

• Treasures Family Newsletter

November 2024

Important Dates

Nov 1 EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*
Nov 8 EEP/Jr High *OFF*
Nov 11 Remembrance Day *Schools Closed*
Nov 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences *Evening*
Nov 15 Non-Instructional Day *No Classes, No SAS*
Parent/Teacher Conferences *Day*
Nov 22 EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*
Nov 29 EEP/Jr High *OFF*

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March 13, 2025



Executive Message

News from the Executive Team



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Nicki Wilson
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Adventures at School!

During the first few months of school, we have seen the children and students settle into their new routines. We marvel at how quickly they have adapted as our school routines take shape and become familiar to them. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we know the first few months bring many changes. Please also 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.



Legacy School Capital Campaign: Building Our Future

Our capital campaign received a boost from the Calgary Flames Foundation. On October 23rd the Flames Foundation rolled out the 'red carpet' at the Janice McTighe Centre as our children departed from the buses along with Harvey the Hound as Jim Peplinski and Jeff McCaig announced a 1.5 million-dollar donation from the Calgary Flames Foundation. This partnership brings us that much closer to our goal. With close to 22 million-dollars raised towards our 30-million-dollar goal Renfrew is closer to meeting our target but we continue to look for supporters to help us reach the end. If you or members of your family have connections to donors and/or Foundations, please reach out to **Janice McTighe** at janicemctighe@renfreweducation.org, **403.973.2278** and help us reach our goal!



26th Annual Charity Gala: Building our Future

As you know our 26th Annual Charity Gala will take place on March 13th, 2025. We look to our families to help support this event by donating funds, donating silent and live auction items or by purchasing tickets or a sponsorship. We are happy to help reach out to a business/organization for a sponsorship. If you would like support with this, please contact **Janice McTighe** at janicemctighe@renfreweducation.org, **403.973.2278**.



Family Night

It was wonderful to see such great turnout at all our school locations for family night. All families enjoyed a fun-filled evening with Halloween activities including pumpkin decorating, Halloween crafts and a spooky house. Thank you, to all who ventured out to celebrate with us.

Parent Councils

Some of our Parent Councils are just getting underway and developing their plan for the school year. This plan will include special activities for the children and a few fundraising options for parents. Many of our PACs are holding their meetings virtually if you are interested in participating, please reach out to the manager at your 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



Stepping Out on Saturdays Respite Program

Renfrew Educational Services offers a Saturday respite program for children with disabilities between the age of 5-12 years. The **Stepping Out on Saturdays (SOS) Program** operates out of the Janice McTighe and Thomas W. Buchanan Centres on select Saturdays from 9:30am to 2:30pm.

The program is run by trained Renfrew staff with experience working with children with disabilities. Each Saturday offers a variety of play-centred activities, gross motor activities, and small group activities.

Program Fees

The cost of the program is \$150.00 per session. If you have an FSCD contract, you may be eligible for some funding coverage. Contact your FSCD worker to determine if coverage is available. (FSCD funding typically covers \$100.00/session - parents are responsible for the remainder. Fees are set annually and are subject to change.)

More Information

Call 403.291.5038 ext 1396

*** This program provides a 1:4 ratio and children need to be able to manage within this ratio to participate in this program. ***

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 or click here: [Google Review](#). 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 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, neighborhood and community. Every Renfrew school location has a Family Support Worker.

Holiday Helping Project 2024

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 29**, we invite you to send a donation to school with your child. Renfrew will provide you with a tax-deductible receipt for any donation of \$20 and over, if requested. A form will come home in your child's backpack with more details. All donations collected will be used to buy gift cards 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 so please reach out as soon as possible!

Save the Date!

Family Holiday Movie Night

November 28

Thomas W. Buchanan Centre

Join us for a Family Holiday Movie Night on November 28th at our Thomas W. Buchanan Centre.

