

Treasures Family Newsletter

June 2025



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We are excited to announce that Renfrew is once again a participating charity in the Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink! This charity golf tournament is Canada's only PGA tour Champions tournament. This year's tournament will take place from August 15-17, 2025 at the Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club in Calgary.

Matching Donations

100% of all donations made through the program go directly to your local charity of choice. Every generous contribution will be matched up to 50% by the Calgary Shaw Charity Classic Foundation! You can donate online or by cheque until August 31. All administrative costs are covered by the tournament, ensuring that every dollar comes straight to us! Click the DONATE NOW button to go directly to Renfrew's donation page on the Rogers Charity Classic website.

Important Dates

June 6 Non-Instructional Day *No Classes, No SAS*

June 13 EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*

June 14 Renfrew Family Day

June 19 Grade 6 Farewell

June 20 EEP/Jr High *OFF*

June 27 EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*

Last Day of Classes

June 30 Non-Instructional Day *No Classes, No SAS*

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Executive Message

News from the Executive Team

Wrapping Up the School Year

As the school year draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on how quickly the time has passed and the remarkable growth we've witnessed in the children and students who have been part of our community. It has truly been a memorable and rewarding year.

We've watched your children thrive, develop new skills, and make meaningful contributions within their Renfrew classrooms. It has been a privilege and an honour to be a part of their journey, and we are sincerely grateful for the trust you have placed in us.

Our aim has always been to not only meet but exceed your expectations. We hope this year has been a positive and enriching experience for both you and your child.

It was wonderful to see families visit our classrooms as we celebrated "Come and Play" in ECS and "Interactive Showcases" in our grades program. We also look forward to seeing all of you at our Family Day on **June 14th, 2025**.

Elementary Education - JMC & TBC Farewell Celebrations

We are delighted to welcome families to join us in celebrating a special milestone as we bid a fond farewell to our Grade 6 students. As they prepare to take the next step beyond Renfrew, we reflect on the incredible journey many of them have shared with us - some for as long as nine years - at the Janice McTighe and Thomas W. Buchanan Centres.

It has been an honour to watch them grow and thrive, and while we will certainly miss them, we are filled with pride and excitement for what lies ahead. We wish each of our students every success as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

School Year 2025-2026

We're looking forward to another great year ahead! The new school year will begin on:

- ▶ **August 26, 2025**, for our ECS children
- ▶ **August 28, 2025**, for our Elementary and Junior/Senior High students

Details about staggered entry for preschool programs will be shared with families during the summer.

Transportation

For those accessing transportation, our bus drivers will contact families after August 15, 2025, to confirm pick-up and drop-off times. Transportation services will begin on August 28, 2025.

Stay Connected with Renfrew

Throughout the year, we've been working to grow our presence on both Instagram and Facebook, and we're thrilled to see more of our community engaging with us online. Our social media feeds have expanded to include creative programming ideas and highlights of the wonderful activities taking place across our schools.

We invite you to stay connected with us over the summer as we continue to share updates and stories. Don't forget to visit our website, where you'll find important information about the upcoming school year, including the school calendar and other helpful details.

As we wrap up the school year, we would be so grateful if you could take a moment to share your experience by leaving a Google review. Just search for Renfrew Educational Services on Google and click the "Write a review" button or click here: [Google Review](#). Your feedback not only means a lot to us - it also helps other families discover the value of our programs.



Janice McTighe
Executive Director



Kim LaCourse
Associate Executive Director



Nicki Wilson
Associate Executive Director

Thank You

As we close out the school year, we wish you and your family a summer filled with joy, relaxation, and wonderful new memories.

We look forward to welcoming many of you back in the fall. For those moving on to new adventures, we send our heartfelt best wishes for continued success and happiness in the next chapter of your journey.

As always, our doors remain open. Should you ever wish to connect, we are here and 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.

Reminder - Year End Survey!

The Family Support Year End Survey was sent to Renfrew families by email. This is an important component of how we remain accountable to our funders. **If you haven't already done this survey, please take a moment to fill it out through the link provided in the email.** As you complete this short anonymous survey, please think about some of the activities, information or support you may have received from Family Support. You may have had contact with a Family Support Worker through phone calls, emails, or virtual (Zoom) calls. Additionally, you may have participated in one of our Coffee & Chats groups (Telus Spark Science Centre, play place outings, etc.) or one of our information sessions (School Information Sessions, RDSP sessions, etc.). Information collected in the surveys (without any identifying information) is shared with The City of Calgary – Family & Community Support Services (FCSS), which is the agency that funds Renfrew's Family Support Program. Thank you!

SUMMER PROGRAMS!

