

Treasures Family Newsletter

March 2026



Please Join Us

MARCH 12, 2026

**HELPING KIDS SOAR GALA
BUILDING OUR FUTURE**

BMO Centre

Stampede Park, 20 Round Up Way SE

5:30 pm: Cocktails & Auction Viewing

7:00 pm: Dinner & Program

Dress: Semiformal



THE THREE SISTERS CENTRE

Important Dates

- Mar 6** EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*
- Mar 12** Early Dismissal *no afternoon classes*
Helping Kids Soar Gala
- Mar 13** EEP/Jr High *OFF*
- Mar 20** EEP/Jr High *OFF*
- Mar 23** Spring Break begins

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Executive Message

News from the Executive Team



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Executive Director - School Operations



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Renfrew's Gala Has Sold Out!



We are thrilled to share that ticket sales for Renfrew's Gala have surpassed 800 guests and are now officially sold out! While in-person attendance has reached capacity, there are still many ways for families and friends to support this special event.

A portion of our silent auction will open for bidding on Thursday, March 5, and everyone is welcome to participate. The remaining auction items will be released on Sunday, March 8. To browse items and place your bids, please visit:

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

You can also purchase raffle tickets through the same link for two exciting prizes:

- ▶ A Chef's Creation Dinner with Wine Pairings for Ten at Mercato Mission
- ▶ A 50-Bottle Wine & Spirits Tree

Don't miss your chance — and good luck!

As you know, this year's Gala continues to support our Capital Campaign to build the new Three Sisters Centre in Bears paw. This important project will allow us to expand our services through Junior and Senior High School. Together, we are helping kids soar — now all the way to Grade 12. Thank you for joining us in Building Our Future.

Givergy Fundraising Website:

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

Parent Advisory Councils

We would like to sincerely thank our Parent Advisory Councils for their dedication and commitment. Their time, energy, and enthusiasm go into organizing meetings, planning wonderful events, and creating meaningful fundraising opportunities. Funds raised at each location directly support activities and experiences for the children.

There are still exciting plans ahead before the school year concludes, so please watch for upcoming notices.

Thank You

Thank you for the many ways you support Renfrew and for trusting us with your children. Our doors are always open, and we are always available to meet with parents at any time.

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Transitioning to Other Programs

As spring approaches, we are reminded how quickly this school year has passed. Many families in our Preschool Programs will soon transition as their children reach school age. If you need support during this time, please connect with your child's Manager or Family Support Worker.

Students in their final year of our Elementary Education Program will also be preparing for new experiences. Our Elementary Education Managers and Family Support Workers are available to assist families through this transition.

Spring Break

March will move quickly as we prepare for Spring Break. The last day of classes is March 21, and we look forward to welcoming children back on April 7. We wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break.



Sparkling Water Fundraiser

The Three Sisters Centre: Building Brighter Futures

This fundraising campaign supports the creation of Renfrew's new Three Sisters Centre — a purpose-built facility that will expand our specialized programming from ECS through Grade 12. This new space will allow us to serve students longer, support their growth at every stage, and continue delivering the life-changing programs that define Renfrew.



Support Renfrew with Refreshment!

This fundraiser features North Water — premium Canadian sparkling water sourced straight from the Rocky Mountains.

By purchasing, you're not just quenching your thirst — you're helping support Renfrew's programs and students.

Pricing:

- 6-Pack – \$18
- 12-Pack – \$36
- Flat of 24 – \$72

Every sip makes a difference — so stock up, stay hydrated, and support a great cause!



Scan QR code to place you order!

Or Visit <https://forms.gle/7jzn8EirCMjDqhKz5>

You dont need to place an order to support the TSC Capital Campaign

You can e-transfer a donation to foundationdonations@renfreweducation.org. When you e-transfer, please indicate that your donation is for the "TSC Capital Campaign". To receive a tax receipt, your donation must be \$20 or more and you must clearly indicate your **legal name, address and email address**

“Together for a Bright Future”

Paul Van Ginkel created this 48" X 72" oil painting for Renfrew. The original was sold at our Gala on March 13th 2025, however, the image is also available in limited edition canvas (36" X 54") and paper prints (15" X 23"). All proceeds from these sales are donated to Renfrew.