If you would like to pre-register, you are welcome to email **Sarah Livingstone** at sarahlivingstone@renfreweducation.org.

Event details will be emailed to you soon!

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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. The following is a list of the Family Support Workers and their contact information.

Renfrew Schools



Cory Francis
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Family Support Worker

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Emily Stevenson
Family Support Worker

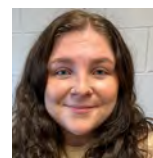
Child Development Centre
403.291.5038 ext. 1244
estevenson@renfreweducation.org



Emily Voisey
Family Support Worker

Thomas W. Buchanan Centre
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First Nations



Alexa Connolly
Family Support Worker

Bighorn Health Centre
Mini Thni / Stoney Health (Morley)
aconnolly@renfreweducation.org



COFFEE & CHAT GROUPS

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 www.sparkscience.ca

220 St. George's Drive NE

Thursday, November 14

Morning group
9:15am

Afternoon group
1:00pm

Register by Nov 7

Thursday, December 12

Morning group
9:15am

Afternoon group
1:00pm

Register by Dec 5



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 one of these dates! Renfrew will provide a limited number of free admission tickets.

- ▶ **PARKING:** Please note that you will be required to pay for parking (\$10/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).
- ▶ **PLEASE NOTE:** Adults must come with a child and children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents and guardians are responsible for transporting and supervising their children. If you require help with transportation, please contact the Family Support Worker at your Renfrew school.

Registration is limited!

Please register by emailing

Sarah Livingstone at

sarahlivingstone@renfreweducation.org

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

- ▶ Which date are you registering for?
- ▶ 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



Discover Endless Possibilities at Calgary Public Library

Your free Calgary Public Library card gives you access to the tools and resources you need to learn and grow. Explore and play at Early Learning Centres, get help with your homework, or gather with friends at any time — the Library is your community space. Visit any of the 22 locations in the city to register for your free card today! Learn more at <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/>.



School Information Sessions

Are you wondering where your child with special needs will go when he or she leaves Renfrew? Do you have questions about the process of transitioning to a new school? You are not alone! Join us for our **School Information Sessions**.

▶ **November 26, 2024 6:30 – 8:00pm**

- Online using ZOOM
- Register by **November 19, 2024**

▶ **December 11, 2024 9:30 – 11:00am**

- Online using ZOOM
- Register by **December 4, 2024**

▶ **January 16, 2025 6:30 – 8:00pm**

- Online using ZOOM
- Register by **January 9, 2025**

To Register for Information Sessions:

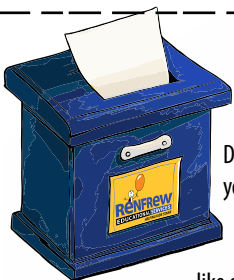
- ▶ Email **Sarah Livingstone** at sarahlivingstone@renfreweducation.org
 - Please include the date of the session, your name, your child's name, and Renfrew location in your email.

If you have any barriers to attending these sessions, please contact the Family Support Worker at your Renfrew school.

Important Dates

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 EEP/Jr High ATTEND <i>All Saints' Day (Christian)</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 EEP/Jr High OFF	9
10	11 Remembrance Day Schools Closed	12	13	14 Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening	15 Non-Instructional Day No Classes, No SAS Parent/Teacher Conferences Day	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 EEP/Jr High ATTEND	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 EEP/Jr High OFF	30
<div>Next Month:</div> <div> <div>Dec. 6 EEP/Jr High ATTEND</div> <div>Dec. 13 EEP/Jr High OFF</div> <div>Dec. 19 Last Day of Classes before Winter Break</div> <div>Dec. 20 Non-Instructional Day No Classes, No SAS</div> <div>Dec. 23 Winter Break begins (Classes resume Jan. 6)</div> <div>Dec. 25 Christmas Day Schools Closed</div> <div>Dec. 26 Boxing Day Schools Closed</div> </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: _____