

Treasures Family Newsletter

September 2022



We need your help!

Please support one of Renfrew's biggest fundraisers by volunteering your time. This fundraiser cannot be successful without the time and support of our parents.

WHAT: Casino

WHEN: Friday, November 11 or Saturday, November 12

WHERE: Pure Casino Calgary, 1420 Meridian Rd NE

In the past we have raised as much as \$100,000.00. Monies raised are used to benefit all children/students at Renfrew.

If you can help, please fill out the forms that are at the end of this newsletter. We have also sent forms home. Return them in your child's backpack addressed to **Jacki Cassdiy** no later than **Sept. 09, 2022.**

Thank you!

We're Hiring!

Lunchroom Aides

We are looking for **Lunchroom Aides** for the 2022/2023 school year. Would you or a friend or family member be interested in joining our Renfrew family?

We Offer:

- ▶ 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

Sept 2	EEP/Jr. High Friday ATTENDANCE
Sept 5	Labour Day Schools Closed
Sept 9	EEP/Jr. High Friday OFF
Sept 10	Renfrew Family Day
Sept 16	EEP/Jr. High Friday ATTENDANCE
Sept 19	School Photos JMC
Sept 20	School Photos JMC
Sept 21	School Photos JMC
Sept 22	School Photos BOW
Sept 23	Non-Instructional Day <i>No Classes, No SSP</i>
Sept 26	School Photos TBC
Sept 27	School Photos TBC
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation <i>Schools Closed</i>

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Executive Message

News from the Executive Team

The school year has begun!

We have been preparing for the start of school over the course of the summer. Our school buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and fresh coats of paint applied! Our teams were excited as they set-up their classrooms in preparation of your child arriving.

This year marks our 49th year of providing services to children and families. We are proud to be continuing our services to the families of Calgary and surrounding areas. Throughout our history we have helped thousands and thousands of children reach their potential while providing support to families. Our slogan - 'Helping Kids Soar' is our commitment to you and your child.



Janice McTighe
Executive Director



Kim LaCourse
Associate Executive Director



Nicki Wilson
Associate Executive Director



Terry Kirkham
Chief Financial Officer

Renfrew Buses

As we venture together through the first week or two of school, we may encounter a few changes to our bus schedules. Bus routes are established by our Manager of Transportation and distributed to bus drivers toward the end of August. When school begins, bus routes may change as we add new children or accommodate children who have moved. We do not anticipate major changes to the routes, but perhaps a few minor ones.