Follow the link or scan the QR code for details: <https://paulvanginkel.com/product/together-for-a-bright-future-2/>



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, neighbourhood and community. Every Renfrew school location has a Family Support Worker.



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 - Wednesday, March 11 Time: 1:00pm

440 28 Street NE



Join us at **We Rock the Spectrum** for an afternoon of indoor play! Rock the Spectrum provides an 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 **March 4, 2026** by emailing the Family Support team at familysupport@renfreweducation.org

When registering, it is important to include the following:

- ▶ Your name, your child's name
- ▶ How many children in your group and the ages of the children.

Gratitude Journalling NEW DATE! - Wednesday, April 15 Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm

Janice McTighe Centre (JMC) at 2050 21 Street NE



Are you curious about gratitude journalling? Are you looking for an opportunity to meet other Renfrew parents and guardians? If so, please join us as we take a break from our busy lives to connect with each other and explore what we are grateful for! We are happy to welcome back Ashley, a Renfrew parent, as the facilitator of this group. We look forward to learning from her knowledge of gratitude journalling and the benefits she has experienced from it.

Renfrew will provide gratitude journals, supplies and refreshments for this lighthearted adult-only activity.

Please register by **April 8, 2026** by emailing the Family Support team at familysupport@renfreweducation.org

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- ▶ The Renfrew location that your child attends

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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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Alexa Mogg
Family Support Worker

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Social Gathering at Livingston Community Hub Playground

Livingston Hub (1248 Livingston Way NE)

Wednesday, April 29th

4:30-5:30 pm

Do you live in or near the community of Livingston and have a child that attends a Renfrew program? Join us for some outdoor playtime in the park and meet other Renfrew parents/guardians in your community! We will meet at the outdoor playground at the Livingston Hub, so kids can play while parents connect. All family members are welcome.

Renfrew will provide light snacks and refreshments.

This is an outdoor event so please dress for the weather!

Please register by **April 22, 2026**
by emailing the Family Support team at
familysupport@renfreweducation.org

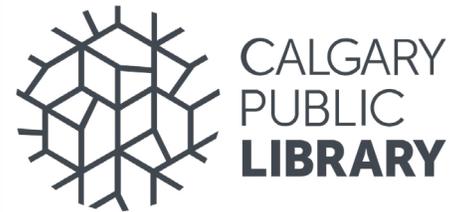
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Did you know?

Did you know that the Between Friends Club has started registration for Camp Bonaventure? Camp Bonaventure is a fun outdoor summer camp for youth ages 4-17. This inclusive setting can be adapted to all ability levels. Campers are encouraged to grow and develop their skills through activities such as canoeing, sailing, swimming, arts & crafts, and many other exciting activities and adventures.

<https://betweenfriends.ab.ca/camp-bonaventure/>



Visit the Library's Early Learning Centres

Are you looking for ways to keep your kids busy during Spring Break? Visit an Early Learning Centre at 12 different libraries across Calgary. Each space is unique and supports play and active learning — plus, your kids will have a ton of fun. Find an Early Learning Centre near you: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/connect/babies-and-toddlers/early-learning-centres>

The Benefits of Reading Together as a Family

Reading is often thought of as an activity that you do by yourself. However, going on literary adventures as a family has lasting benefits for readers of all ages. Learn about the benefits of reading together on the Library's website: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/what-are-the-benefits-of-reading-together-as-a-family>

Experience Unique Performances with Rozsa Arts at the Library

Libraries are no longer just quiet spaces to work and read — they are also places to celebrate community, discover new experiences, and find inspiration. Rozsa Arts at the Library is an initiative that brings artists to Library locations for free performances and workshops. These free performances give community members access to high quality arts and culture programming. Learn more about the experience: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/experience-unique-performances-with-rozsa-arts-at-the-library>

Important Dates

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat						
1	2	3	4	5	6 EEP/Jr High ATTEND	7						
8	9	10	11	12 Early Dismissal no afternoon classes Helping Kids Soar Gala	13 EEP/Jr High OFF	14						
15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 EEP/Jr High OFF	21						
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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: _____