

# Treasures Family Newsletter

March 2025

## Important Dates

- Mar 7 EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*
- Mar 13 Renfrew 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Gala
- Mar 14 EEP/Jr High *OFF*
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 21 EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*
- Mar 24 Spring Break
- Apr 7 Classes Resume *for all children*

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Renfrew Educational Services

# Gala

Building our Future

Mar 13, 2025

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Stamper Centre  
20 Rowland Way SE

5:30pm: Cocktails & Music Viewing  
7:00pm: Dinner & Program

Dress: Semi-formal

**SOLD OUT!**

Event Sponsors

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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

## Renfrew's Gala Closes Ticket Sales!

Our event has surpassed the 860 mark for ticket sales which is an amazing increase of over 300 tickets from last year's gala. Our decision to move the event to the BMO allowed us the opportunity to grow the event and that is what happened! We are very grateful for the new donors/supporters that will attend this night. Even though we have capped the ticket sales there are still many ways families and friends can support the event. We will be opening a portion of the silent auction for bidding on Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> and anyone can bid! We will release the remaining items on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please use this link to access the site [www.renfrewgala2025-buildingourfuture.com](http://www.renfrewgala2025-buildingourfuture.com) and go in a view the items and place a bid. There are also opportunities for you to purchase raffle tickets for a 100 Bottles of Wine – good luck!

As you know our Gala will continue to support our Capital Campaign to raise funds to build our new Legacy School in Bears paw. This school will also provide an expansion of services to Junior and Senior High School. Please join us and help us with our campaign as we Help Kids Soar - now to Grade 12!

### Givergy Fundraising Website:

[Helping Kids SOAR Gala – Building Our Future](#)



### 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.

### Spring Break

March will go by quickly as we prepare for Spring Break. The last day of classes is March 21<sup>st</sup> and we will welcome children back on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We wish you and your family 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, 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:

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**Warmest Regards,**

*Janice, Kim & Nicki*

# 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.

## Community Education Service

Check out these free online information sessions being offered in March!

<https://community.hmhc.ca/sessions/?p=registration>

- ▶ March 13<sup>th</sup> – Cyber Safety, 6:30-8:30pm
- ▶ March 17<sup>th</sup> – Managing Transitions, 10 –11:30am

## It's Tax Time!

Do you need help with your 2024 tax return? You may be eligible for help at a free tax clinic if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation. Check out this website to find a free tax preparation clinic near you!

[Get your taxes done at a free tax clinic - Canada.ca](https://www.getyourtaxesdone.ca/)

## William Watson Lodge

William Watson Lodge is nestled in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, on the east side of Lower Kananaskis Lake. Built and maintained by the Alberta Government, the Lodge was opened in September 1981 by Premier Peter Lougheed and his wife Jeanne, who is credited with the idea of creating a facility where Albertans with disabilities could stay and enjoy the outdoors at a reasonable cost. While disabled Albertans have priority, if space is available, Alberta Seniors are welcome. The main lodge and the first four cabins were opened in 1981. Additional cabins were built in 1985 and opened for guests in 1986.

The facility provides year-round accommodation in 22 fully accessible units, to which clients bring their own food and bedding. There are also 13 fully serviced RV sites and a comfort camping unit (open from the May long weekend to Thanksgiving), a playground, picnic sites and 20 kilometres of wheelchair-accessible trails.

For more information, visit [Home - William Watson Lodge Society](https://www.williamwatsonlodge.com/)



## 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 & guardians!

**Please check your email for news about upcoming Coffee & Chat groups.**

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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



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### First Nations



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Family Support Worker

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*Mini Thni / Stoney Health (Morley)*  
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# News from the Calgary Public Library

## Explore Your Freedom to Read with Page

Page is a short, stop-motion animated video set in Central Library, where a magical world exists after the Library closes and the books come to life. Page goes on a journey to embrace growth and discovery. As they explore Central Library after hours, Page shows us that when we have access to different books, ideas, and ways of thinking and knowing, we have endless opportunities to grow and change. Watch the video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9JTXEBLpjo>

## Access Free Tutoring and More with Brainfuse HelpNow

Interact with live tutors for Alberta curriculum and submit homework questions with Brainfuse HelpNow. Adult learners can also access a library of content and receive professional assistance in resume / cover letter writing, Canadian citizenship prep, and more. Access this digital resource for free with your Library card: [Free Tutoring and More with Brainfuse HelpNow](#)

## Illustrate With Me: Colourful Birds Collage

Kids ages 8 – 12 will create an illustration of a beautiful bird using paper collage techniques and pattern-making. This workshop is inspired by the book, Birds of a Color, and is being offered at multiple Library locations: [Colourful Birds Collage](#)



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.



# Important Dates

March 2025

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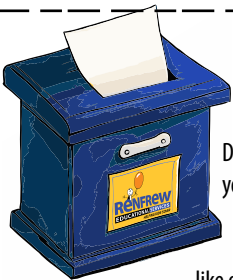
**Next Month:**

**April 7** Classes Resume *for all children*

**April 11** EEP/Jr High ATTEND

**April 18** Good Friday *Schools Closed*

**April 25** EEP/Jr High ATTEND



## 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?

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Email your suggestion to:  
**Renfrew@renfreweducation.org**

or use this form, remembering to include your name and contact information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_