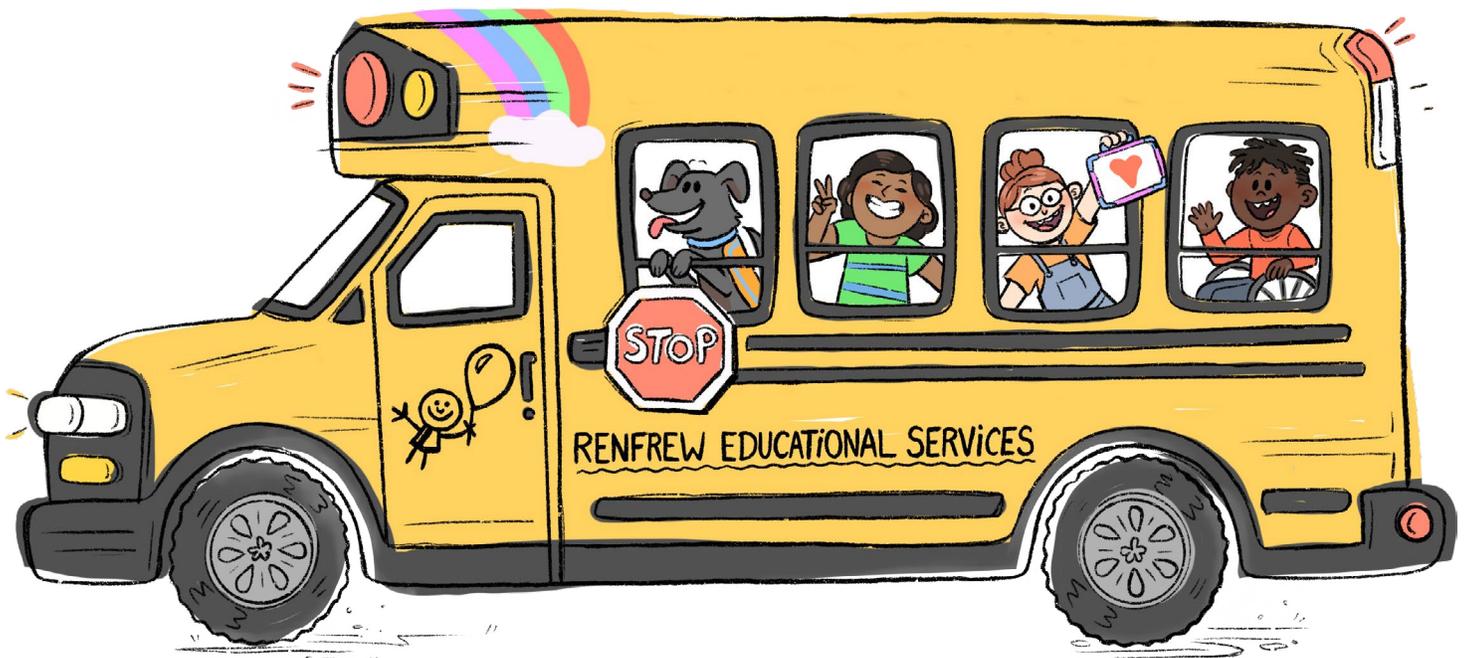
We know that for the first couple of week's pick-up and drop-off times may be slightly different than predicted. It is important to have your child ready 5 minutes prior

to your scheduled pick-up time and be watching for the bus 5 minutes prior to its arrival. Our routes are full and our arrival on time to school or your home depends on the efficiency of loading and unloading which is why we provide you the above time frames.

The safety of the children is always our upmost priority but in particular with loading and unloading from our buses. As parents you are responsible to bring your child to the bus for loading as well as being at the bus upon returning to receive your child. Children will not be permitted to walk to or from the bus on their own.

Please ensure your child does not bring toys, electronic devices, or food with them on the bus. We are pleased to provide a DVD player in our buses for your child's riding entertainment. Please take a few minutes to review our Transportation Brochure that was left with you by your child's bus driver, as it outlines some further information.

We promise busing changes will settle down and thank you for your understanding in these early days. We really appreciate your patience!



Fundraising over the Summer

On August 18th, 2022, Renfrew was very fortunate to be the recipients of the Annual Magna Insurance Charity Golf Classic. The tournament raised over \$80,000 dollars towards the Capital Campaign for Renfrew's new school in Bears paw.

On August 29th, 2022, Renfrew was also very fortunate to be the recipients of the Calgary Italian Open Golf Tournament. The tournament raised \$75,000 dollars towards the Capital Campaign for Renfrew's new school in Bears paw.

Renfrew is grateful for the support from the teams at Magna Insurance Group and the Flames Foundation as they both contributed to 'Helping Kids Soar'.

Parent Advisory Councils Go Virtual

Parent Advisory Councils will be set up at each Renfrew location with each site hosting a monthly meeting. Each Parent Advisory Council will establish its direction in collaboration with the Managers and teachers. It is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in your child's school.

Dates for PAC meetings will follow in the next Treasures newsletter and through your email.

Environmentally Friendly

In our efforts to continue to reduce the amount of paper we generate for the school year this monthly newsletter, our Family Handbook, the school calendar, and classroom information will be posted on our website under the Parent Resource tab.