It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner! Registration has started for most summer programs and spots can fill up quickly. If you are interested in summer programming for your child(ren), check out these website links below:

- ▶ City of Calgary FREE Summer Programs!
 - <https://www.calgary.ca/parks-rec-programs/park-n-play-stay-n-play.html>
- ▶ Calgary Adapted Hub
 - [Calgary Adapted Hub - Your journey to inclusive participation starts here.](#)
- ▶ Between Friends Club (Camp Bonaventure)
 - <https://betweenfriends.ab.ca/camp-bonaventure/>
- ▶ Easter Seals Camp Horizon
 - <https://easterseals.ab.ca/camp-programs-registration/>
- ▶ Trico Centre for Family Wellness
 - <https://tricoentre.ca/activities/child-and-youth-programs/summer-day-camps/>
- ▶ Quest Adventure Camp:
 - <https://calgaryquestresources.com/qac/>
- ▶ Autism Asperger Friendship Society (AAFS)
 - <https://www.aafscalgary.com/>
- ▶ Pedalheads
 - <https://www.pedalheads.com/alberta>
- ▶ Telus Spark Science Centre
 - <https://www.sparkscience.ca/for-kids/camps>
- ▶ Calgary Zoo
 - <https://www.calgaryzoo.com/programs/summer-camps>
- ▶ YMCA Day Camps
 - <https://www.ymcocalgary.org/camp-ymca>

For a complete listing of 2025 summer camps and programs, check out

- ▶ Calgary's Child Magazine:
 - [2025 Summer Camp & Program Guide](#)
 - [Calgary's Child Magazine](#)
- ▶ Children's Link Society:
 - <https://childrenslink.ca/>

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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.

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First Nations



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COFFEE & CHAT GROUP

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.

We Rock the Spectrum

440 28 Street NE

Thursday, June 12 9:30am



Join us at We Rock the Spectrum for a morning of indoor play! Rock the Spectrum provides a inclusive space for children of all ability levels to play and grow together. Your whole family will have fun exploring the unique sensory-based toys and equipment, swings, zip slider, and crash pads. This facility also offers a fine motor and craft space, as well as a calming room.

For more information, visit [Kids Gym Indoor Playground | We Rock the Spectrum - North Calgary](#). Renfrew will pay your admission. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Please note:** Adults must come with a child and children must come with an adult.
- Everyone must wear socks inside the play area.
- Parents & guardians are required to sign a waiver before their child can play in the facility.

Please register by June 5th
by emailing Family Support at

familysupport@renfreweducation.org

When you register, please include:

- Your full name
- Your child's name
- The Renfrew location your child attends
- How many children in your group and their ages



News from the Calgary Public Library

June is National Indigenous History Month

National Indigenous History Month celebrates the experiences of Indigenous peoples in Calgary with events, activities, and resources offered by the Library and partners. Take the time to celebrate, reflect, and learn with events that include storytimes, special guests, and performances. Browse all National Indigenous History Month events on our website: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/connect/indigenous-services>

Get Ready for the Ultimate Summer Challenge

Ultimate Summer Challenge is coming back for another exciting year of reading, programs, and a lot of fun for the whole family. The Challenge is simple — read every day this summer. Registration begins May 26 and is free with your Library card. You can track your reading right in the Beanstack app or on one of our garden-themed Challenge maps available at all 22 Library locations. View prizes and learn more about the Challenge: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/events-and-programs/ultimate-summer-challenge>

Calgary Wild Football Club Storytime

Join the Calgary Public Library for a special storytime featuring players from the city's newest sports team, the Calgary Wild FC, on June 8 at Central Library. Enjoy stories, rhymes, finger plays, face painting, a player and mascot meet and greet, and more. Register for the storytime on our website: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/events-and-programs/programs/calgary-wild-football-club-storytime>

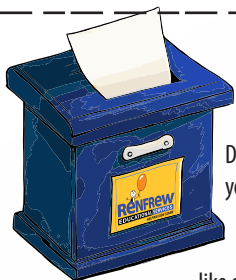
Please follow us on all social media platforms and take a moment to write a Google Review so we can share with the community the experiences of our families first-hand. Simply search for Renfrew Educational Services on Google and look for the "Write a review" button or click here: [Google Review](#). Please share your happiness with our programs for others who are looking.



Important Dates

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Non-Instructional Day No Classes, No SAS	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 EEP/Jr High ATTEND	14 Renfrew Family Day
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Grade 6 Farewell	20 EEP/Jr High OFF	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 EEP/Jr High ATTEND Last Day of Classes	28
29	30 Non-Instructional Day No Classes, No SAS					



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: _____