 style="color: orange; margin: 0;">Have a wonderful summer!</h2> </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.

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