Please check your email regularly as our teachers will send their weekly updates and ongoing communication to you through email. This format will also be used to send general announcements and fundraising updates.

Reports

Also, on our website, you will find the following information about our school:

► [Education Plan](#)

To access this document, click the **About** tab on our web page and then **Publications** in the drop-down menu. You will find the link under the heading "Education Plans". If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Social Media

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.

Thank You

Welcome to Renfrew, our doors are always open! We are available to meet with you at any time. Please feel free to contact us:

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Warmest Regards,

*Janice, Kim,
Nicki & Terry*



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Family Support

Welcome to all new and returning families! We hope that you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a great school year!

What is Family Support?

Renfrew's Family Support Program is dedicated to the well-being 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.

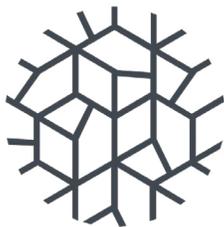
Connect with the Family Support Team!

In September you will receive a package from Family Support. We invite you to fill out this package and return it in your child's backpack in the envelope provided. This package includes:

1. Welcome note and brochure from your Family Support Worker
2. Needs Assessment Form
3. City of Calgary FCSS Survey
4. Parent/Guardian Contact List Form

Did You Know?

Did you know that Calgary Public Library cards are free? Sign up today and check out their selection of books, digital books, audiobooks, DVDs, Blu-rays, CDs, magazines, newspapers and even musical instruments! Visit <https://reg.calgarylibrary.ca/> to sign up!



**CALGARY
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

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

Family Support offers a variety of Coffee & Chat Groups during the school year. This is a great opportunity to connect with other Renfrew parents and guardians!

Please reach out to the Family Support Worker at your Renfrew location if you require help with transportation.

Telus Spark Science Centre

220 St. George's Drive NE <https://www.sparkscience.ca/>



Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Morning Group – 9:00am

Afternoon Group – 1:00pm

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 September 28th. Renfrew will provide a limited number of free admission tickets.

- **Parking:** You will be required to pay for parking (\$7/day) if you choose to park in the Telus Spark parking lot. You can pay for parking at the machine located beside the front doors or you can download the ParkPlus App and prepay for your parking session (Zone 8310).
- **Public Health Restrictions:** 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 September 21, 2022

by emailing Sarah Livingstone at
sarahlivingstone@renfreweducation.org.

When you register, please include the following information:

- ▶ Which group are you registering for? Morning or afternoon?
- ▶ Your name and the name of your Renfrew child
- ▶ The Renfrew location that your child attends
- ▶ How many people are attending
- ▶ The ages of all people attending
- ▶ If you are bringing a support aide

KidzGo

688 Heritage Dr SE, Unit #100 www.kidzgoplay.ca/



Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Afternoon Group - Start time: 1:30pm

Evening Group - Start time: 5:00pm

Join us at KidzGo for an afternoon or evening of indoor play! KidzGo offers a variety of fun activities ranging from a race track, giant slides, large building blocks, and more. Siblings are welcome. You can stay as long as you wish; closing time is 7:00 pm. Renfrew will pay your admission!

- *Adults must come with a child, and children must come with an adult. No outside food is allowed, and socks or slippers must be worn inside.*

Please register by October 11, 2022

by emailing Sarah Livingstone at
sarahlivingstone@renfreweducation.org

When you register, please include the following information:

- ▶ Which group are you registering for? Afternoon or evening?
- ▶ 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 the event
- ▶ If you are bringing a support aide

Important Dates

September 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 EEP/Jr. High Friday ATTENDANCE	3
4	5 Labour Day Schools Closed	6	7	8	9 EEP/Jr. High Friday OFF	10 Renfrew Family Day
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25	26 School Photos TBC	27 School Photos TBC	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Schools Closed Orange Shirt Day	

Coming up:

Oct 7 Non-Instructional Day <i>No Classes, No SSP</i>	Oct 21 EEP/Jr. High Friday ATTENDANCE
Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day <i>Schools Closed</i>	Oct 27 Renfrew Family Night
Oct 14 EEP/Jr. High Friday OFF	Oct 28 EEP/Jr. High Friday OFF
Oct 19 School Photos CDC	Oct 31 Halloween



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: _____



Casino Fundraiser Volunteer

We need your help!

Please support one of Renfrew's biggest fundraisers by volunteering your time. This fundraiser cannot be successful without the time and support of our parents.

WHAT: Casino

WHEN: Friday, November 11 or Saturday, November 12

WHERE: Pure Casino Calgary, 1420 Meridian Rd NE

WHY: In the past we have raised as much as \$100,000.00. Monies raised are used to benefit all children/ students enrolled at Renfrew Educational Services.

Casino Fundraiser - Shift Request Form

It is a requirement of Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission that those working at the Casino on our behalf must be volunteers and must be over 18 years of age.

Volunteer's Name: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____

Location & Class: _____

Please indicate the shifts that you will be able to work:

Shifts	November 11 Friday	November 12 Saturday
Day (11:00am to 7:00 pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Night (6:30 pm to 3:30 am)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Night - Count Room (11:00 pm to 3:30 am)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have indicated more than one shift please indicate order of preference.

Have you previously volunteered at a casino? Yes No

If **Yes**, please let us know the position worked: _____

Please complete this form and the attached *Casino Volunteer Worker Application* form, and return them in your child's backpack addressed to Jacki Cassey no later than Sept. 09, 2022

CASINO VOLUNTEER WORKER APPLICATION

Volunteers in Key Positions only must complete this form. This form must be completed in full.
Please print clearly

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	AGLC ID# <i>(if known)</i>	DATE(S) OF CASINO												
KEY POSITIONS: <i>(must check one)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> General Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Alt General Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Banker <input type="checkbox"/> Count Room Supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Cashier Paid staff of the licensed organization can work, provided: a. they are members of the organization as defined by their bylaws; b. they volunteer their services outside normal working hours; c. they do not fill the following positions: General Manager, Alternate General Manager, Banker, Count Room Supervisor; d. no individual shall work more than one position during the licence period of the casino; and e. all personnel shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older.														
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HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHARGED OR CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENCE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No No individual is eligible to work in a casino if charged or convicted, within the last five years, of a criminal offence related to narcotics or to acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to offences involving fraud, currency, or gaming and betting or those against the rights of property (such as theft, robbery, forgery), or fire arms and offensive weapons, or an indictable offence for an act of violence against a person. If five years after conviction an individual is still under sentence for such an offence, approval shall not be given under this application until completion of sentence. AGLC may contact police for relevant information about the applicant. If an individual has received a pardon under provisions of the <i>Criminal Records Act</i> , this policy will not apply.														
I certify that the information in this application and any attachments are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement made in this application and any attachments may disqualify me from working at a casino. I hereby consent to and authorize the AGLC to undertake a criminal record check, with any police agency, to determine my eligibility to be involved in gaming facilities, in accordance with AGLC policies. An applicant may also be required to obtain and provide a criminal record check from a police agency. <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: Any person enrolled in a Self-Exclusion Program is restricted from volunteering at a casino event.</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Signature</td> <td style="width: 50%; border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Date</td> </tr> </table>			Signature	Date										
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The personal information you are providing on this application is collected under the authority of the <i>Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act</i> , Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation, and section 33(c) of the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> . The information is strictly for the use of the AGLC for authorized purposes only including assessing your eligibility for a licence and the processing of your application in compliance with AGLC policy. The personal information you provide is managed according to Alberta's <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> under which you have a right of access to your personal information. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, please contact: Regulatory Division Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission, 50 Corriveau Avenue St. Albert, Alberta T8N 3T5 Telephone: 780-447-8600 Toll-free: 1-800-272- 8876 Fax: 780-447-8911 or 780-447-8912														